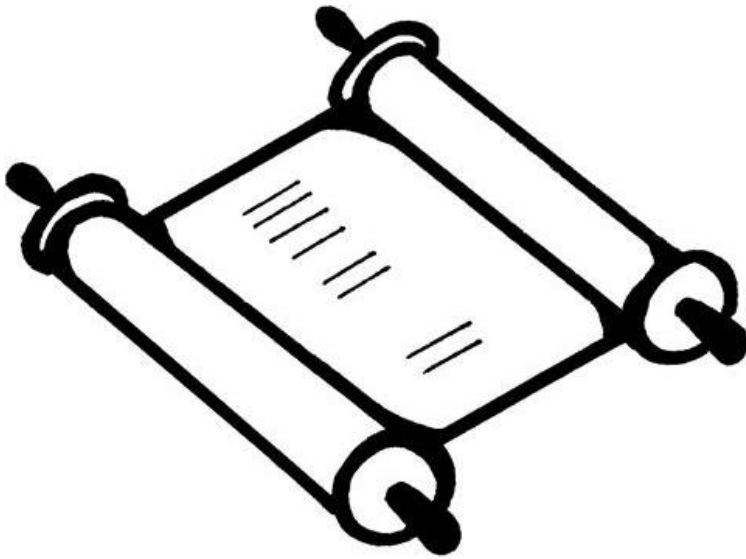


Welcome to
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 25th, 2026

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

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Our Mission: To seek, know, love and serve
Christ in all persons and all Creation.

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Deacon: Venerable Archdeacon Lee Grim

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Music: Gerry & Jackie Guimond & Gavia
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Bishop of Minnesota: The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya

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Sundays: 10:00 am
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Weston Priory
Gregory Norbet, O.S.B.

REFRAIN:

VERSES:

1. Voice which calls us be - yond scat - tered dreams, bar - ren
2. May you kin - dle our hope in the morn - ing of
3. In the si - lence of prayer in - ner free - dom will
4. 'Though ex - alt - ed our hopes no less real shall they
5. We've been wait - ing so long for this mo - ment in

D. S.

1. days to re - ceive and give of God's love. _____
2. life; may you bring us peace with day's end. _____
3. sing of more be - ing, vi - sion and truth. _____
4. be; in com - pas - sion faith - ful - ness thrives. _____
5. life, for the full - ness of {broth - ers' love. _____
sis - ters'}

(Lines in **BOLD** are spoken by the People)

Celebrant: Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte*

Refrain

Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -
est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. will. A - men. A - men.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
1. glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,
1. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God,
2. Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,

2. have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world,

2. re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand,

2. the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

3. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

3. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly

3. Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated.

First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor.

¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

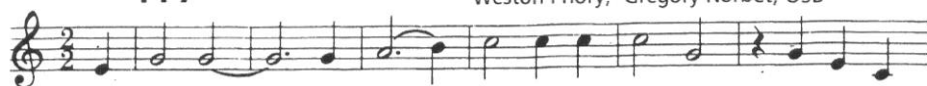
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

Ps 1 **Happy One**

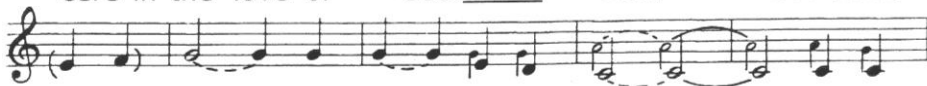
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O hap-py, ___ O hap - py is the just one who is sin-



cere in the love of God. ___ God. God. ___



1. ♪ ♪ Hap - py in - deed is the one ___ ♪ who

2. One is like a tree that is plan - ted ___ ♪ be -

3. When the wick - ed are judged they shall not stand ___ nor find



1. fol - lows not the coun-sel of the wick - ed ___

2. side ___ the flow - ing wa - ters ___

3. room ___ a - mong those who are just ___



1. but whose de - light is the law of the Lord ___ and who

2. ♪ that ___ yields ___ its fruit in due sea - son ___ and whose

3. ♪ for the Lord guards the way of the just ___ but the



1. pon - ders God's law ____ day and night. ____
2. leaves ____ shall nev - er fade. ____
3. way of the wick - ed leads to doom. ____

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

All who are able, please stand.

Gradual Hymn

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet””?

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon

All who are able, please stand.

People and Celebrant

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Pondering the two great commandments of the law, let us pray together, saying: O Lord of love, hear our prayer.

That the church throughout the world may love you with all its heart and soul and mind, and may exemplify your love in all its life, O Lord of love,
Hear our prayer.

That the leaders of the churches, with insight and fidelity, may practice love and compassion for all in need, for all who live in misery, and for all outcasts of society, O Lord of love,
Hear our prayer.

That like the Thessalonians, our community may live in the faith and joy of the Holy Spirit, O Lord of love,
Hear our prayer.

That the wealth of our land may enable us to live in just stewardship of the earth's goods, in care for our natural resources, and in compassion for the needy, O Lord of love,
Hear our prayer.

For all those in any need, especially the Franko family, Roger Bergkamp, Glen Zimmer, Candace DeGagne, Tia Martins, Kris & Steve McClenney, Karen Race, Michael Valdez, Meghan Finlayson, Mike Solomon, Dave Karraffa, Karen Cendejas. O Lord of love,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the Anglican Communion throughout the world; and for the Episcopal Church, and Presiding Bishop. Pray for the 169th ECMN Convention to be held October 23-24 in the Twin Cities. For St. Johns' Anglican Church (*Fort Frances, Ontario*), Zion Lutheran Church (Int'l Falls). O Lord of love,
Hear our prayer.

O God, you care for the widow and the orphan, and you hear the cry of the poor. Listen also to our cry; change our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh with which to love you in truth and for your sake to show compassion on all your creatures. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth;
mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do
your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence

Confession of Sin

All who are able, please kneel.

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated

Announcements

Holy Communion

The celebrant says

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us.

All who are able, please stand

Offertory Hymn

Seek the Lord 395

Refrain

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains the melody for the refrain, starting with a quarter note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note D5, a half note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a half note G5. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note A4, a half note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a half note F#5, and a half note G5. The third staff continues with a quarter note A4, a half note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a half note F#5, and a half note G5. The lyrics are: 'Seek the Lord while he may be found; call to him while he is still near.' Below the staves, there are two verses of the hymn: '1. To-day is the day and now the pro-per hour' and '2. As high as the sky is a-bove the earth,'.

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call to him while he is still near.

1. To-day is the day and now the pro-per hour
2. As high as the sky is a-bove the earth,

to for-sake our sin - ful lives and turn to the Lord.
 7 so high a - bove our ways, the ways of the Lord.

3. Find - ing the Lord, let us cling to him. His
 words, his ways lead us to life.

4. Some day we'll live in the house of God;
 gaze on his face and praise his name.

Prayers Over The Gifts

Gracious God, accept these Gifts from your people in gratitude for all your blessings poured out upon us. **Amen**

All who are able, please remain standing

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds (Lines in **Bold** are spoken by the People)*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schütte

The musical score is written for three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is". The score includes a repeat sign after "Ho - san - na!" and a final double bar line.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is



he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Mass of Christ the Savior/Misa Cristo Salvador



A - men. A - men. A - men.

The people may stand or kneel.

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the bread
A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is open to everyone

Communion Hymn

Taste and See

John Michael Talbot



Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, let us taste the good-ness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord,
his praise be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord;
the lowly will hear and be glad.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
delivered me from all my fears.

2. Glorify the Lord with me;
together we'll praise his name.

3. Look to him and be radiant with joy,
and your face will not blush with shame.
Afflicted ones call out to him,
from all their distress they are saved.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All who are able, please stand or kneel

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

Remember that life is short and we haven't much time to gladden the
hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be
kind, and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you
and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

We Are Called 718

Verses



1. Come! Live in the light!
2. Come! O - pen your heart!
3. Sing! Sing a new song!



Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
Show your mer - cy to all those in fear! We are
Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called to be light for the king - dom, to
called to be hope for the hope - less so all
reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!
ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!
sis - ters and broth - ers u - ni - ted in love!

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly, we are called to serve one an - oth - er;



to walk hum - bly with God!

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia, let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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Next Sunday: November 1st ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist



***Oct 25th ~ 31st ~ Georgeann Wright
~ Johan Tanem
~ Grant Oettinger
~ Brian Toder***



CHRISTMAS KIDS' SHOP

The Christmas Kids shop is looking for donations to help fill the tables for shopping. Items such as knick knacks, jewelry, men's gifts should be in NEARLY NEW or GOOD CONDITION.

Monetary donations will be used for purchasing gifts and wrapping supplies.

**Donations can be dropped off at Holy Trinity
Episcopal Church,
820 4th Street,(church with the Red Doors)**

November 1st & 8th ~ 1:00-3:00 pm

Please consider donating gifts or money to provide area children the opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their family

Being a Christian is kind of like being a pumpkin.



Here's what God does when we invite Him into our hearts...

First we: Wash our pumpkin

Then again ... "We're not a pumpkin, but we're kind of like one. God picks us from the patch, brings us in and washes us clean. Just like a pumpkin, we have an inside and an outside.

People only see the outside, but God sees the inside as well."

People look at the outward appearance, but the JESUS looks at the heart."

Next we : Carve an opening in the top of the pumpkin large enough to fit your hand into

Though... - "God wants to change our inside, but the only way he can do it is if we become open to Him."

Then we: Put our hand in and pull out the insides

However ... - "God scoops out all the yucky stuff in our lives. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, impurity and greed. Jesus was willing to get messy for us...He died on the cross to cleanse us from all our sins."



Next we: Carve the eyes and happy, smiling face

Then... "Jesus gives you a new smiling face. When all the yucky stuff (sin) is gone, you feel so happy!"

Finally we: Add a candle inside the pumpkin

However... "If we leave the pumpkin empty, it will just be hollow inside. We need God's light inside of us to make us alive! When Jesus lives inside of you, you can glow! You will want to tell people about him, be kind to others and bless others more than yourself."

Bible Verse - John 8:12 – *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*