

November 13, 2022



Saints Triumphant Third Sunday of End Time - November 13, 2022

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

Serving the Lord and Serving Us:

Pastor: Paul Jenkins

Usher: 8:30: Steve Proksch

11:00: Larry Kovaciny & John Ohlendorf

Jr. Usher: 8:30: Patrick Proksch

11:00: Daniel Kovaciny

Keyboard: 8:30: Sandee Clay

11:00 Matt Popelier

Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch

Today's Focus: All saints (a saint is a "holy person" through faith in Christ) triumph over death and reign in eternal joy. Our worship follows *Service of the Word*.

We Come into the Presence of God

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

OPENING HYMN: 551, "For All the Saints" verses 1-6



6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest. Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

Minister: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the

fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

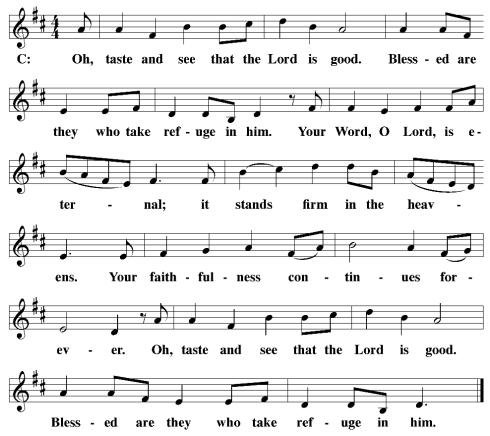
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we will be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 65:17-25

Isaiah describes the great resurrection of all believers as an endless time when God's people will suffer no more.

Watch this! I am about to create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered. They will not come to mind.

¹⁸ Instead, rejoice and celebrate forever, because of what I am creating. Watch this! I am about to create Jerusalem to be a source of gladness, and her people will be a source of joy.

¹⁹ I also will be glad because of Jerusalem, and I will rejoice over my people. The sound of weeping will not be heard in her again, nor will the sound of crying.

20 There will never again be an infant there who lives for only a few days, or an elderly man who does not fill out all his days, for one who dies at a hundred will be considered a young man, and one who fails to attain the age of one hundred will be regarded as cursed.

²¹ Then they will build houses and live in them. They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They will not build a house and have another person live in it. They will not plant and have another person eat the crop, for the days of my people will be like the days of a tree, and my chosen ones will enjoy all the work of their hands.

²³ They will not labor only to receive nothing, and they will not give birth to children doomed to disaster, for they will be offspring who are blessed by the LORD, and their descendants will be with them.

²⁴Then even before they call, I will answer. While they are still speaking, I will hear.

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²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and lions will eat straw like cattle, but the serpent will eat dust as its food. They will not harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain, says the LORD.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 38

Read Responsively

- M: Praise God in his sanctuary;
- C: praise him in his mighty heavens.
- M: Praise him for his acts of power;
- C: praise him for his surpassing greatness.
- M: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
- C: praise him with the harp and lyre,
- M: praise him with the tambourine and dancing,
- C: praise him with strings and flute,
- M: praise him with the clash of cymbals,
- C: praise him with resounding cymbals.
- M: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
- C: Praise the LORD.

SECOND LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

REVELATION 22:1-5

The angel showed me the river of the water of life, which was as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb. ² In the middle of the city's street and on each side of the river was a tree of life that yielded twelve kinds of fruit. The tree yields its fruit every month, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations.

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³ There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. His servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face. His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will no longer be any night or any need for lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia! (Revelation 7:15a)

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38

To the Sadducees (who rejected the resurrection of the dead), Jesus gives a picture of what eternal life will be like. God is the God of the living, and we will one day live with him.

Some of the Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to him. ²⁸ They asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, his brother should take the wife and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ So there were seven brothers. The first took a wife and died childless. ³⁰ The second took her as a wife, ³¹ and so did the third, and in the same way the seven died and left no children. ³² Finally the woman died too. ³³ So in the resurrection, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as a wife."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy to experience that age and the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ In fact, they cannot die any more, for they are like the angels. They are sons of God, because they are sons of the resurrection.

³⁷ "Even Moses showed in the account about the burning bush that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' ³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all are alive to him."

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S SERMON: "We Triumph with Jesus!"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 145, "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"



Text: Christian F. Gellert, 1715–69, abr.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1815–97, alt. Tune: Jesus, Meine Zuversicht (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

SERMON

TEXT: Revelation 22:1-5

THEME: "The Lamb Restores Paradise"

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.
- C: We join them to praise your majesty.
- M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!
- C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.
- M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.
- C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.
- M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.
- C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people will join us before your throne.

Special prayers

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

- M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.
- C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in peace, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN: 551, "For All the Saints" verses 7-8

7 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Sunday School's Warm in Woodbridge

From November 6 to December 11, Trinity's Sunday School is holding its annual "Warm in Woodbridge" drive! We are gathering winter hats, scarves, gloves, and socks to share with homeless people in Woodbridge via the HUGS (Help Us Grow Strong) organization. Please contribute if you can, remembering that what we do for others we do for our Savior. There will be a collection box for these items in the narthex through December 11.

Trinity Women's Bible Study - Saturday, Nov. 12

Looking for an opportunity to grow in God's Word and for fellowship with other women? We'd love to have you join our next Women's Bible Study on Saturday, November 12 at 9:00 am at Trinity. We will discuss Chapter 3 of "Coffee with the Savior" by Kristen Myers. You may join the Bible Study anytime; each chapter stands on its own. Copies of the book can be found in the narthex.

Readers of Trinity!

You are invited to join the Trinity Book Club on December 3 for a fun bookish event at Rachel Kovaciny's house. We'll meet at 9:30am to discuss the book "All is Calm, All is Bright" by Colleen Coble while enjoying a hot cocoa and coffee bar and festive treats. Please let Rachel know by December 1 if you plan to attend so there will be enough snacks for everyone!

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Adult Bible class & Sunday School meet between services. The adult Bible Class is focusing on St. Mark's Gospel. Other topics through the spring of 2023 will include "My Brother's Keeper" (Biblical strategies for Christians to reach out to family and friends straying from their Savior) and "The Armor of God."

Wine and Word Bible Study - Thursday, Dec 1st

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. We are studying "The Ten Commandments of Bible Interpretation" with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or dawn.f.knox@gmail.com to RSVP.

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Thanksgiving Worship

Trinity will celebrate Thanksgiving worship on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday November 23, at 7pm.

Midweek Advent Suppers

On Wednesdays November 30, December 7, and 14, Trinty will enjoy midweek Advent suppers. Doors will open at 5:30, and supper will be served at 6:00. Please bring a dish to pass, if you're able. If you're not able to bring food, don't worry! Please come anyway! Beverages, plates, silverware and napkins are provided. A brief Advent devotion will follow supper at 6:30.

Christmas for Kids – Saturday, December 10

Trinity will be hosting its first Christmas for Kids program on Saturday, December 10, from 10-11:30. One or two more adult volunteers would be wonderful; if you could help out, please speak to Pastor. A link to register is now available on Trinity's website, www.TrinityofWoodbridge.org. Please pray that this first-time event will work to bring the love of Jesus to the forty children we hope to welcome that morning. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with Christmas for Kids, and to God for the opportunity to spread his love in Christ.

Children's Christmas Worship Service

The children of Trinity's Sunday School will lead our 11:00 worship on Sunday, December 11, by telling us the story of Jesus' birth with word, song and action. The 8:30 service on that Sunday will be a "normal" Advent liturgical service led by pastor. Both services will be livestreamed, and of course you are welcome to attend both if you'd like.

Sunday School, Bible Class, and Catechism Break

Sunday School, Bible class, and Catechism class will not meet on Sundays December 18, and 25, and January 1. All classes will resume on Sunday, January 8.

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day Worship

Candlelight Christmas Eve worship will be held at 5 and 7. This year, Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on Sundays. The normal Sunday morning worship schedule (8:30 and 11:00) will remain in place on both Sundays.

October Attendance

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10.2: 26 early + 26 late = 52; Bible class = 24
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10.9: 18+39 = 57; 22 10.16: 40+27 = 67; 31 10.23: 27+30 = 57: 19

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10.30: 27+31 = 58; 23

Youth Activities Coming This Summer

Camp Chi Rho will take place July 24-28, 2023. The location is moving from Elk Neck, MD to Shenandoah River State Park. This new location is more centralized and has more comfortable accommodations (A/C cabin rooms) while still maintaining the possibility to tent camp. And, who can pass up the world class finishing in the Shenandoah River? The cost will be roughly \$25 a night. Camp Chi Rho is for kids finishing grades 4-8. Kids finishing grades 9-12 can attend as "counselors." For more information, please visit campchirho.org.

The next regional youth rally, for students finishing grades 8-12, is planned for July 10-13, 2023 at Slippery Rock University (50 minutes north of Pittsburgh). The overall theme will center on relationships (with God, with others, and with ourselves). More detailed information will be available in the coming months.

Small Choir

Trinity's small choir sings once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

Help Needed with New Mover Welcome Packages

Each month Trinity delivers welcome care packages to new residents in our nearby neighborhood. We have a dedicated but small crew undertaking this project. If you would like to help, either providing care packages or delivering them, please speak to pastor. We are trying to make friends, inviting contact with as many new neighbors as possible, but need more help. Thank you for considering.

Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org

Our Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

Lord's Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity and waiting to return to the sanctuary for worship, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or revpauljenkins@yahoo.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work

It is the mission of



to glorify God

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



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