

DIVINE SERVICE IV

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2017

Ringling of the Bell

Hymn: “We Praise You, O God”Hymn 785

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Introit (*Spoken Responsively—Psalm 145:1-17, 144:15*):

P I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name forever and ever.

C **Every day I will praise You and extol Your name for ever and ever.**

P Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.

C **One generation will commend Your works to another; they will tell of Your mighty acts.**

P They will speak of the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and I will meditate on Your wonderful works.

C **They will tell of the power of Your awesome works, and I will proclaim Your great deeds.**

P They will celebrate Your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of Your righteousness.

C **The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.**

P The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.

C **All You have made will praise You, O LORD; Your saints will extol You.**

P They will tell of the glory of Your kingdom and speak of Your might.

C **So that all men may know of Your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.**

P Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures through all generations.

C **The LORD is faithful to all His promises and loving toward all He has made.**

- P** The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.
- C** **The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**
- P** The LORD is righteous in all His ways and loving toward all He has made.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name forever and ever.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day (*Prayed in Unison*):

- C** **Almighty and everlasting God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness, and by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading.....2 Samuel 11:2-4a, 14b-17, 26-27

King David falls into temptation and away from God by committing the sins of adultery and murder.

One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. . .

David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. In it he wrote, "Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died. . .

When Uriah’s wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*Spoken Responsively—Psalm 118:28-29*):

P You are my God, and I will give You thanks; You are my God, and I will exalt You.

C Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Because God did not appoint us to wrath, but for salvation through Christ, we look forward to the great day of His second coming with comfort and encouragement. For, whether His coming finds us watching in life or sleeping in death, we and our faithful loved ones will be forever with the Lord.

Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Before the reading:

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy GospelMatthew 25:14-30

The rich man in this parable is God Himself, and the servants are His followers, who profess faith in Him. To each of the faithful God has given spiritual gifts to be used in His service, and He wants each one invest the “talents” he has received in faithful service to Him.

[Jesus said:] “For the kingdom of heaven is like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“The man with the two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“Then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

““Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. As for that worthless servant, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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Hymn: “Be Strong in the Lord” Hymn 665, vss. 1-3

Sermon: “David: Nip Temptation in the Bud” 2 Samuel 11:26-27

Hymn: “Be Strong in the Lord” Hymn 665, vss. 4-5

Offering

Prayer of the Church (*Prayed Responsively*):

P Almighty God, Giver of every good and perfect gift, hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Let Your people ever cling to Him who alone has the words of eternal life.**

P Almighty God,

C **Have mercy upon us.**

P Hear our prayers for [_____ and] all missionaries, pastors, and other servants of the Church.

C **Help them to faithfully and boldly proclaim Word of God and the new life that is found in Christ alone.**

P Almighty God,

C **Have mercy upon us.**

P Hear our prayers for an abundance of workers in Your harvest fields.

C **Raise up faithful men and women to serve You in Your Church.**

P Almighty God,

C **Have mercy upon us.**

P Hear our prayers for our parish community.

C **Help us by Your Spirit to serve one another in love.**

P Almighty God,

C **Have mercy upon us.**

P Hear our prayers for the nations of the world, and those who rule them.

C **In every place let justice prevail, prosperity be enjoyed, and peace reign upon the earth.**

P Almighty God,

C **Have mercy upon us.**

P Hear our prayers for [_____ and all] the sick and suffering, the lonely and forsaken, the dying and the grieving.

C **Let them experience Christ Jesus as their Health in sickness, their Joy in sorrows, their Life in death.**

P Almighty God,

C **Have mercy upon us.**

P Hear our prayers for all who are weary and burdened with sin.

C **Give them joy as they find in Jesus pardon and peace.**

P Almighty God,

C **Have mercy upon us.**

P Hear our prayers for Your people who commune at Your Table today.

C **Fill our hearts with faith as we receive the heavenly feast You have prepared for us.**

P Almighty God,

C **Have mercy upon us.**

Additional Petitions Each Concluding with:

P Almighty God, **C** **Have mercy upon us.**

P Almighty God, into Your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the mercy You have revealed to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may never forget Your blessings, but continually thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; where You live and reign, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, both now and to all eternity.

C **Amen.**

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Choir Anthem

Hymns: “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”Hymn 915
“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”Hymn 421
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”Hymn 770
“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”Hymn 611

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Hymn: “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”Hymn 707

***Everyone Is Invited to Stay and
Enjoy Coffee Hour in the Overflow***

Welcome
to Worship



WELCOME TO TRINITY! We're glad you're here to worship the Lord. We pray this worship hour is a blessing for you and invite you to please come again soon. If you are a visitor please sign the Guest Register in the entry and introduce yourself to the Pastor.

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Birthdays

Sunday	Elaine Brocker Kathy Peckman	Kreston Debrick
Monday	Luke Elkinton Alexis Belsanti	Randy Maisch
Tuesday	Jim Prothe	Megan Tesar
Wednesday	Whitney Shoemaker Jason Peterson	Burl Peckman
Friday	Lindsey Lester	
Saturday	Carolyn Isenhower Dana Hall	Courtney Belsanti

Anniversaries

11/20	Harry and Gay Stubbs	41 years
11/22	Brad and Susan Ashley	12 years
11/23	Vernon and Donna Prothe	62 years

We remember in our prayers:

Damon Kettler, Sherri Webb, Darrell Peckman, Hazel Prothe, Robin Cotrell, Grant Haley, Alexis DeLuca, members and relatives serving in the armed forces including Jake Crome, Jeremy Howard, Zac Howard, Aaron Prothe, and Travis Peckman.

TREASURER'S REPORT Nov 19, 2017

Checking Account Balance	Nov 11, 2017	\$	847.32
Income:	Deposit	\$	2,344.50
	Thrivent	\$	319.00
Expenses:	Checking	\$	(7,325.48)
Balance	Nov 18, 2017	\$	(3,814.66)

Attendance

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TODAY'S WORSHIP — *We Wait for Our King's Return as Good Stewards of His Gifts.* As we near the close of the Church Year, the Scripture readings focus on the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Soon at Christmas we will celebrate His first coming into our world to be our Savior, and still He comes to His Church today through the Word and Sacraments, to deliver to us the fruits of His saving work—forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts “blameless in holiness before our God and Father” (1 Thessalonians 3:13). The same Lord Jesus will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. In the meantime, He has entrusted us to be “good and faithful” stewards of all His gifts (Matthew 25:21), and to follow not the lusts of our fallen flesh, “like the Gentiles who do not know God,” but to live “in holiness” and “to love one another” (1 Thessalonians 4:5, 7, 9).

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP — *Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

NEXT WEEK'S SERMONS — The message for Thanksgiving Day will be *“Pause to Praise”* based on Luke 17:11-19, and next Sunday’s message will be *“Job: The Comforting Hope of Everlasting Life”* based on Job 19:23-27, concluding our Fall Sermon Series *Life Lessons from the Old Testament*. Sermons by Pastor Vogts are available in both printed and audio form on our church web site, www.trinitylcms.org/sermons, as podcasts in the iTunes store under “Kevin Vogts,” online at www.kevinvogts.podbean.com, or for mobile devices at www.kevinvogts.podbean.com/mobile. Printed copies of today’s message and those from the past several weeks are also available in a small literature rack in back of the church.



**Now Thank We
All Our God**

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE THIS THURSDAY — Bring your family and holiday guests to celebrate Thanksgiving Day at our special service *this* Thursday, November 23 at 10:00am. The message will be “Pause to Praise” based on the story of the ten lepers healed by Jesus in Luke 17:11-19. *“O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good, for His love endures forever!”* (Psalm 136:1).

NURSING HOME SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY — You are invited to help Trinity provide brief worship services for nursing home residents at Country Club Estates and Vintage Park next Sunday, November 26. The simple services are approximately 20 minutes in length at each home. We begin at 1:30pm at Country Club Estates and then go to Vintage Park for the second service.

CHURCH PHOTOS — Would anyone having good photos of the old church and school please contact Terry Vogts. She needs some to copy and incorporate into a 150th Anniversary banner.

CHRISTMAS PARTY & TALENT SHOW

— Mark your calendars for our third annual Christmas Party & Talent Show, sponsored by the Fellowship Committee! The fun will be on Sunday, December 3 at 3:00pm in our church basement. Everyone—individuals, groups, families—is invited to show off your talent! All types of performances are welcome and do not have to be Christmas related, and if Christmas related do not have to be strictly religious—“Jingle Bells” and Santa are welcome! To get on the program email Pastor Vogts with the talent you will be sharing at pastorvogts@gmail.com. The fun will also include a Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long. Following the show, everyone is asked to bring your favorite Christmas treat to share on our “eat dessert first” bar—no meal, just dessert! This is also a great opportunity to invite guests, neighbors, family members, etc. Come enjoy the holiday fun and fellowship!



DVD STUDY “A MAN NAMED MARTIN” — In commemoration of the 500th Anniversary this year of the Lutheran Reformation, our new study in Adult Bible Class is A Man Named Martin, looking at the life, work, and teachings of Martin Luther, and the impact on the world of the Reformation he began when he posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. In this DVD-based Study from

Lutheran Hour Ministries viewers encounter the complex person of Martin Luther, a monk, priest, theologian, and professor, whose Spirit-inspired grasp of the Gospel was the cornerstone of the Reformation. This study will help you understand what it really means to be a Lutheran. Join in Sundays at 9:00am in the Overflow for this fascinating study of A Man Named Martin!

NEW REFORMATION BANNER — Our thanks to Terese Vogts for creating the new Reformation banner in honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS — Thrivent Members should check for your Choice Dollars because October 1 was the beginning of a new quarter, so there are Choice Dollars that can be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church or another listed organization of your choice. Pretty amazing how quickly it adds up!

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER — The November issue of our church newsletter *Trinity Tribune* is being distributed today, in both regular and large print. Pastor Vogts' article this month is "The Kingdom Ours Remaineth," looking at how our Synod's statistics compare to other Protestant bodies in America. Pick up your copy of *Trinity Tribune* today!

REVISED BUILDING PROJECT APPROVED — At the Voters Assembly last month a revised plan was approved for our building project. A brochure explaining the changes in the revised plan, with new floor plans, is available in the

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overflow area. It keeps the same features as the original proposal but moves the addition to the north of the existing building. Items added to the project since the original proposal include new sheetrock ceiling, recessed lighting, and windows for the basement, and three new HVAC systems for all levels of the west part of the building. Over the next several months full architectural drawings and engineering plans will be prepared, bids secured, and Lord willing construction will begin in the spring with completion and dedication in the fall.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED —

Our thanks to Terese Vogts for hosting Coffee Hour this morning. Could you—individual, family, or group—serve snacks sometime after worship? There are a few Sundays still open in November and December. The sign-up sheet on the table with the snacks. Our Generations group has generously agreed to provide and prepare the coffee and juice each week, so those signing up are only asked to provide some treat. Consider signing up for special occasions such as birthdays or anniversaries. Thank you to all providing snacks for Coffee Hour!

FUNERAL AND CEMETERY GUIDELINES — The Board of Elders approved guidelines for funerals and burials at Trinity that were presented to the Voters Assembly last month, basically just putting in writing our existing customs and practices. They are available in the large literature rack in the overflow, as well as on the worship page of our web site, www.trinitylcms.org/worship.

WINTER COMMUNION SCHEDULE —

As is customary during the winter months, we are having Communion twice per month from October thru March, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING — The youth will be decorating the church after the service next Sunday, November 26. Lunch will be served. Please let Jeanette know if you are available to help.

What is Christmas really all about? Why are we celebrating? What does Christmas mean for you? In Scripture hundreds of different names and titles are given to the Babe whose birth this holiday celebrates. Throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons this year we will explore the “reason for the season” with a special sermon series on the meaning and significance for you of some of these names and titles of our Lord, under the theme, *And His Name Shall Be Called*. Come and celebrate the real “reason for the season”!



December 3

"The Root and Branch of Jesse"

Isaiah 11:1-10

December 10

"The Lord Our Righteousness"

Jeremiah 33:14-16

December 17

"Immanuel"

Isaiah 7:10-14

December 24 (10:00am)

"Wonderful, Counselor,

The Mighty God,

The Everlasting Father,

The Prince of Peace"

Isaiah 9:6

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

"Savior, Christ, the Lord"

Luke 2:11

December 25 (Christmas Day)

"The Word Made Flesh"

John 1:1-14

December 31

"Jesus"

Matthew 1:21

January 1 (New Year's Day)

"The Alpha and Omega"

Revelation 1:8

January 7

"King of Kings"

Matthew 2:1-12