



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.

Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.

All Saints Sunday November 5, 2023

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Rev. Stephanie Johnson, Pastor (510) 846-0883

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH. *You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .*

- *just as you are, created by God.*
- *whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.*
- *wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.*
- *whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.*

You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us.

You are welcome here!

*The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing.
Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

PRELUDE *Sing With All the Saints in Glory*
Tune: *Mississippi*, William Bradley Roberts, b. 1947

✠ GATHERING ✠

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

↓ TOLLING OF THE BELL

Mardy Groskruetz
Geoff Kline
Don Sherratt

↑ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN *For All the Saints* #422 vs. 1, 6, 7

1 *For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

6 *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!*

7 *From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's
farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless
host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

↑ GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

↑ KYRIE

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*O Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy.
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy.
Have mercy, O Lord. Have mercy, O Lord.*

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, **you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

↓ FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,
“Who are these, robed in white, and where have
they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the
one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are
they who have come out of the great ordeal; they
have washed their robes and made them white in
the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of
God, and worship him day and night within his
temple, and the one who is seated on the throne
will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and
thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any
scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the
throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide
them to springs of the water of life, and God will
wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

↓ **Psalm 34:1-10,22** (read responsively)

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God’s name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who
fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those
who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be
punished.

↓ **SECOND READING** **1 John 3:1-3**

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we
should be called children of God; and that is what
we are. The reason the world does not know us is
that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s
children now; what we will be has not yet been

revealed. What we do know is this: when he is
revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as
he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify
themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** **ACS p. 14**

***Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, ris’n indeed.***

↑ **GOSPEL** **Matthew 5:1-12**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th
chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the
mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came
to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them,
saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be
comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the
earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive
mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see
God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be
called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for
your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way
they persecuted the prophets who were before
you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ **SERMON**

↓ **HYMN** ***Behold the Host Arrayed in White***
#425 vs. 1, 2

1 ***Behold the host arrayed in white
like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,
that stands with palms and sings its psalms
before the throne of light!***

*These are the saints who kept God's word;
they are the honored of the Lord.
He is their prince who drowned their sins,
so they were cleansed, restored.
They now serve God both day and night;
they sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring when they all sing
with angels shining bright.*

- 2** *On earth their work was not thought wise,
but see them now in heaven's eyes;
before God's throne of precious stone
they shout their vict'ry cries.
On earth they wept through bitter years;
now God has wiped away their tears,
transformed their strife to heav'nly life,
and freed them from their fears.
For now they have the best at last;
they keep their sweet eternal feast.
At God's right hand our Lord commands;
he is both host and guest.*

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694-1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.
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↓FOR ALL THE SAINTS

*You are invited to add the name of saints **that have not yet been memorialized** on our altar cloth.
Please come forward to the chancel where you will
be handed a fabric marker to add the saint's name.
You may stand in front, to the side or behind the
altar to write. **Please see the last page of the
worship service (after the dismissal) to see the list of
names that are already memorialized.***

↑APOSTLES' CREED

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Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose
again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at
the right hand of the Father, and he will come
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is
most prayerful to you.)*

You may choose to sit or stand as you are comfortable.

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you, especially *Jerry Stich, Kelly Rager, Sister Pat Nagle, Jeremy Dude, Judy Lamb, Bernadette Hunsaker, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Wes & Marla Anderson, Constance Farber, Alan Petersen, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Ann Kenyon, Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna Madarasz, Craig Anderson, Pastor Craig, Michael Rasmussen, Jackson Bohm, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, Christine Winberg and Dorothy Wingire.* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the Strategic Exploration Team, the priesthood of all believers, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Berkeley, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We give thanks for the fullness of the lives of Mark Schoenrock and Henry Mills as they celebrate their

birthdays this week. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

At this time, you are invited to pray the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

A moment is offered for prayers from the congregation

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

✠ MEAL ✠

↑ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

↓ OFFERING

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

↑ PREFACE FOR THE DAY

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Holy, holy, holy God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

↑ LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.

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 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 forever. Amen.

↓ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table. **Thanks be to God!**

↓ DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. **Gluten-free wafers are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

↓ LAMB OF GOD

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O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
Grant us your peace. Amen.**

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.
Amen.

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and

generous hearts as we meet you on the way.
Amen.

✠ **SENDING** ✠

↑ **BLESSING**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.
Amen.

↓ **TEMPLE TALK**

Elizabeth Madaras

↑ **CHOIR** *When the Saints Go Marching In*
Arr. John Rutter

↑ **DISMISSAL**

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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**The following names are already memorialized
on the All Saints Altar cloth: (please forgive spelling errors)**

Danielle Glenn Montoya
Duane Ewalt
Stephanie Johnson
Bernard
Paul Madaras
Inez
Ray Fitzsimons
Mollie
Doris
David
Arvid Bernard Peterson
Kaye Sippy
Mark Gutleben
Louise and Norman Anderson
Ron Hans
Paul Lobrin
Frank James Wentz
Viola Lillian Wentz
Linda Bringman
David Bringman
Clarence & Mary Louise Haller
Betty Bosworth
Vicky Gutleben
Paul Gutleben

Linda Greminger
Eric Abrahamson
Clyde Kay
Bob Abbe
Sandra Prewitt
Barbara Grosch
Linda Statzer Peterson
Pete & Jean Peterson
Rosalie Tyler
Renee Heystek
Dennis Laine
Alice O'Sullivan
Marguerite & Jack Haskins
Alice Chalip
Bob & Sheila Kline
Martin & Vera Linnett
Ukrainians & All
Brady Davidson
Eleanor
Mark Brodie Delevew
Rick & Mary James
Donald Mitchell Sr.
Karen Haines & Doug Haines

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 41

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 11/6 9:30am Craft Group
Tues 11/7 7:30am Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Wed 11/8 *No Women's Bible Study during the month of November*

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS AFTERNOON? Bethlehem Lutheran Church is hosting their annual gospel music concert today, November 5, at 3 p.m. Admission is free, although a free-will offering will be taken. Bethlehem kindly asks that attendees wear a mask while attending. They are located at 959 12th Street in Oakland.

PASTOR STEPHANIE is on vacation and taking family leave to attend to some family matters beginning this afternoon and continuing until Thanksgiving. In her absence, Pastor Ned will be covering Pastoral emergencies. He can be reached at (415) 652-0427. You may also contact Jessica or Anita with any other matters during Pastor Stephanie's absence.

NOVEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE Trinity is looking forward to some guest preachers in the month of November. Here is the schedule:

Nov. 5- Meg Brogan
Nov. 12- Rev. Tita Valeriano
Nov. 19- Rev. Katy Grindberg
Nov. 26- our PLTS Student, Katie Evans will be preaching

MIDWAY SHELTER MEAL HOSTS NEEDED *We are currently looking for helpers to take part of the meal for November 26th* Please see the sign-up sheet in the church entryway. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica.

The November 26th meal needs volunteers to provide:

Entrée
Dessert
Drinks

STEWARDSHIP PACKETS AVAILABLE TODAY Please see the Greeters to be directed to your stewardship packet for 2024. This year we will have a limited number of offering envelopes available for those who would like them- please make sure to indicate that you would like a box of envelopes in the appropriate spot on your pledge card.

Visits from Pastor Stephanie

If you would appreciate a visit from Pastor Stephanie, she is available by phone, text or email to make an appointment. She is happy to visit with you in your home, at her office, or a location of your convenience.

Pastor's Office Hours

Mon-10:00-Noon; Tues. 9am-Noon; Thurs.-10:00-Noon

You can reach Pastor Stephanie on her cell phone at (510) 846-0883