



November 22, 2020

Welcome to Worship

Prelude

***Confession and Forgiveness:**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

Congregation: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,

C we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

P Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through + Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C Amen.

***Gathering Hymn: "Praise and Thanksgiving" ELW 689**



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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***Greeting:**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day:**

All Let us pray: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Kids Word: Pastor Jerry O'Neal

Our first reading is from Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1-7a (Read responsively between Lector and **Congregation**.)

- ¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- ²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
- ³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
- ⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- ⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- ⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
- ^{7a}For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Our second reading is from 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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C **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: “Generosity Leads to Thanksgiving” – Pastor Jerry O’Neal

***Hymn of the Day:** "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" ELW 707



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that mere hap - py
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887 Public Domain

***Apostles' Creed:**

P&C 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:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "Hear us, O God," and your response is, "Your mercy is great."

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

(pause)

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of comfort and healing, give wisdom, energy, and strength to all of those who are working to heal those affected by COVID-19 Coronavirus. We give thanks for those who are working on a vaccine that will bring an end to this pandemic. Bring hope and healing to those who are sick, injured or suffering in the world and to those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Amen.

***Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offering:

If you would like to give electronically, you may

1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Store or Apple Play, or
2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.
3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

Offering Music: "Prayer of the Children" (Bestor/Hayes)

***Offering Prayer:**

L Let us pray: Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

C **Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer:**

L Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)

All Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***Sending Call and Response:**

- L God's work!
- C **Our hands!**
- L God's love!
- C **Our hearts!**
- L God's story!
- C **Our voices!**

Commitment Presentation *(Silent meditation before filling out your intent form.)*



We have included the intent form below and it can be accessed online using the QR code above (next to the Generosity Makes A Difference logo) or you can use this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6qnR13AcR8IDzzC-rWeg-Kp3U_jMM8Eavy63zOjoTKAPSqw/viewform

We ask you to prayerfully consider your commitment to Holy Trinity for next year. Then you may also mail them or bring them to the church office.

Our goal this year is to receive *100 intent forms*; an anonymous donor at Holy Trinity has graciously offered us a **\$2,000 challenge gift** if we can reach that goal. They believe in our ministries here, and we trust that you do as well. We hope you will join us in this important campaign. Thank you so much for your ongoing support. Your **GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

**2021 Intent Form
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Muncie, IN**



Your name: _____

YES! Giving thanks for all of God's blessings, I/ we intend to support Holy Trinity's ministries financially in the following manner in 2021:

- ◇ \$1/Day Amount per contribution:
- ◇ \$2/Day
- ◇ Daily \$ _____
- ◇ Weekly
- ◇ Monthly ◇ I would like to give
- ◇ Annually electronically to Holy
- ◇ Other: _____ Trinity

Examples of Intent Amounts:

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually
\$1.00	\$7.02	\$30.42	\$365
\$2.00	\$14.04	\$60.83	\$730
\$2.85	\$20.00	\$86.67	\$1,040
\$3.00	\$21.06	\$91.25	\$1,095
\$3.29	\$23.08	\$100.00	\$1,200
\$3.56	\$25.00	\$108.33	\$1,300
\$4.11	\$28.85	\$125.00	\$1,500
\$4.99	\$35.00	\$151.67	\$1,820
\$5.70	\$40.00	\$173.33	\$2,080
\$7.12	\$50.00	\$216.67	\$2,600
\$10.68	\$75.00	\$325.00	\$3,900
\$14.25	\$100.00	\$433.33	\$5,200
\$28.49	\$200.00	\$866.67	\$10,400

Your commitment is confidential, and you may change it at any time by calling the church office at (765) 282-0619. Thank you so much—**your generosity makes a difference!**

*Please stand as you are able.

Commitment Prayer

***Benediction:**

P “Barocha” - Michael Card

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” ELW 855



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out Dom - in - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

***Dismissal:**

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

C Thanks be to God.



Announcements for Sunday, November 22, 2020:

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of November 22nd:

Birthdays:

November 26 – Amy O’Neal

November 27 – John Pinckney

Anniversaries:

November 26 - John and Lynda Eaton

This week’s Prayers: Please keep the following people in your prayers.

As schools are back in session, please keep the teachers, parents, school administrations and especially the children in your prayers.

Those who are infected with the COVID-19 Coronavirus and the frontline workers who are caring for them.

Audio/Video Volunteers Needed:

Have you been waiting for the Lord to call you to a new way to serve? We need two people to learn how to work the audio/video system for our services. As we are reaching more people via the Internet, our use of media equipment has become very important. Phil Dashler has been working audio/video every week during the pandemic, but he needs volunteers to learn the basics and help him on a rotation or substitution basis. WE WILL TRAIN YOU. No experience necessary. Please say yes. Contact the office, Pastor Jerry, or Phil Dashler if you can help. Thank you.

Children’s Christmas Pageant goes virtual!!

Inviting all kids (HTLC kids and grandchildren and friends of HTLC members) to participate in the Christmas pageant. Here's how it works. Request a part by texting Ann Simpson 765-729-7147. You can request a specific part such as Mary, Joseph, angel, shepherd, wise man etc or a part will be assigned. The reading will be sent to you via technology or mailed to you. Your child will probably want to dress the part so either use items from your own home or we will be happy to provide a costume for your child!!! Then have your child read the part, video tape on your phone and text the recording back to Ann Simpson or send per church e-mail address at holytrinitymuncie@gmail.com. If your child cannot read have them act the part while an adult reads. Recordings need to be returned by December 10. BE CREATIVE!!!! Imperfections expected!!!