GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church

499 4th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND

Our Mission: "Love God. Love Others."

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober.

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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November 15, 2026— *25th Sunday after Pentecost*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Welcome to you who are visitors among us; please sign our guest book, take a "Welcome" bag home, and do come worship with us again. *To those of you looking for a church home, we invite you to join this community of faith, as we seek to grow and serve in God's grace and love.*

***: Please stand, in body or spirit.**

Large print bulletins are available at the back table.
"Busy Bags" for small children's use during Worship on back hand rail.

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
***Call to Worship** *(ThankOffering insert)*
***Confession & Forgiveness** *(ThankOffering insert)*
***Gathering Hymn:** *"We Praise You, O God"* **#870 ELW**
***Apostolic Greeting (C: And also with you.)**
***Kyrie** **#157 ELW**
***Opening Prayer** *(ThankOffering insert)*

WORD

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 90: 1-12
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
***Gospel Acclamation**: *"Halle, Halle, Halle"* **#172 ELW**
***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:14-30
Responses:** ***"Glory to you, O LORD"/"Praise to you, O Christ."

Hymn: *"Awake! Awake, and Greet the Morn"* **#242 ELW**
Sermon
Hymn of the Day: *"Let Us Talents & Tongue Employ"* **#674 ELW**
***Apostles' Creed** p. 127 ELW
Prayer Song: *"Hear Our Prayer"*

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord make us whole:
Peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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Prayers of Intercession: (L: God, in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer.)**

THE MEAL

Our Tithes/Offerings to God/WELCA ThankOffering

***Offertory Hymn:** *"Give Thanks"* Text Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because GOD's given Jesus Christ to us. (Repeat)...
And now let the weak say 'I am strong', Let the poor say 'I am rich'
because of what the LORD has done for us (Repeat)*... Give thanks!*

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***Offertory Prayer**

***Great Thanksgiving** p. 206-207 ELW

***Lord's Prayer**

Holy Communion/Kneel or stand at Communion rail



All are welcome to join us in celebrating the Sacrament of Communion, believing the Risen Christ is present with us in the bread and wine, assuring us of GOD's love and forgiveness. Please receive the bread in your hand and place your empty cup in the side basket. Gluten-free bread/juice are available. To be served in your pew, please raise your hand after pianist is served.

***Post-Communion Prayer**

SENDING

***Blessing (C: Amen!)**

***Sending Hymn:** *"O Christ the Same"* **#760 ELW**

*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

In Our Thoughts/Prayers: Susan Smith, Jim McMillen (Patty Beil's bro), Jan Pearson, Edie Johnson, Clarence Laub, Gary & Bea Tait, Michelle Carlblom, Bernie Walters, Tim Yokom, Marleen Pytlik, Madonna Bacher-Slack, Gayle Hoff, Karen Magnuson, Chad Henningsgard, Beth Busche, Don Clark; our Missionaries; PEACE

***"Trinity Family"* to pray for this week:** Tim & Tracey Compson family, Carol & John Crandall family

Our *"Thanks!"* to those who serve today:

Pastor: Rev. Diane Krumm **Accompanist:** Amy Anderson
Acolyte: Korbyn Boom **Ushers:** Graecyn Rogers fam
Scripture Reader & Communion Assistant: Boyd Westman

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***This Week @ TLC*:**

Today, November 15th: ***Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion/*WELCA ThankOffering*

11 a.m. Coffee fellowship *(Thanks for hosting, Linda Anderson!)*

2 p.m. Murder Mystery Theater fundraiser @ TLC *(see insert)*

Mon., Nov. 16th : *Pr. Diane's Sabbath*

12 p.m. Sr. High Youth lunch @ OSLC

Tues., Nov. 17th: **10:30 a.m.** Bible Study group @ TLC

12 p.m. WELCA **3 p.m.** Altar guild meeting

Wed., Nov. 18th: **9 a.m.** Quilters

3:15 p.m. Kids Club @ Faith Lutheran

6:30 p.m. Confirmation class @ OSLC

7:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth @ OSLC

Thurs., Nov. 19th: **5:30-6:30 p.m.** Assembly of Community Thanksgiving baskets @ Faith Luth. Volunteers are welcome!

Fri., Nov. 20th: **5:30-6:30 p.m.** Distribution of baskets @ Faith Luth.

Sat., Nov. 21st: **8:30-11 a.m.** OSLC Holiday Treasure Sale: breads, candies, goodies, decorations. Coffee, juice, & rolls will be served. Proceeds benefit designated OSLC WELCA missions.



Next Sunday, November 22nd: ***Christ the King Sunday***



9 a.m. Sunday School Christmas program practice

10 a.m. Worship

11 a.m. Coffee fellowship (Bernie & Edna Elsner hosting)



Advent/Christmas decorating @ TLC!

If you are physically able, we appreciate the help!

4 p.m. Community Thanksgiving service @ Cong. UCC *(see insert)*



Book Club discussion on Thursday, Dec. 3rd, 6:30 p.m.

You are invited to join us @ TLC as we discuss a classic holiday book, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson. This book, first published in 1972, tells of the rowdy Herdman children hijacking a church's Christmas Pageant and brings a new perspective to the Christmas story. It is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit and discover how a little chaos can be inspiring! At less than 100 pages, it's a fairly quick read!

Pr. Diane has a copy that can be borrowed, or you can download a free digital copy from the Libby app via the VC Public Library.