Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

November 8, 2026

The Word of God

Opening Hymn ***No. 436***

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ; adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel: thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin;
thy Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel, tr. Catherine Winkworth
Music: *Truro,* harm. Lowell Mason

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Goria in Excelsis

The following is said, all standing

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson — Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

A Reading from the Book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: 'Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.' Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve

other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

The Epistle **I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn ***No. 615***

"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:

the day to whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;

when knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad;
the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer
Music: *St. Flavian*, adapt. & harm. Richard Redhead

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with

their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Martin Gutwein

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Brothers and sisters, Christ will come again! In hope let us make our prayer, "You are our help and our deliverance; Come quickly, Lord."

Open wide your doors to us, O Lord. Accept us into your Kingdom. Give your Church endurance that we might keep our eyes open and fixed on you.

You are our help and our deliverance;
People: Come quickly, Lord.

Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an everflowing stream. Drown the evil of our times in a flood of mercy. Refresh the needy with the abundance of your love.

You are our help and our deliverance;
People: Come quickly, Lord.

God of the harvest, inspire our hearts to care deeply for your creation. Help us to live and work in harmony with all you have made.

You are our help and our deliverance;
People: Come quickly, Lord.

God, raise up leaders in our community. Bless them with wisdom. Give us hope and a future.

You are our help and our deliverance;
People: Come quickly, Lord.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver those in need. Make haste to help the troubled. You are a great God and with you in health and salvation. We trust our loved ones to you.

You are our help and our deliverance;
People: Come quickly, Lord.

Through the death and resurrection of your Son, you give us new and unending life. We trust our dead to you, Merciful God.

You are our help and our deliverance;
People: Come quickly, Lord.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed. Celebrant and People together say

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

All stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn ***No. 676***

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged. and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." (Refrain)

Words: Afro American Spiritual
Music: *Balm in Gilead,* arr. David Hurd

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;.

The Celebrant continues
and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN

The Celebrant then continues
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.*

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Celebrant says
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. *(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

Communion Hymn **Hymnal 328**

Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,
and drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.

Saved by that Body and that holy Blood,
with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.

Offered was he for greatest and for least,
himself the Victim, and himself the Priest.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.

He that his saints in this world rules and shields,
to all believers life eternal yields;

with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
all nations at the Doom, is with us now.

Words: tr. John Mason Neale Music: *Song 46,* Orlando Gibbons

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.
The Celebrant and People together say

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn **Hymnal 381**

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done;
For created light we thank thee, while thine ordered seasons run:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end.

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hope confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

God the Father, Light Creator, to thee laud and honor be:
To thee Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light Revealer, glory, glory be to thee;
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the Holy Trinity.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Notes and Announcements
November 8, 2026

PRAYER LIST
Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo…
Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for Members and Ministry of the Committee on Credentials of Lay Deputies: The Revs. Joseph Luzardo, Kevin Thompson;
Dcns Mark Hernandez, Robert Ubel Rojas Siguas…
Parish Calendar of Prayer for the Alcoholics Anonymous Group…
For those Celebrating a Birthday this week Barbara Ambrose 11/09; Ron Woods Sr. 11/10; Riley Sullivan 11/13; Ralph Slim Sr. 11/14……
For Our sons and daughters in the military Nathan, Kenny, Zach, Jack, Willie, Charley, Erin, Garrett **…**
For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Denise, Stephen, Mark, Julia, Olivia, John, Sue, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Ben, Virginia, Sharon C., Kate, Megan, Lisa & Frank, Mindy, Michael, Douglas, Christine, Al, Drew, Alec, Greg, Tina, Mark L., Michael, Audrey, John, Colleen, Bob N., Kay, Milton, Shelley, Bob, Sally, Tim, Howard, Jeff, Jack, Bernadette, Jean, Anne, Danielle, Bridget, Ilsa, Anthony, Kaylee, Carl, Dan, Peggy…

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WELCOME the Rev. Martin Gutwein whose ongoing care of our Holy Trinity family is deeply appreciated

UPCOMING HOLY TRINITY EVENTS

- **November 8** – Yarn Lovers gather during or after Coffee Hour.
- **November 8** – Convocation Meeting at San Andres service 5:00 p.m., meeting at 6:00
- **November 20-21** – Diocesan Convention, Trinity Cathedral
- **November 22** – Thanksgiving Sunday and Stewardship Ingathering

***At the Church this week:**

- **This afternoon** – Rotary Club Spaghetti Dinner
- **Monday evening:** AA – Parish Hall
- **Tuesday evening:** Boy Scouts – Parish Hall

****Note** – Additional events are added frequently. All facility usage should be coordinated through the Verger to ensure no double booking of spaces.*

WELCOME VISITORS & FRIENDS to Holy Trinity Church. We strive to be a welcoming faith community that celebrates God's presence and activity through worship, education, and fellowship, and by seeking and serving Christ in all persons. We pray that you will feel at home and be refreshed and uplifted by this morning's celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not an Episcopalian, please know that you are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church if you have been baptized and believe that our Savior Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament. If you'd like more information about our parish, please speak to the ushers or clergy following the Liturgy.



2026 ALTAR FLOWER CHART – is hanging at the back of the Church. If you would like to sponsor flowers for the Altar on any Sunday, please sign-up next to the desired date, if available. Flowers are $50.00.

HOLY TRINITY'S MANGER MANIA & CHRISTMAS MART returns on Saturday, December 12th. Last year's event was a tremendous success: the community enjoyed our delightful Manger Mania display, and Christmas Mart sales raised more than $830.00. Please consider donating gently used Christmas decorations, jewelry, and other unwanted items to the Christmas Mart. **Donations are due by Sunday, November 29th.** Thank you for your support.



THANKSGIVING SUNDAY - Our celebration of Thanksgiving will be on **Sunday, November 22nd.** We will continue the tradition of the Altar of Plenty by decorating it with fresh fruits and vegetables. The produce will then be given to a local food pantry for distribution in the community. Please place your offering for the Altar of Plenty into the offering plate (Please use the enclosed envelope for donations.)

DITTY BAGS FOR SEAFARERS! - Merchant seafarers on cargo ships come from all over the world to deliver goods and produce to us. Please help us thank and encourage them by donating small gifts for ditty bags to be distributed by the Seaman's Church Institute to all seafarers arriving in our ports during the Holiday season! Please bring in your **donations by Sunday, November 15th.** Questions? See Sharon Wolfgang.

Our annual Ditty Bag project is a way to thank these hardworking people for all they do.

WISH LIST FOR DITTY BAGS

- Hats and scarves
- Work socks, work gloves
- Hand warmers
- Chap Stick
- Nail clippers
- Razors
- Shaving cream
- Playing cards,
- Puzzle books
- Hand lotion
- Toothbrush, toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap
- Combs
- Pens & small notebooks
- Mini-sewing kit
- Hard or boxed candy, gum, cough drops

Full sizes, please, for toiletries ~And financial donations are welcome!

ALL YARN LOVERS - KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS meet the second Sunday of each month during or after coffee hour in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is Sunday, November 8th during or after coffee hour. If you are a novice or never tried using knitting needles or a crochet hook, we have quite a few people in our group who would help you get started on your first project. Any questions? Call Sharon Wolfgang at 856-854-2643 or leave a message at the Church 856-858-0491.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP meets the first and third Sundays of each month, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Activities include a children's chapel service, followed by age-appropriate activities for children and youth from pre-K through high school. If you have children or grandchildren who might be interested in attending, contact Theresa Hoyt-Chattin (609) 941-1651 for more information.

UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM – Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For further information contact Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

ONLINE GIVING– To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the Holy Trinity website to send your contribution electronically through Vanco. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you for your continued financial support of the mission.

