

**BLESSED TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
AT ROSEMONT
1705 West Broad Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018**



**LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE
THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PANTRY SUNDAY
BAPTISM**

Juliette Eden Pizzingrilli

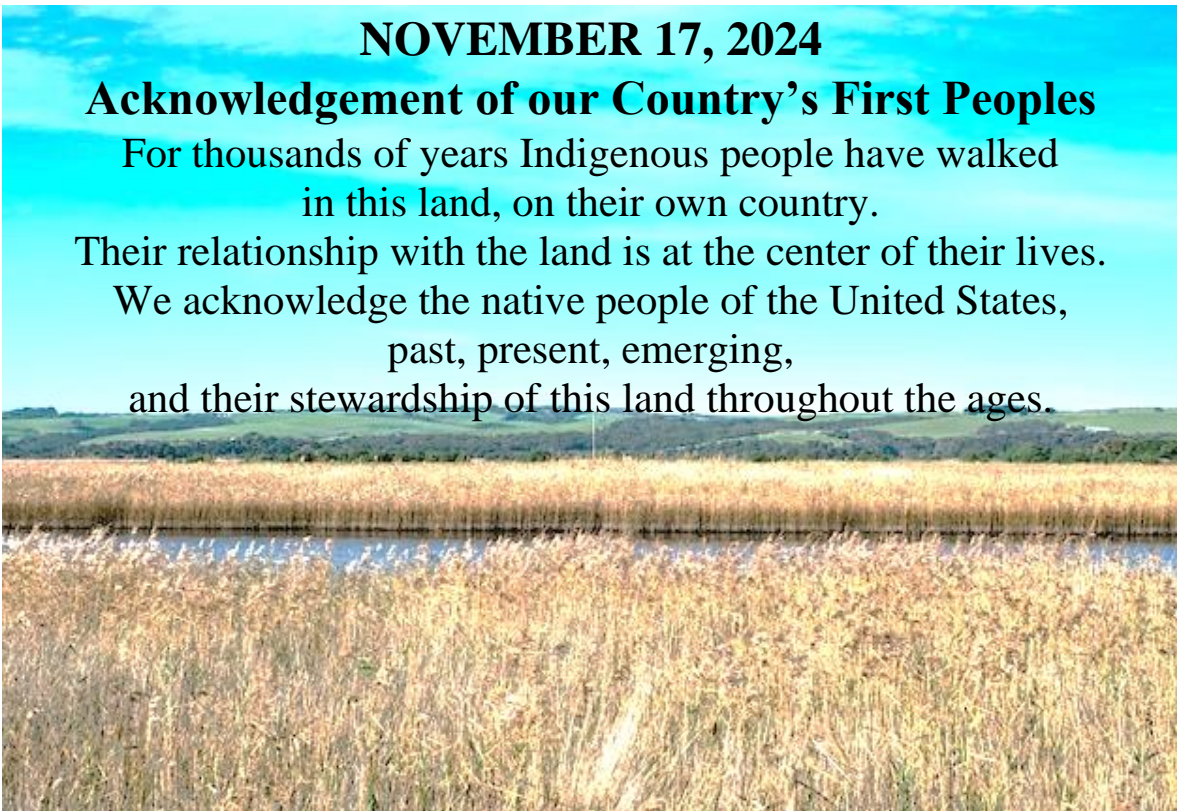
NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Acknowledgement of our Country's First Peoples

For thousands of years Indigenous people have walked
in this land, on their own country.

Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives.

We acknowledge the native people of the United States,
past, present, emerging,
and their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.



OUR MISSION

Christ has called us together to do God's Work.

**Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont
is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of
race, creed, age, national origin,
cultural background, sexual orientation, class,
physical or mental ability.**

HYMN SING

WELCOME

Lector A warm welcome is extended to all, especially those who are gathering here at Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont for the first time, or who have returned after an absence.
Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together. Everything you need to follow along is found in your bulletin. Everyone is welcome to join us for a time of fellowship following the gathering.

PREPARATION

Leader The Lord is with you.
Assembly And also with you.

The assembly stands for the Gathering, Gathering Hymn, and Sentence and Prayer of the Day.

GATHERING

Pastor In the name of God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.
Assembly Amen.

Leader Gathered here, we sense the Sacred in this place.
May we be awakened again to
the mysteries that humble us,
the realities that orient us,
the beauty that informs us,
the fellowship that sustains us,
and the creativity that heightens and deepens our living,
that we may give ourselves in honesty and openness
to the larger life before us.

Assembly Amen. May it be so.

Pastor Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

GATHERING HYMN

We Praise You, O God



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader God makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts.
God raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the
ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them God has set the
world. - *1 Samuel 2:7-8*

Pastor Subversive God, deconstructing temples of power in which we would
keep you trapped and tamed: lead us through violent times, unafraid to
speak for peace, un-tempted by those who promise easy answers;
may we follow Jesus, who renews the world in love.

Assembly Amen. May it be so.

The assembly may be seated for the readings.

A READING Daniel 12:1-3

Lector A reading from the Old Testament, the book of Daniel.

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: 16:8-11 Christopher L. Webber tune, *Old Hundredth*

With God before me, and beside,
I know I shall not be distressed;
Therefore my heart and soul rejoice;
My body, too, in hope shall rest.

You will not lead me to the grave,
But to the path of life and joy;
Before your face, at your right hand,
Are pleasures time cannot destroy.

A READING FROM THE WORLD AROUND US

Leader A reading from the world around us.

Life moves at a relentless pace.
We rush, we chase, we yearn for more,
often forgetting the beauty nestled within the present moment.
A warm home, a friend’s laughter, our very breath –
these are blessings easily overlooked.
But it’s in moments of loss that we recognize the fragility of existence.
What we cling to today may be gone tomorrow.
Let this realization ignite a deep sense of gratitude.
Hold loved ones close, savor simple pleasures,
find joy in the here and now.
For nothing in this life is truly guaranteed.

The assembly stands for the Acclamation and the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Mark 13:24-32

Pastor A reading from the + Holy Gospel as written to us by Mark.

Assembly Glory to you, O Lord.

“But in those days, following that distress,
“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Pastor This is Good News from the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated for the Sermon.

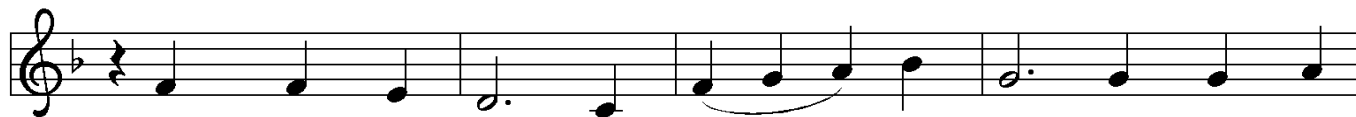
THE SERMON



The assembly stands as able for the Hymn.

BAPTISMAL HYMN

O Blessed Spring



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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Celebration of Baptism Juliette Eden Pizzingrilli

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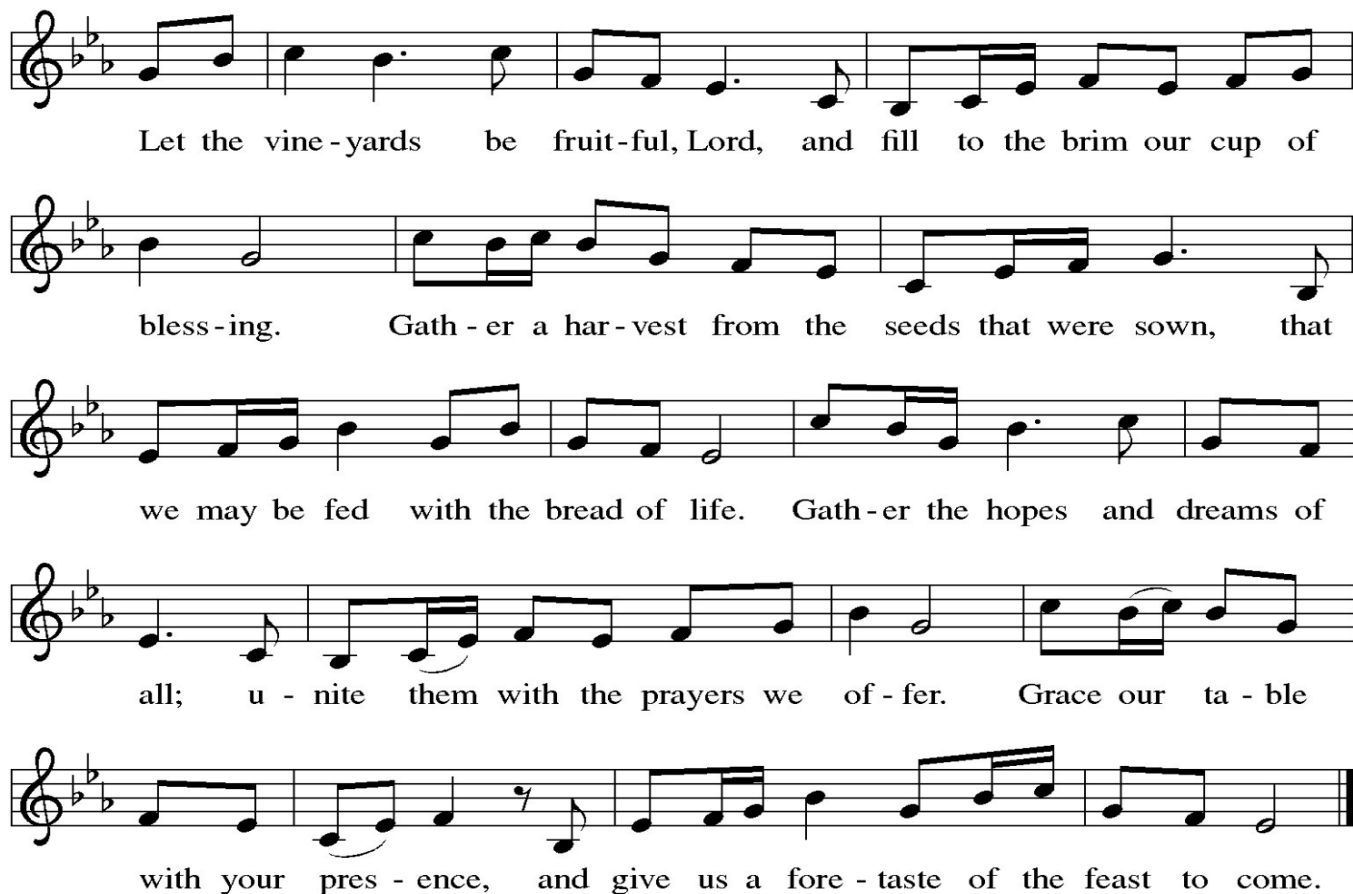
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector We are people of all ages who enter this space
bringing our joys and concerns.
Let us pray together in God's grace.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Jesus Loves Me* – Bradley Phillips (b. 1992)

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Leader Dear Lord, by our smallest actions, we become part of a bigger world.
The smallest giving can be an expression
of the good spirit of generosity and caring.

Assembly **May we carry through the doorway of each new day
this good spirit of generosity and caring. Amen.**



**CELEBRATION
OF
HOLY COMMUNION**

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Pastor Glory be to God who flows through all creation,
 blessing us with gifts to share.

Assembly Blessed be God forever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor God's hope is in us. Lift up your hearts.

Assembly We lift them up to God.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

Assembly It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Pastor We praise you, life-giving God, mystery of being, and freedom of the
 world. Through your love all things came into being
 reflecting infinite beauty and the glory of diversity.

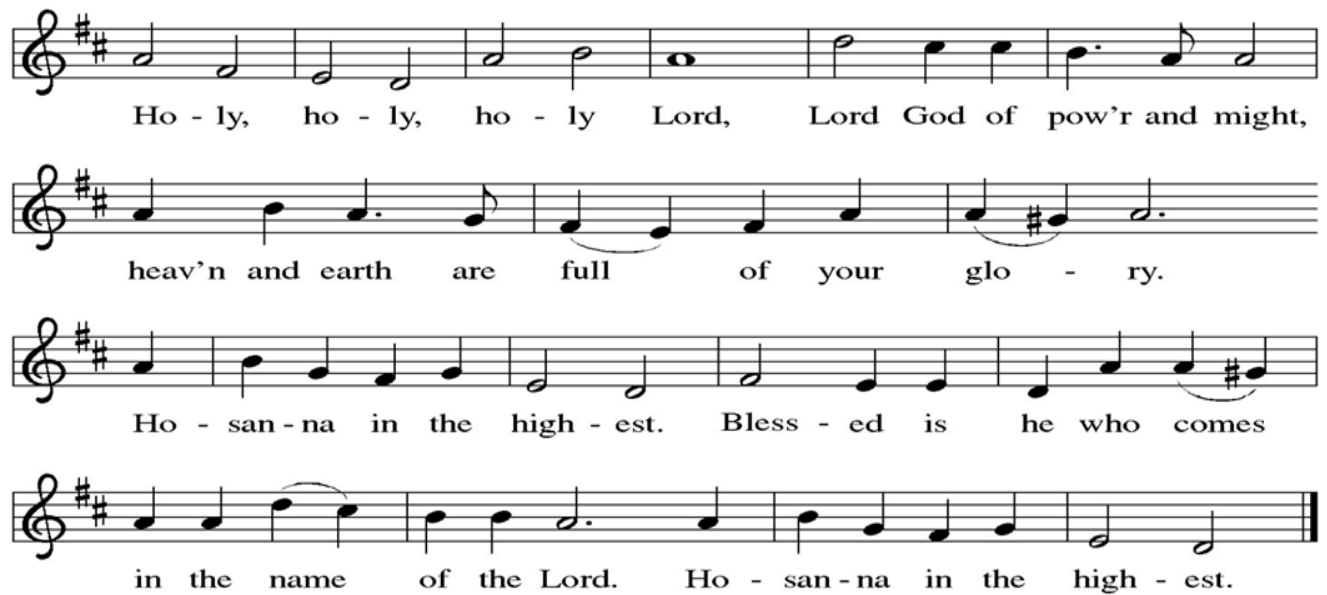
You drew near to Abraham and Sarah as the unexpected guest;
you wrestled with Jacob and blessed him with wounds;
you dwelt as glory and wisdom with the people of your covenant.

In Jesus of Nazareth, you engaged our human story and came among us
in Word made flesh. Through human fear and violence our brother Jesus
was crucified. Through the risen Christ we are gathered in hope.

Through the restless Spirit of life, you bring life to our diversity,
you end our isolation, you draw all our ways into the community of your
grace.

Therefore, we join the eternal song of power and glory shared,
of communion and integrity, of difference and delight:





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor On the night before he died Jesus took bread; when he had given thanks he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
 do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood which brings new life; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory.

THE OUR FATHER

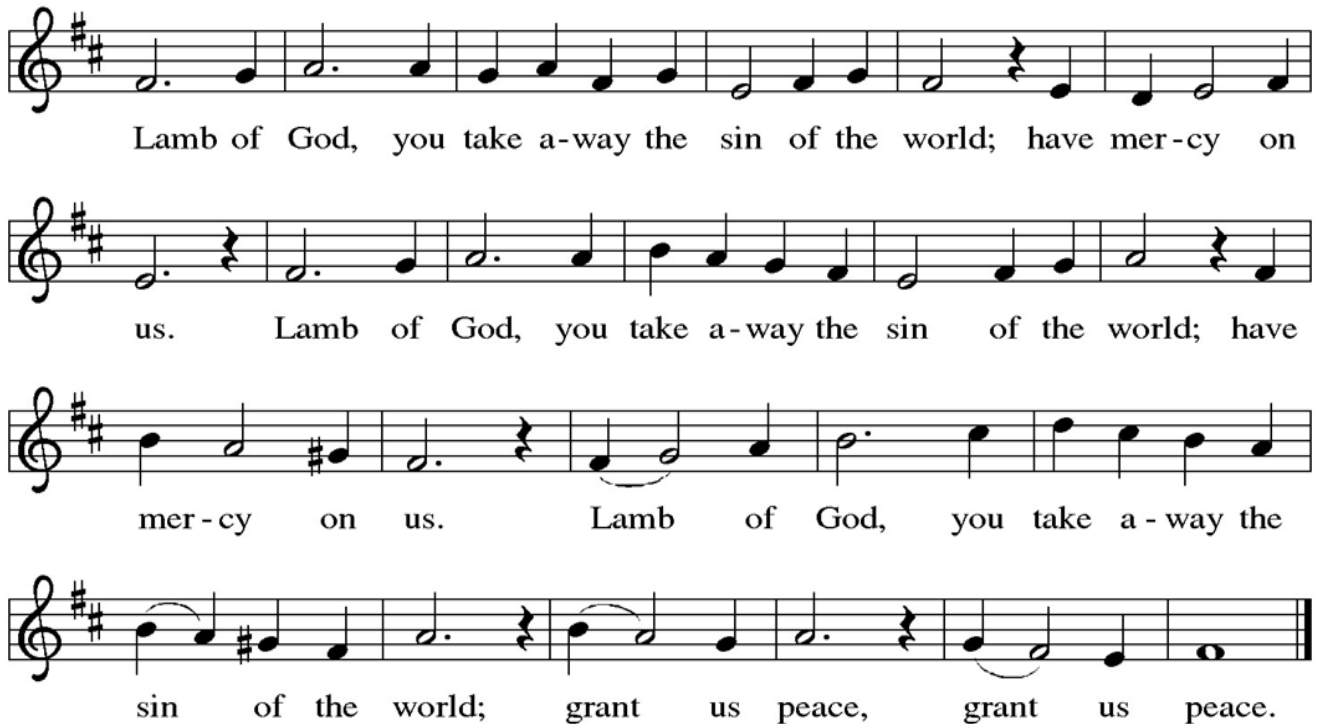
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name.
 Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Pastor By eating this bread and drinking this wine
we become one in hope.

THE INVITATION

Pastor Come, bringing your varied faiths and backgrounds,
for all are welcome to share in this act of communion.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

When Peace Like a River – Hymnal 785

I Come with Joy – Hymnal 482

The assembly may stand as they are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader Gracious Lord, today we have gathered around a table
to remember and celebrate...
May this experience remind us
to see the world as a place of wonder,
to find ourselves in each face that we see,
and to hallow the times that we share together.

Assembly Amen. May it be so!

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The Baptismal party comes forward and gathers at the altar.



PRESENTATION OF A BAPTISMAL BLANKET AND CANDLE AND WELCOME INTO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRAYER BLANKET

Leader The people of Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont give you this Prayer Blanket. The person who made it prayed for you while it was being made. It is yours to remind you of this very special day.

BAPTISMAL CANDLE

Pastor Juliette, with this candle let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

BAPTISMAL WELCOME

Pastor Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**Assembly We welcome you into the Community of Christ
and into the mission we share:**

join us in giving thanks and praise to God

and bearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

SENDING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

PARTING WORDS

Leader Let us embrace the wonder of this week
with expectation and imagination...
In our lives, may we know the holy meaning,
the mystery that breaks into it every moment.
May we live at peace with our world
and at peace with ourselves.

WORD OF BLESSING

Pastor And may the blessings of God, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you always.

Assembly Amen. May it be so!

DISMISSAL

Leader The God we worship is never confined to this holy place.
So go and travel with the God who is found
in ordinary and surprising places.

**Assembly May the quality of our lives be our benediction.
And a blessing to all whom we touch.**

POSTLUDE *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* – Mark Winchester

Today's Altar Flowers are a gift given by Mary Bender, Dolly and Ed, Molly and Joe in loving memory of Richard Bender.



BT@R

FELLOWSHIP

Morning coffee and tea are now served.

You are invited upstairs to Laros Hall to share in this time of fellowship.

**You are invited to keep this copy of the liturgy and take it home with you
to share with another member of your family, or with a friend**

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Till We Meet Again

November 17, 2024 - Worship 9:30am

Poinsettia Orders

Help decorate the nave for Christmas. 6 1/2" pots of red poinsettias are \$10 each to buy in honor of, or in memory of a special person, or to the glory to God. Order forms are at both entrances. Place the form with check or cash in an offering plate or Leigh's mailbox by December 1st. Pick up plants after our 7pm Christmas Eve service.

Giving Tree

God's Work Our Hands committee is collecting hats and gloves or mittens as well as money to buy books for preschool children at Lincoln Elementary and Holy Infancy Schools. Please choose a star from the Giving Tree. Shop for the hat and gloves or mittens. Place those items in a plastic bag along with \$3 for our committee to purchase a book for the child. All items should be returned by 12/8. Thank you for sharing God's love and warmth.

Advent Soup Needed

Wednesday evenings in Advent we will be having soup and worship in Laros Hall. We are looking for two more volunteers to provide soups for 12/18. Sign up at the table below the bulletin board.

Thanksgiving Gift Cards

God's Work Our Hands needs your help to provide gift cards for Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. You can donate cash or a check (write "Thanksgiving Baskets" on the memo line and your offering envelope number). Thanksgiving Baskets donation envelopes are on the entrance tables. Drop envelopes in an offering plate. Thank you for blessing a family with a Thanksgiving meal.

Today's Worship Ministers

November 17, 2024

Acolyte – Sandy Butch
Altar Guild – Fran Heslin, Tracy Schellhaas, Donna Kennedy
Assisting Minister – Joe Bleier
Coffee Hour Hosts – Maria Skrilec, *Kathy Coffin, Carol Quirk, Kathy Gerhard, Jean Finn, Joan Erb
Communion Assistants – Karen Favinger, Nancy Kostas
Counters – *Donna Machin, Tom Starrett, Bill Schellhaas
Flower Delivery – Christine Horoschock
Greeters – George & Linda Baltz
Key Attendant – Barry Sterner
Lector – Cliff Ousley
Ushers – Rich Romig, Steve Pecsek

November 24, 2024

Acolyte – Joe Bleier
Altar Guild – Fran Heslin, Tracy Schellhaas, Donna Kennedy
Assisting Minister – Loree Kuhns
Coffee Hour Hosts – Tracy Schellhaas, Joni Schmidt, Loree Kuhns, Cheryl Achey, Diane Case
Communion Assistants – Tony Villani, Stacy Stocker
Counters – Pat Little, Mary Bender, Dolores Kennedy
Flower Delivery – Karen Favinger
Greeters – Tracy Schellhaas, Nancy Kostas
Key Attendant – Barry Sterner
Lector – Michel Lloyd
Ushers – Dolores Kennedy, Pat & Ed Little

11/10/2024 Attendance: 110

11/10/2024 Offering: \$3,951

This Week at BT@R

Sunday, November 17th:

9:30am Worship & Baptism

Monday, November 18th: Office Closed

12:00 Ladies Luncheon (Perkins, W 3rd St)

7:00pm Dart Team Away (Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church)

Tuesday, November 19th:

7:00pm Scout Troop Meeting (Lower-Level Hall)

Wednesday, November 20th:

9:00am Christian Service Women (Laros Hall)

Saturday, November 23rd:

Lower-Level Hall Rental

Sunday, November 24th: Christ the King

9:30am Worship with Trumpet and Timpani

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Fall and Holiday Happenings

Sunday, November 24th: Christ the King Sunday

9:30am Worship with Trumpet and Timpani

Thursday, November 28th: Thanksgiving Day: Office Closed

Friday, November 29th: Office Closed

Sunday, December 1st:

9:30am Worship

10:45am Congregational Meeting followed by a Luncheon

Wednesday, December 4th:

6:00pm Advent Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayer

Sunday, December 8th: Pantry Sunday

9:30am Worship, Congregational Council Meeting,
Christmas Card Signing

Wednesday, December 11th:

6:00pm Advent Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayer

Saturday, December 14th: Wreaths Across America

Wednesday, December 18th:

6:00pm Advent Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 24th: Christmas Eve

4:00pm music, 4:30pm worship

7:00pm music, 7:30pm worship

December 25th-30th: Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1st: Happy New Year! Office Closed