

*Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church  
of South Newstead  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
Christ The King*



Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

**PRELUDE – WELCOME –  
ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Please stand as you are able*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**ALL: you have shown us the ways of your heart,  
yet we stray from your paths.**

**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression  
and do not embrace the freedom  
of your faithful promises.**

**We ignore our neighbors.**

**We exploit the earth.**

**We reject your abundance,  
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**

**Repair our relationships,  
restore what we have broken,  
renew our hearts,  
and bring us to new life.**

**Amen.**

L: Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you,

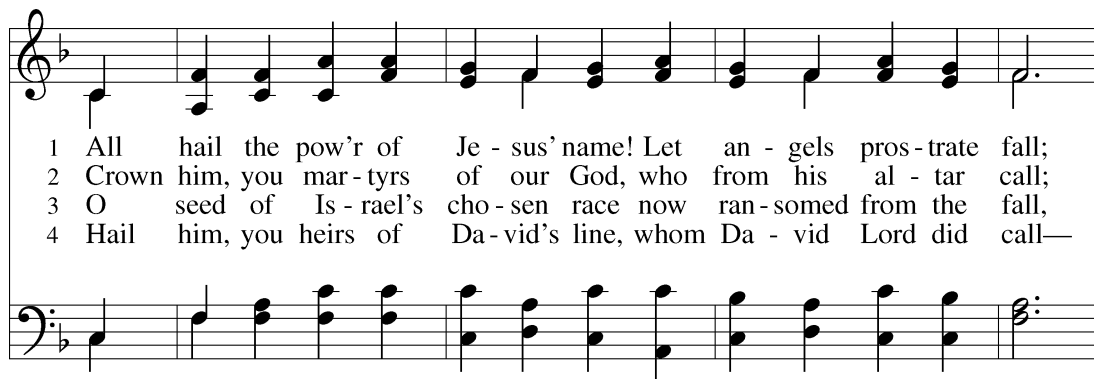
☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

**ALL: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (vs 1-4)- Green Book 328**

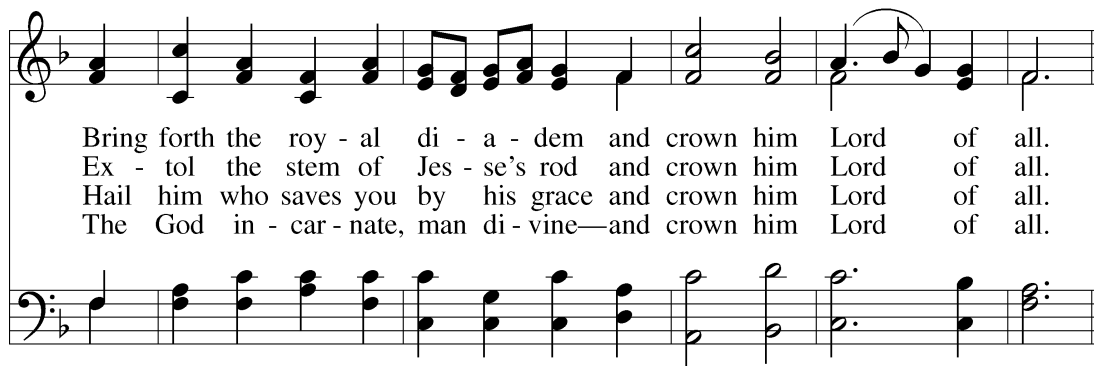
# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call;  
 3 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
 4 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod and crown him Lord of all.  
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.



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5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
 the wormwood and the gall,  
 go spread your trophies at his feet  
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
 on this terrestrial ball  
 to him all majesty ascribe  
 and crown him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
 we at his feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–5; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 6–7  
 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

## \*GREETING:

L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## \*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us




free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.


*Refrain*




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

L: Let us pray,

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

L: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM: 46**

L: <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**ALL: <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

L: <sup>3</sup> though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**ALL: <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

L: <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

**ALL: <sup>6</sup> The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

L: <sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**ALL: <sup>8</sup> Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

L: <sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

**ALL: <sup>10</sup> "Be still, then, and know that I am God;**

**I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

L: <sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

L: <sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done

nothing wrong.”<sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”<sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN’S TIME

**SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill**

### HYMN OF THE DAY: Blessing and Honor – Green Book : 525

*Please stand as you are able*

#### Blessing and Honor



1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r,  
2 Let all the heav - ens re - sound with his name;  
3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,  
4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb!



wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,  
let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.  
ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;  
Take we the robe and the harp and the psalm;



of - fer to him who our bat - tle has won,  
O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flow'r  
bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise—  
sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,



whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne;  
ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r;  
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;  
dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign;



whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!  
ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.  
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.  
Music: AMERICAN HYMN, Matthias Keller, 1813–1875



## APOSTLES CREED

L: L: We are God's people. Joining together, let us confess our faith:

**ALL: 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 power of 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

L: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. We especially pray for Trinity and for Zion Lutheran Church in Gasport. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick (*especially...*). Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: We give thanks for all who have died in faith (*especially...*). May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: We know you hear our needs even when our sighs are too deep for words to express them.  
We lift these needs up to you in this time of silent prayer.

*A moment for silent prayer.*

L: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**ALL: And also with you.**

*You are invited to greet your neighbors  
with a sign of Christ's peace.  
Please be seated*

### **OFFERING**



**SCAN ME**

*Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to [trinitysouthnewstead.org/give](http://trinitysouthnewstead.org/give). We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day*

*Please stand as you are able*

### **CHOIR ANTHEM: Give Thanks**

**With musical accompaniment by Julie Conschafter**

Music and lyrics by Henry Smith Copyright 1978 Integrity Hosanna Music

Please stand if you are able

## OFFERTORY

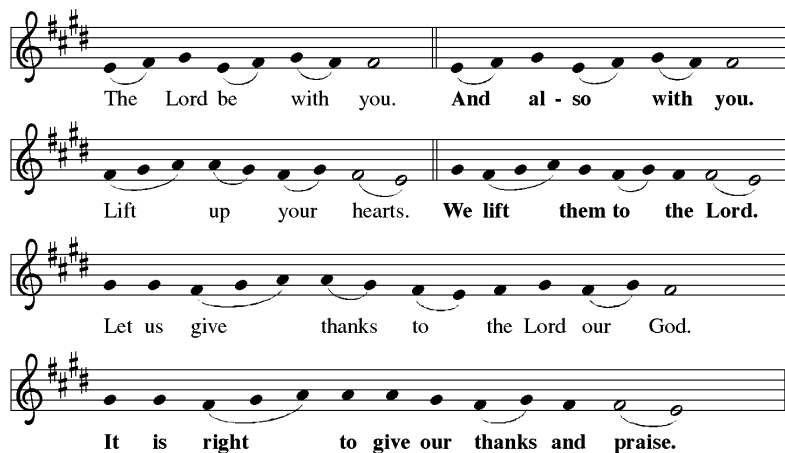


Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and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

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray together,  
God of healing and hope,  
**ALL: you bless those who are hungry,  
promising to fill them with good things.  
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.  
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast  
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.**

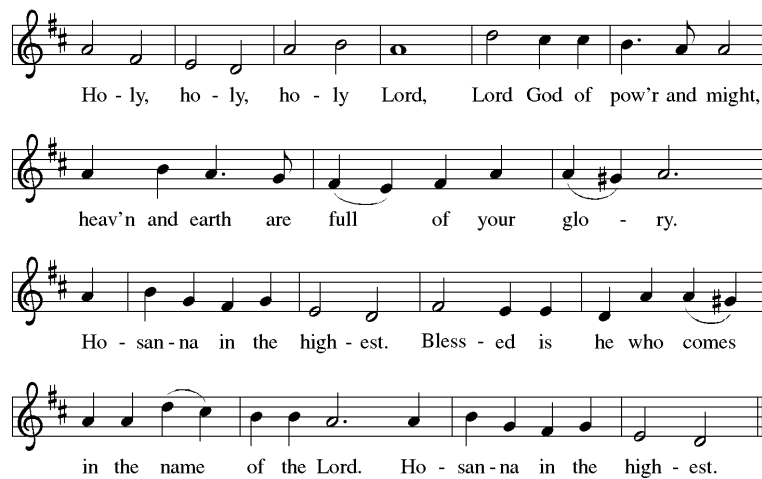
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al-so 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 our thanks and praise.

L: 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;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.*

### COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb Of God

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

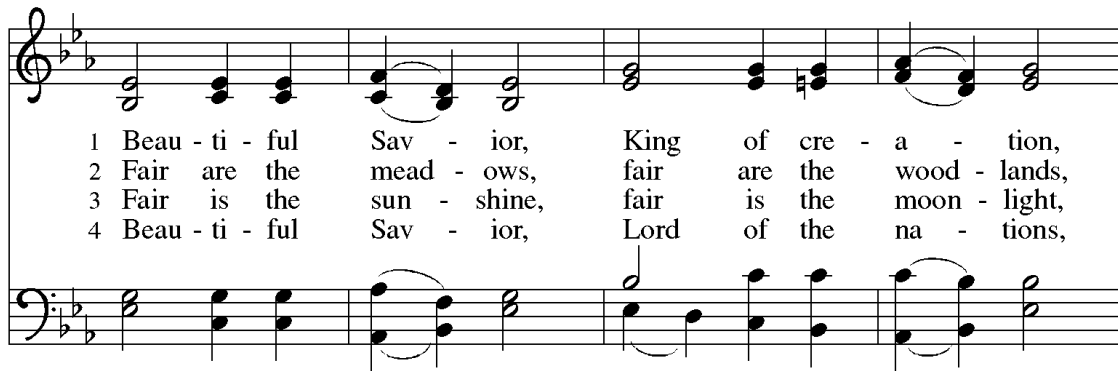
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### COMMUNION HYMN: Beautiful Savior

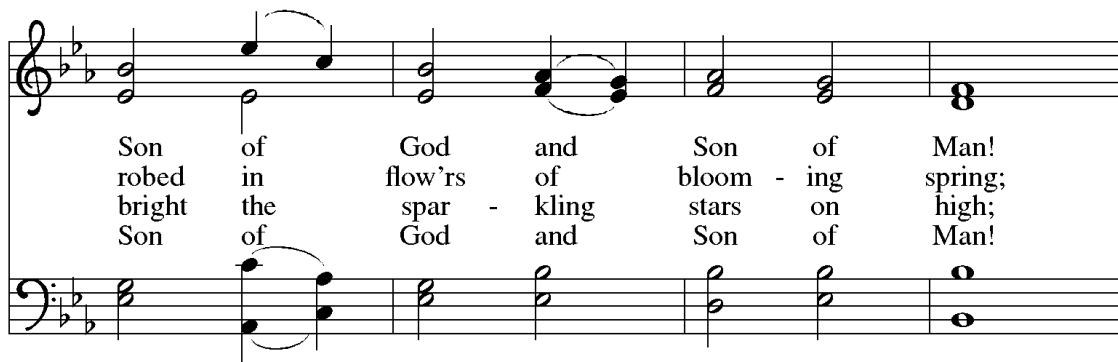
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*To be sung during the distribution of communion*

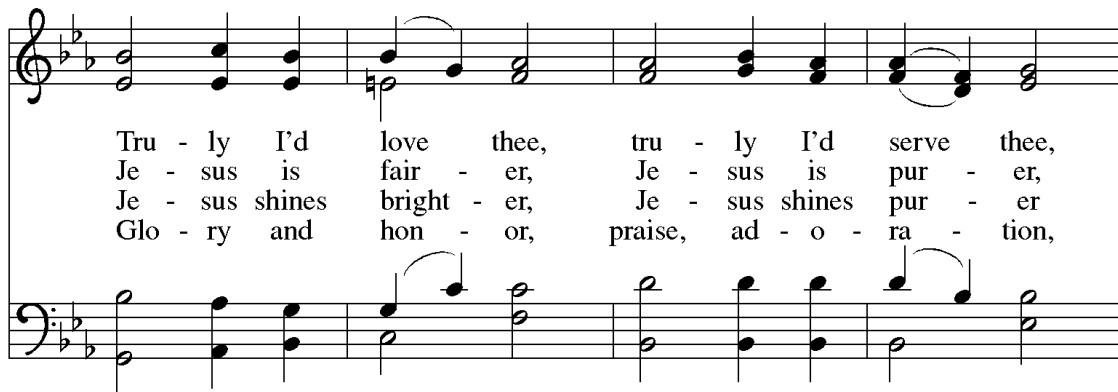
# Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;  
 bright in the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

**COMMUNION HYMN** – *by request, if needed*  
*Please stand as you are able*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **ALL: Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L: God of field and flower, wheat and grape,

**ALL: you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.**

**Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.**

**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

L: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,

God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **ALL: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: Soon and Very Soon**  
**Blue Book: 744**

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, share the harvest.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**About Today's Readings:**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

*Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.*

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20**

*An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.*

**Gospel: Luke 23:33-43**

*Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Please Hold in Prayer:

*To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list in the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. If you would like your prayer concern to be shared through our One Call system, please call Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095.*

***We pray for healing, strength and patience for those we love going through difficult times:***

Dale Kruschke  
Harold Gardner  
Donna Kumpf  
Kate Crampton  
Nancy Peters (Harold's sister)  
Bob Widenan  
David Kennedy\Sharon Ferraro  
Sherri (Mary Lou's friend)  
Rachael Pastuszynski  
David Kennedy  
Paula Jendrowski  
Ronda Lauridsen

***We pray for patience, strength and support for the families and friends of:***

Shawn McCormick  
Anne Lauridsen  
Dave Urbanski  
Ann Hake

### **Weekly:**

Choir rehearsal at 8:30am  
Sunday worship at 9:30  
Sunday School at 10:45 – NO SS Nov 30  
Thursdays at 10am Bible Study (see Bible Study list for location) Please note – no Bible Study on Thanksgiving

### **Food Pantry:**

First Monday of the Month: Food Pantry setup @ 8am  
First Tuesday of the month: Food Pantry distribution @ 8am  
**Christmas schedule:** December 1<sup>st</sup> setup, December 2<sup>nd</sup> distribution. December 15<sup>th</sup> setup, December 16<sup>th</sup> distribution.

If you are in need of food before the thanksgiving pickup, Akron Free Methodist Church has food. Their address is 6 Scotland Rd, near the 5 corners. 716-542-2644

**Counters:** November: Jennifer Kleparek, December: Marilyn

**Council:** December 9 at 7:00



**Office Info: Pastor Rick:** Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

**Tracy:** Tuesdays: 9:30-2:30, Thursdays: remote

Call, text or email any time.

*Tracy will be away for Thanksgiving from 11/24-11/30*

## Upcoming

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** – Community Thanksgiving service at Akron First United Methodist

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** – Chowder and Rummage Sale Debrief meeting following worship

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Decorating Party 10:00am

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** – Chrismon Sunday – **also the last day to order Poinsettias AND – Women's Group at noon! Christmas Chitchat!**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** – Sunday School Parents' meeting 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up (During SS hour)

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve Services – 10am and 7pm

### Rummage Sale

Thank you to all who donated, set up and cleaned up from the rummage sale!

**We brought in \$1527!**

Now comes the fun part. We need to deliver the remaining boxes to Goodwill or Salvation army. We have some volunteers spearheading it – If you need to get in the church, please call Ronda and she will come with her key and help you load. If there are items that are not sellable, Gordy Dorr volunteered to take those for trash. Tracy Dorr is going to take as many boxes as possible each Tuesday. If you think you can help, grab a box or see any of those folks! Thank you!

### Bible Study

Trinity is part of the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study. Consider this your invitation to join, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith.

Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches:

**-November 27<sup>th</sup>** – off for Thanksgiving

**-December 4<sup>th</sup>** – Zion Lutheran-4447 Central ave Gasport

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** – St. John's 10213 Roosevelt Highway, Lyndonville, 14098

**December 18<sup>th</sup>** – Here at Trinity!

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** – no Bible Study

**January 1<sup>st</sup>** – No Bible Study

### **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service**

Akron First United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, and Trinity Lutheran Church are teaming up to offer an ecumenical **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service** on **Monday evening, November 24th at 7 pm**. The service will be at Akron First UMC on Church St. in Akron.

Join us for an evening of reflection, gratitude and unity. A freewill offering will be taken of monetary donations, canned fruit, and ready-to-eat canned meals (think ravioli, stew, etc.) to support the Akron-Newstead Food Pantry as it responds a significant increase of need in our community.

### **Poinsettia Orders**

It's time already! Order forms are in the narthex and are due no later than **December 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**WI-FI:** To access our community wifi, go to 'Trinity Guest' on your device, and then when prompted, enter the password:  
BeABeacon

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*Akron, NY 14001*  
**716-542-9828**

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