Weekly Calendar					
SUNDAY,	11/16	8:15am 9:30am 9:15am 10:45am	ENT SUNDAY"DEDICATION OF GIVING" WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUNG AT HEART MEETING WORSHIP WITH DEAF INTERPRETER CHRISTMAS DECORATING CHURCH OUTSIDE		
MONDAY,	11/17	6:00рм	DOORS OPEN /6:00PM COMMUNITY MEAL PRAYER GROUP BIBLE STUDY		
TUESDAY,	11/18	7:00рм	CHOIR		
WEDNESDA	y, 11/19	7:00рм	Women's Faith and Friendship		
THURSDAY,	11/20	4:00PM	Bible Study Dinner for First Responders P Night Parade—Youth serving Hot Cocoa		
FRIDAY,	11/21				
SATURDAY,	11/22				
SUNDAY,	11/23	9:30am 10:45am	Worship Sunday School I Worship Christmas Decorating Church Inside		

Scrapbooking .... All are welcome to join us for Scrapbooking in the Miller Parlor- November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

Dedication of the new organ .... Will take place in the new year, date to be determined.

2026 Church Directory .... Any updates to addresses or phone numbers can be emailed to office@htlc.church for the new Directory that will be available early 2026.

# Welcome Members and Visitors today!

#### Donate Today—Seton Hill Christmas Gifts!

As part of our social outreach for Christmas, Holy Trinity is sponsoring 5 children and their siblings from the Seton Hill Daycare (this is the daycare located in our building). The Seton Hill Daycare is a Head Start Program which offers childcare services from ages birth to 5 years old for low-income families.

We will be collecting donations through November 30<sup>th</sup>. We will accept cash or checks (payable to Holy Trinity with "Seton Hill Christmas gifts" written in the memo). There will be a collection box in the narthex to drop your money in (look for it on the table along with the weekly prayer requests). Whatever amount you would like to donate is appreciated!

# Decorating for Christmas....

Please join us **TODAY to decorate the OUTSIDE of our church at 1:00PM** and then on November 23rd to decorate the INSIDE of our church at 1:00PM.

#### Bible Studies..... Join us anytime!

Monday night Bible Study meets at 7:00PM. We will be discussing the Council of Nicea - which celebrates its 1700th anniversary this year!

**Thursday Bible Study** meets at Noon in the Miller Parlor. Topic: Who is Jesus?

#### Altar Flowers.....

Suggestions for new florists: Zanarini's in Jeannette, Lea's in East McKeesport and Logan's in **Madison**. Please note, if you have altar flowers, your florist must call the office to schedule flower delivery during office hours. Young at Heart... will meet for breakfast today Sunday, November 16, at 9:30 AM. Presenter will be Daniel Randolph, our ASL interpreter for worship services several times per month. He will talk about his ministry at Holy Trinity and, with his wife, Shannon, will offer time of sharing sign language. See Pastor John if you plan to attend or email him at outreach@htlc.church.

November Community Meal... Monday, Nov. 17th
Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM.
Please see Pastor John if you have donations.
Please sign up if you can help!

#### Women's Faith and Fellowship .....

Will meet Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

We will be having a packing party (shoeboxes provided!)

for Operation Christmas Child.

All women of the church are welcome to attend!

Operation Christmas Child .... Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Boxes are available in the Narthex for you to take and return by November 23.

Or ladies, join us at women's group on November 19 for a packing party!

Theology on Tap ..... will meet Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Manor Grille.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP					
	8:15	10:45			
Assisting Minister	Maria Clark	Jodi Waugaman			
Communion	Joe Thomas	Eric Walt			
Assistants	Chris Karpinsky	Lisa Lucotch			
Lector	Rick Bavolek	Anne Coiner			
Acolyte	Garrett Fennell	Josie Lucotch			
Greeters		Andrea & Brian Smith			
Altar Guild					

Set-up Saturday, No	v. 15	Kim Rogers and Bob Billstone
Sunday, Nov. 16	8:15	Rochelle Belak
	10:45	Kim Rogers and Bob Billstone
Set-up Saturday, No	v. 22	Rochelle Belak
Sunday, Nov. 23	8:15	Doug and Vicki Hillier
	10:45	Doug and Nancy Woodring

#### **Food Pantry**

2025 Distribution Dates: Dec. 13

Items needed currently, special requests:

Pancake mix Maple Syrup Sugar cookie mix Liquid soap

Canned frosting Candy Laundry detergent

Items always requested:

Mac & cheese/pasta Applesauce Baked beans Canned fruit Canned tuna Cereal Granola bars Pasta Sauce

Oatmeal Paper Towels Peanut butter & Jelly

Potato/rice mix Pudding Cups Toilet Paper Cheese Crackers Cake/muffin/brownie mix

Chef Boyardee Canned Vegetables

Many thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" in the subject line on your check or you may use one of the pew envelopes. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comast.net

#### Worship Plan for Sunday, November 16, 2025

Lectionary 33
Proper 28
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Two
Sunday, November 16, 2025

#### Introduction to the day

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Pastor

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\pm$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

\*GATHERING SONG Lift High the Cross #660

# Lift High the Cross



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#### \*GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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

And also with you.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our gifts.

We are celebrating the gifts we give to this church, the pledges we are making for the upcoming year.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our community.

We are celebrating the love and support that we give to one another; the constant quest that we are on to be united by God's grace.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our future.

We are celebrating a future full of outreach, a future full of service, a future full of worship and a future full of growth. We are celebrating a future with hope.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our visions.

We are celebrating the visions of those who have come before us, the visions that brought us to where we are today and the visions that we see today for the future.

Let us gather in celebration!

Let us worship God!

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day. Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.** 

#### FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

<sup>1</sup> See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup> But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 98**

- <sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- <sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- <sup>3</sup> You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- <sup>4</sup> Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- <sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- <sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.
- <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.
  - <sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

#### **SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup> This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do

their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

# Celtic Mass Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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#### \*GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

The holy gospel according to Luke.



As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup> "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup> And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

12 "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls." The gospel of the Lord.



#### Children's Sermon

#### **SERMON**

# Litany of Commitment to God's Word Pastor.

The Lord God in his goodness has seen fit to call us together as the Church of Jesus Christ at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. On this day I invite you to commit yourselves and your whole lives to God's holy word and loving purpose for you and for the Church, so that our lives may be enriched and the work of our hands blessed.

AM: Almighty and Everlasting God, we give You thanks this day as we gather the pledges of support for Your Church in the coming year. We bring them before You with eager anticipation and hope.

Hear us, O God, as we give You our thanks and praise.

AM: For those whose lives have been touched by Your Spirit, who have increased their commitment,

#### We give You thanks and praise.

AM: For those who are responding to Your creative grace by pledging for the first time,

#### We give You thanks and praise.

AM: For those who are tithing, and even exceeding a tithe,

#### We give You thanks and praise

AM: For those whose lives are in transition or turmoil and who feel they cannot pledge, but who continue to be a vital part of our community,

# We give You thanks and praise and we pray for calm in their lives.

AM: For committee workers who have labored in this effort to enable Your people to make a pledge of support for Your Church,

#### We give You thanks and praise.

AM: That each one of us, and Your whole Church, become more faithful to the call of service in Jesus Christ,

#### We ask Your continuing guidance and care.

AM: That these pledges may emerge as real gifts, thereby enabling the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ to move forward through this congregation and the Church Universal,

In the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to this action. Amen.

\*HYMN OF THE DAY Lead Me, Guide Me #768 Lord You Give the Great Commission #579

During the hymn, please bring your Pledge Cards forward and place them in the baskets before the altar.

# Lead Me, Guide Me

768



# Lord, You Give the Great Commission



# **Dedication of Pledges & Commitments**

# **Pastor**

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you.

#### **Amen**

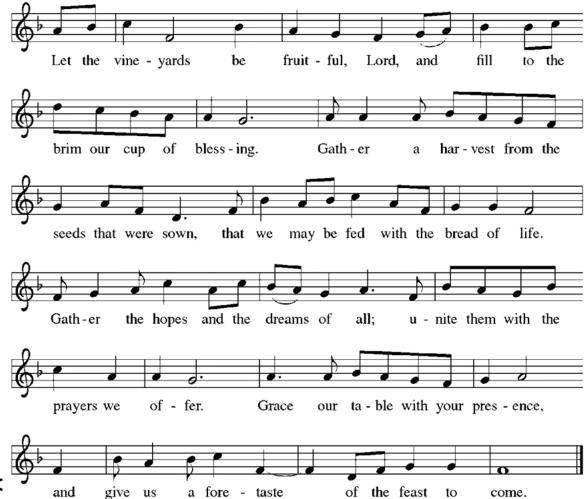
#### \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

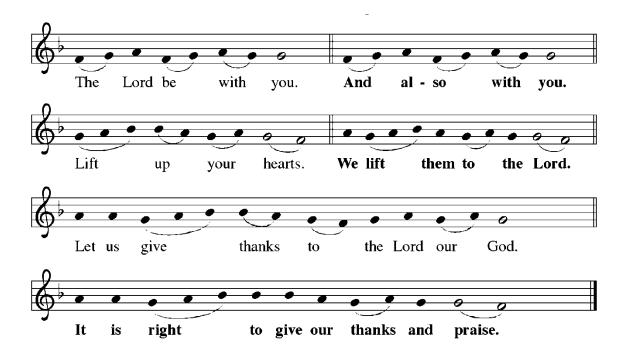
#### **OFFERING**

Choir Anthem: Graves into Gardens

#### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE



and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come. Lord or the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to ds. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are in need, though Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 



#### \*PREFACE



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# \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ho - ly, God of. Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, and might, pow-er heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Но the san - na in high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Но -

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#### \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

in

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You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

high - est.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



#### \*LORD'S PRAYER Pastor

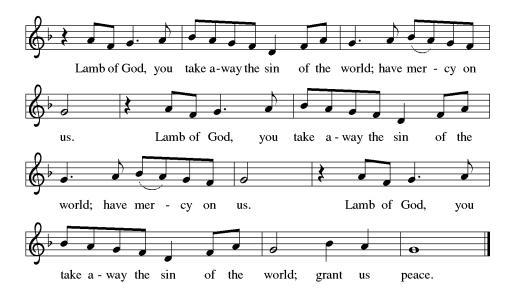
# Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 Pastor

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

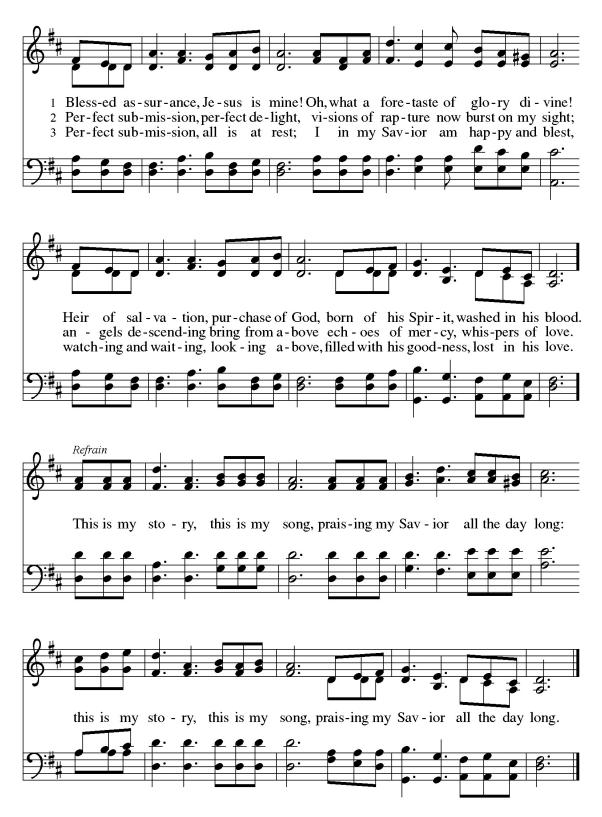
#### **COMMUNION SONG**



#### **Communion**

Hymn During Communion: Blessed Assurance #638

# **Blessed Assurance**



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

#### \*COMMUNION BLESSING Pastor

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

#### **\*SONG AFTER COMMUNION**



#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION assisting minister

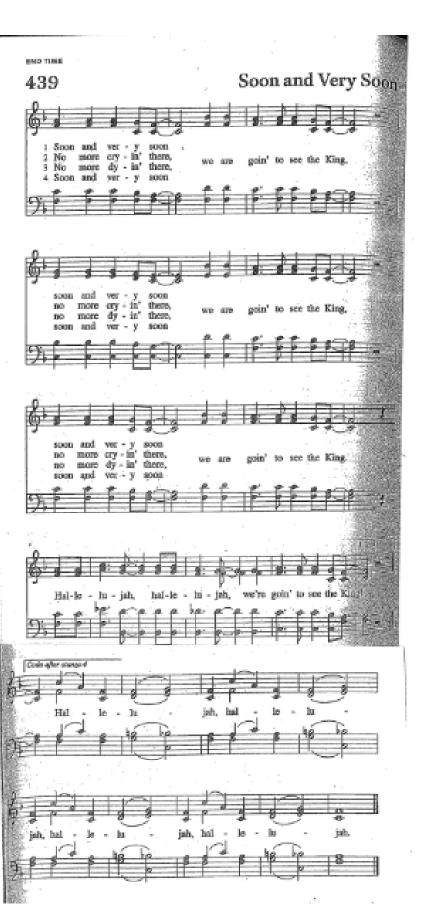
Let us pray.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

#### \*BENEDICTION Pastor

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.** 

# \*SENDING SONG Soon and Very Soon #439



\*DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

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