

News from Christ & Trinity

November 2025

Monthly Newsletter

From Pastor Anne

Sent Out

In the Good News from John, chapter 20, verses 19-23 we read the story of Jesus' appearance to his disciples following his resurrection. Jesus greeted his disciples with these words *Peace be with you. As the father has sent me, so I send you.* This is just one of the sending stories found in the Gospels. Jesus' time with his followers was, in so many ways, their preparation to be sent out into the world carrying on his ministry of preaching, healing, offering forgiveness and transforming the world with his love.

We practice this preparation every time we gather for worship. We come together to praise God, to hear the Word proclaimed and preached, to pray for ourselves and for the world, to confess, to fellowship, and to share the thanksgiving meal of Holy Communion. All of this is preparation for the moment when we will, once again, be sent out.

As worship concludes, we are dismissed and sent out, with these or similar words: *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.* We are sent out into the world to be the eyes and ears and hands and feet and heart of Jesus. It is an emotional moment for me, and I have been reflecting on that.

I see so much in each of you. I see your gifts and skills. I see your joys and sorrows. I see the heart you have for people and your compassion for our neighbors. I see your commitment and your faith. I see people who are a blessing to one another, to the world, and to me. Sometimes I see all of that through a few tears.

The old familiar hymn attributed to John Fawcett (1786) says so beautifully what we are about as we are dismissed from worship and sent into the world.

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace;
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

May we each be refreshed and ready for all our travels, bearing the love of God in Christ with us as we go.
Peace, *Pastor Anne*

All Saints Sunday

We will observe the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, November 2nd. The list of those who have died since last All Saints' Day will be read as a part of the prayers of the Church. Worshippers will be invited to come forward to light a candle in memory of a loved one who has joined the saints in light.

Preparing the Church for Advent

We will work together to prepare the Church for Advent on Sunday, November 16th after worship. Please make plans to stay and help with the festive preparation of our sanctuary. Many hands make for light work.

Blessing of Veterans

Christ and Trinity will offer our thanksgiving for veterans on Sunday, Nov. 9th. A blessing will be offered for all who have served our country through military service. Please join us in thanking veterans for their service to our nation and for the freedoms with which we are blessed.

Time, Talent and Treasure

A stewardship letter and pledge form was sent out last month. There are also copies available in the fellowship hall. Please prayerfully and intentionally consider your pledge of time, talent, and treasure to the Church.

We will offer our pledges of time, talent, and treasure to God during worship on Sunday, November 16th. You may mail your form to the Church or place it in the offering plate on any Sunday.

Empty Bowls Fundraiser

We will host the 2nd Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser to benefit Open Door on Saturday, November 15th from 5-7pm in the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$25/adult, and includes a handmade or unique bowl, soup or chili, homemade bread, dessert and drink. (Children's tickets are \$10 and do not include a bowl.) Linda Jo Huber will provide piano music. There will be door prize drawings throughout the evening and a silent auction.

Sign up in the fellowship hall to help with homemade soups, breads, and desserts. We also need volunteers to help serve at the event and a clean-up crew. Setup for the event is Friday, November 14th at 2pm.

If you have questions, please talk to Beth Olson (666-270-7491) or Pr. Anne. Help us spread the word about this event. Tickets and flyers are available in the fellowship hall.

WELCA Thankoffering

The WELCA Thankoffering will be collected on Sunday, November 30th. These funds are used to support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization. There will be special blue envelopes available to designate donations. They may be put in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mailed to the church. If checks are written, make them payable to Christ and Trinity.

Announcements

- Pastor Anne will offer laying on of hands and prayers for healing on Sunday, November 2nd following worship.
- Set your clocks back 1 hour before bedtime Saturday night, November 1st.
- Pastor Anne will be out of the office November 6-13. Pr. Harv Sanders will preach and preside on November 9th.
- December newsletter items are due to the secretary by November 24th.
- Feed the Hungry Sunday is on Sunday, November 30th. We are collecting canned vegetables this month for Open Door.
- We will collect the Noisy Offering on Sunday, November 30th. Bring your coins (and bills) and make some noise for ELCA World Hunger.
- The church office is closed November 26-28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Join us for Bible study on Wednesday November 5th and 19th at 6:30 pm. We will continue our study on Proverbs. You may join by using the following Zoom link or by calling the phone number and entering the meeting ID and passcode. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5381659387?pwd=dIBWOTdGKzZFWkJER0xLbUxgem1aZz09>

Meeting ID: 538 165 9387, Passcode: 2101

Or, phone in by dialing 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 538 165 9387 Passcode: 2101

Warming Shelter

Pastor Anne is leading a warming shelter team again this year. Our team is made up of folks from several Churches and will serve 3 times a month on pre-assigned nights IF the weather meets the threshold for opening the shelter. Want to serve or find out more? Talk to Pr. Anne.

News from the Church Council

The council met October 19th. Larry Barnes and Mike Olson are working on a revised safety plan. Mission and Ministry reported that they have distributed \$1,000 to the ELCA organization which provides quilts to those in need. Plans for worship on November 23rd were set- see article about shared worship for Christ the King Sunday. LYO event plans were shared.

Poinsettia Order

Each year we enjoy having poinsettias to decorate the altar at our Christmas Eve candlelight service. You may purchase a poinsettia to remember or to honor a loved one. They are \$11 each. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 30th. Please make checks payable to "Christ and Trinity" and place in the secretary's mailbox. Following the Christmas Eve service, you may take your poinsettia home to enjoy.

Shared Worship on November 23rd

We will worship at Calvary Episcopal on Sunday, November 23rd. The service will be at 10:00 am and a Thanksgiving luncheon will follow. Bishop Amy Meaux will be with us and is looking forward to meeting our Lutheran friends! Please watch for the luncheon sign up. The meat dish will be provided. Life is better together!

Ladies Bible Study

Join us for an hour of Bible study led by Pastor Anne in the fellowship hall. We'll meet on Thursday November 20 at 2:00 pm. All women are welcomed. Ladies from Calvary will also be attending. Copies of the Bible study will be available.

2026 Altar Flowers

The sign-up sheet for altar flowers is posted in the fellowship hall. Altar flowers are \$20 for two arrangements. On the day of your donation, take your flowers after worship and enjoy them in your home, or give them to someone special.

Please fill out an altar flower form, located just below the sign-up sheet, to ensure that your flower donation is acknowledged in the bulletin. Forms and payments may be placed in the secretary's mailbox. Note: Make checks payable to Christ and Trinity.

Praying Our Way Forward

As we discern together our best way forward as a congregation, I ask for all of us to be in prayer for God's hand in all that is before us and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. *O God, you have drawn us together into this community of faithful disciples. Help us to keep following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever we are. We ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit and for the wisdom and strength to follow where the Spirit guides us. In Jesus' name. Amen!*



Prayer Requests

Greg and Tricia Wehrman, Mike Kyle, Floyd Hatfield, Helen Ewing, Marlyn Kern, Ryan Peters, Amanda, Kerry, Connie Shoemaker, Lavern, Scott Arnold, Rick Morrison, Gerald Hunton, Carol Benner, Gwen Eppenauer.

Continue to pray for our home-bound members: Sandra Graf and Val Hoon.

Let us also remember Getayawckal Ariaya from Ethiopia, and Mouniratou from Burkina Faso; and those who serve our country in the armed services, peace corps and missions.

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Jimmy Hemme
- 2 Matilyn Hayes
- 5 Elda Bryson
- 10 Martin Luther
- 16 Linda Jo Huber

Happy Anniversary!

- 17 David & Lauren Cox
- 30 Glen & Helen Ewing

A Single Thought

If you are a Christian, you are not a citizen of this world trying to get to heaven; you are a citizen of heaven making your way through this world.

-Vance Havner



from Pastor Anne and Kay

Readings for Sundays in November

November 2 – All Saints Sunday

- Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18
- Psalm 149
- Ephesians 1: 11-23
- Luke 6: 20-31

November 9 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

- Job 19: 23-27a
- Psalm 17: 1-9
- 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17
- Luke 20: 27-38

November 16 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

- Malachi 4: 1-2a
- Psalm 98
- 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13
- Luke 21: 5-19

November 23 – Christ the King

- Jeremiah 23: 1-6
- Psalm 46
- Colossians 1: 11-20
- Luke 23: 33-43

Held at Calvary Episcopal – 10:00 am

November 30 – 1st Sunday of Advent

- Isaiah 2: 1-5
- Psalm 122
- Romans 13: 11-14
- Matthew 24: 36-44

Thank You

Thank you Christ & Trinity for the wonderful anniversary celebration! I truly appreciate the lovely reception, flowers, cards, the framed certificate, and the beautiful bracelet. Your friendship and support are such a blessing to me. With gratitude, Debbie