Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.
Let us pray. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Children's Message

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

A reading from Amos.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 70

The lector and the assembly speak the psalm responsively.

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

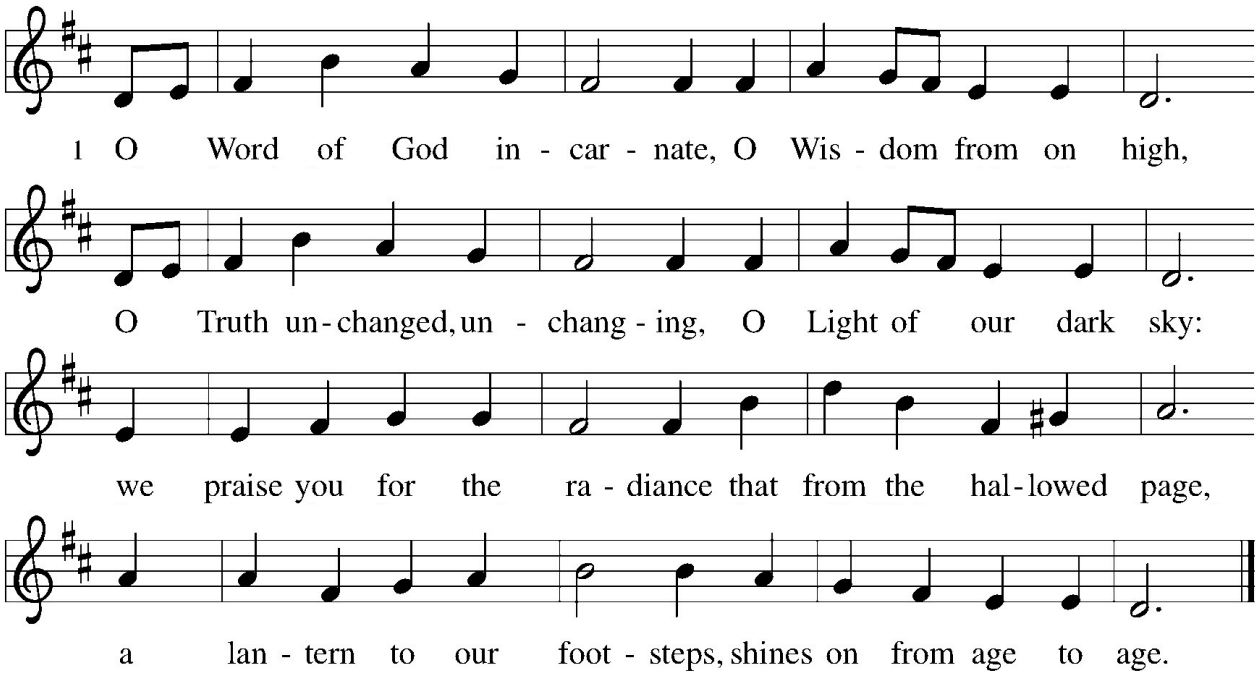
A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

[Paul writes:] 13We 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. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 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. 16 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. 17 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. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Gospel Acclamation ELW 514 *O Word of God Incarnate* (v.1)

The assembly stands and sings the Alleluia to welcome the Holy Gospel.



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 Whirl Story Bible pg. 262

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took
their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were
wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took
flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy
and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to
meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish
said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 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.' 10 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. 11
Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied,
'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day
nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon Rev. Pauline Farrington

A period of silence follows the preaching for prayer and reflection.

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

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The Assembly stands to proclaim the Word in song.

Hymn of the Day ELW 436 *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

Stewarding Ministry Commitment Sunday

Today we, as the community of Trinity, commit our time, talents, and treasures to the stewardship of our ministry together in 2027.

During the offertory, you're invited to bring your commitment cards to place at the foot of Christ's table of grace.

If you need commitment cards, please signal the usher. *(Alternately, you may mail them or drop them off at the church office, in the next few weeks.)*

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." *(1 Peter 4.10).*

When we use our various spiritual gifts to serve others, God's grace is revealed in various ways. When we don't use our gifts, which have been given to us "*for the common good*" *(1 Corinthians 12.7)*, God's work is not thwarted, but rather, we miss out on the joy and privilege of participating.

Through our personal participation in the ministries of the church our spiritual life is enhanced and flourishes. It is our prayer that your spiritual life will flourish through your participation in the ministries of Trinity in 2027 and beyond.

Our liturgy continues on page 9 of the worship booklet.