

L: Hungry God, you make us one...when we are ready to give up.  
 C: **Hungry God, you are our Sustaining God: make us one.**  
 L: Sustaining God, shine your love within us.  
 C: **Seed Planting God, let the world know your love.**  
 L: Nurturing God, strengthen us in this mission.  
 C: **Harvest God, let the world reap your love. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“Adagio”*  
 Trinity Handbells

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 780 (NCH)  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below;  
 Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
 Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Hungry God, whose glory we glimpse, make us one. May we become completely one through the giving of these gifts and offerings with all our neighbors in need. Amen.**

*We Are Sent by God to be the Good News*

\* CLOSING HYMN *“Lead On Eternal Sovereign”* 573 NCH

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE  
*“I Love You with the Love of the Lord”*  
 (Please join hands as we sing)

*Oh, I love you with the love of the Lord.  
 Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord.  
 I can see in you the glory of my King,  
 and I love you with the love of the Lord.*

\* POSTLUDE  
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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 November 13, 2011  
 Matthew 25:14-30

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Jesus’ statement, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,” may sound familiar, but if we don’t read it with care we might reverse the statement through a kind of scriptural dyslexia. We might read it to say, “Where your heart is, there will your treasure be also.” That would make sense to us because much of the time our dollars follow our heart’s lead. We give to what matters to us. But that isn’t what Jesus said.

That’s the appeal you hear over and over again from, say, National Public Radio or your

alma mater: If you care about this institution, you will write a check. In other words,

“Where your heart is, there will your treasure be also.” But Jesus didn’t say that.

Jesus is speaking of a different dynamic: Give and spend where you want your heart to be, and then let your heart catch up. Don’t just give to those things you care about. Give to the things you want to care about. Ask yourself, “If I were the sort of person I long to be, then what would I do? How would I spend my money?” Then, do what you would do if you were that sort of person. Put your treasure where you want your heart to be. And if you do, says Jesus, your heart will go there. If you want to care more about the kind of car you drive, buy an expensive one. If you want to care more about property values, remodel your house. But if you want to grow in your faith, bring an offering to God. Wherever your treasure is, your heart is sure to follow.

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**Bell Ringers Needed:** There is a signup sheet in the narthex for Trinity’s very own day of bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Our day is Wednesday, December 7. Sign up early to get “your pick” of time slots. You can sign up individually, with a friend or as a family. Please also jot down a phone number for a reminder call. If you’ve already read the November Link on line, that date for this event is incorrect. It is December 7th; NOT December 17th.



*Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship  
 Consecration Sunday*

November 13, 2011 10:30 A.M.  
 \* Those who are able are invited to stand “Black” New Century Hymnal (NCH)  
 “Red” Evangelical & Reformed Hymnal (E & R)

Please wear your nametag in worship.  
 Please fill-out the pew register (including children!) and pass it down the pew.  
 At the end of the row pass it back and note the names of those who are sharing your pew so that you might greet them after worship.

Please note prayer requests on the cards found in your pew and pass to the center aisle during the first hymn.  
 A nursery is available during worship for ages 0-2. We also have a beginners’ room for ages 3 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Please contact an usher for directions if necessary.

*We Gather as God’s People*

WELCOME /ANNOUNCEMENTS RJ Nagy

PRELUDE “”  
*“So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.”*  
 (Psalm 90.12)

INTROIT  
 Leader: Our help is in the name of the Holy One,  
**Cong: who made heaven and earth.**  
 Leader: As we have gathered here to worship, let us stand and greet one another in the love of Christ.

\* HYMN *“This is the Day”* 84 NCH  
 (twice through—**sing second time only**)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Peg Hegbar

L: Come, Hungry God:  
 C: **Rattle our hearts.**  
 L: Come, Hungry God:  
 C: **Demand our attention.**  
 L: Come, Hungry God:  
 C: **Reveal a hungry world.**  
 L: Come, Hungry God:  
 C: **Make your voice heard.**  
 L: Come, Hungry God:  
 C: **Loosen our hearts.**

L: Come, Hungry God:  
 C: **Feed our imaginations.**  
 L: Come, Hungry God:  
 C: **Nourish our courage.**  
 L: Come, Hungry God:  
 C: **As you are in Christ, and Christ is in us, make us one.**  
 L: In your hunger for beauty, justice and fullness of life:  
 C: **Make us one! Come, Hungry God, come!**

\* OPENING HYMN 587 NCH

*“Through All the World, a Hungry Christ”, (tune 300)*

1. *Through all the world, a hungry Christ  
 must scavenge for daily bread,  
 Must beg the rich for crumb and crust  
 We are the rich, the daily fed.*
2. *Beyond the church a leper Christ  
 Takes each untouchable by hand,  
 Gives hope to those who have not rust,  
 whose stigma is our social brand.*
3. *In torture cell, a prisoner Christ  
 For justice and for truth must cry  
 To free the innocent oppressed  
 while we at liberty pass by.*
4. *We do not know you, beggar Christ,  
 We do not recognize your sores,  
 We do not see, for we are blind:  
 Forgive us, touch us, make us yours.*

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Hungry God, we ask you to pour your spirit into all of those who are empty today: Fill the hearts of the troubled. Fill the minds of the confused. Fill the stomachs of the hungry. Fill the souls of the lost. Fill the lives of all who need you. Fill us with compassion and hope. Forgive us when we fail to see those bearing the yoke of hunger in our world. Forgive us when we refuse to believe that hunger can end in our time. May your spirit fill us to overflowing, Sustaining God. Let us write the letters and stock the food pantry shelves of our community, but let us do more! May we dare to act on in your promise that there will be no more empty hearts, minds, stomachs or souls. May we dare to break the yoke of hunger in our world. We pray this with the Risen Christ.**

(Silence)

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Hear the promise...In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
 C: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.**  
 All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* THE GLORIA 759 NCH  
*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
 Amen. Amen.*

### *We Hear God Speaking*

CHIMES (The children may come to the front during the playing of the chimes.)

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US The Puppets  
 (Children ages 0-1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to go to the nursery area after the children’s time for faith formation.)

### *We Lift Our Praise and Prayer to God*

ANTHEM “Give Me Jesus”  
 Caroline Stillwell, clarinet  
 Tony LoGuidice, solo

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: God be with you.  
 C: **And also with you.**

L: Clinging to the promise of abundant life and resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.  
**(Brief silence)**  
 Everlasting God, stir your church to be ever vigilant and awake. Deliver us from every fear and distraction, that we might be found faithful on the day of the Lord. Hear us, O God.  
 C: **Your mercy is great.**  
 Congregational Prayer Response (throughout)  
 L: Hear us, O God.  
 C: **Your mercy is great.**  
 L: Receive these our prayers, O God, and give us all we need for this day and the days to come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray saying,  
**Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)**

PRAYER RESPONSE 769 NCH  
*Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;  
 incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION 563 NCH  
*“We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky”*

### *We Hear the Good News*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

L: Lord,  
 C: **open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your word**

**proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON pew Bible, p. 954  
 Luke 16.9-13

<sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.  
<sup>10</sup> ‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.’<sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?<sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?<sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

Liturgist: The Word of God for all people.  
**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Doty  
*“Count Yourself Blessed: Wealth & Wisdom”*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Moment for Mission  
 Personal Witness  
 Hymn 370 NCH vs. 1 & 4  
 Presenting Our Gifts to God  
 Opening Prayer  
**In every season, God of love and goodness, your steadfast love sustains us. You have brought us here, invited us to become a community of faith, called us to remember that we live and breathe only by the power of your grace in our lives. In this season of harvest, our hearts are full of gratitude for what your hand has so generously provided us. On this day of promise, then, we look to the future with hope, opening ourselves to your Spirit at work in our lives. Be present with us this day and in this time of worship, we pray. Amen.**  
 Moments of Silent Reflection  
 Stewardship Invitation  
 Presentation of Our Pledges  
 Prayer of Consecration

BLESSING FOR MISSION: 1

L: Hungry God, you have revealed glory within us...  
 Help to end hunger in our time.  
 C: **Hungry God, help us not to lose heart.**  
 L: Hungry God, you have given us this work...imagine the hungry and poor could be full.  
 C: **Hungry God, give us strength.**  
 L: Hungry God, you make your name known...writing letters to political powers.  
 C: **Hungry God, show us your glory.**

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Today **LINK DEADLINE!** (Please note early date!)  
**Sunday School**, 9:15 a.m.  
**Worship, 10:30** a.m. in the Sanctuary. All Saints Sunday.  
**Consecration Dinner**, following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday **Bloodmobile**, 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.  
**AA**, 7:30 p.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday **Wee Twos**, 9:30 a.m. in the Beginners Room.  
**Order of St. Luke**, 10:00 a.m. in the Library.

Wednesday **Knitwits**, 10:00 a.m. in the Library.  
**W@T**, 11:00 a.m. in the Blue Room.  
**Sewing Group**, 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Room.

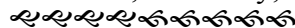
Thursday **Wee Twos**, 9:30 a.m. in the Beginners Room.  
**Bell Choir Practice**, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.  
**Trinity Choir Practice**, 7:45 p.m. in the Choir Room.  
**AA**, 8:00 p.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall.

Friday **Candlelight Walk**, 6:00 p.m.

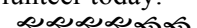
Saturday **Fall Clean-up Day**, 8:00 a.m.  
**Men's Prayer Breakfast**, 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Next Sunday **Sunday School**, 9:15 a.m.  
**Worship, 10:30** a.m. in the Sanctuary.

LOOKING AHEAD:

November 22 – Community Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, Trease Rd.  
November 27 - First Sunday of Advent, Communion  
December 3 - Hanging of the Greens  
December 4 - Advent Workshop, Birthday Party for Jesus  
December 18 - Concert Series, Dan Doty, soloist, Crèche Walk  


Thank you to:

**RJ Nagy**, member of Church & Ministry for bringing the announcements.  
**Peg Hegbar**, our liturgist today.  
**RJ Nagy**, our head usher for November.  
, today's acolytes.  
**Buck & Christy Adams** , for providing the altar flowers in memory of **Loved Ones**.  
**Bill & Jennifer Lorenz**, our greeters this morning.  
**Emily Schmeltzer**, our beginner's volunteer today and, **Karen Lapidakis**, our nursery volunteer today.  


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