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# Welcome to Trinity!

**A place of love, grace, and belonging, where all, without exception, are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated.**

If we can make you feel more at home, please speak to an usher or greeter.

As disciples of Christ working for peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and embrace all people, without exception, into the fullness of God's love. We advocate for racial, gender, queer, and economic equity. We celebrate people of all cultures, ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status, and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this community. All are invited to join us as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another.

## ADULTS & CHILDREN

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex or the Gym for children. Bags for preschoolers are tied with a white ribbon. Bags for elementary age children have no ribbon. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands.

A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff, Beth Oswald, as well as a small group of rotating volunteers who have been trained in Trinity's Child Protection Policy is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 am to care for infants and toddlers who would prefer enjoying play time instead of attending 10:00 am worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Pence Building. Please reach out to a greeter or usher if you need assistance.

## PRAYING WITH US

We encourage you to participate fully in our service, as you are comfortable. We invite you to read aloud the **bold text**. Wherever you see ✠, you are invited to cross yourself. Other actions are indicated during the service, but none are required.

## LET'S GET CONNECTED

If you are new to Trinity, we are thrilled to have you here. If you would like to know more about this congregation and our ministry please share your contact information with us by filling out a Connection Card which can be obtained from the pew racks or baskets. Thank you for your presence among us.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her mother, Marilyn Boeker, on her birthday by Sue Boeker.

## Serving Today

**Susan J. Crowell**  
Presiding Minister  
and Preaching

**Patrick D. Preacher**  
Assisting Minister

**Jim Parham**  
Organist and Choir Director

**Lector**  
Andrew Morris

**Prayers**  
Drake McFadyen

**Cantor**  
Amanda Cook

**Guitar**  
Duke Barsody

**Communion Assistant**  
Jess Bigby

**Acolytes**  
Jenna Mast, Harper Roth

**Children's Worship  
Opportunity Leaders**  
Anne Fagala, Brittany Lampson

**Nursery**  
JL Dykes

**Praying for Possibilities**  
Dexter Brecht

**Refreshment Hosts**  
Roy and Kay Cook

**Greeters**  
Mark Allen, Jane Mortensen,  
Lyle Mortensen, Jeff Waddell,  
David Londono

**Ushers**  
Richard Delap, David Potts,  
Lani Ludian

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Henry Wilcox

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## God Welcomes All

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you're able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us and loves us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in ✠ Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.  
**Amen.**

In the confession we admit the ways we have not lived as we were created to live, both individually, and corporately, and ask for forgiveness. The pastor declares to us the wonderful grace of God's promise of forgiveness, reconciliation, and the absolute remission of guilt.

## GATHERING HYMN

### This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935  
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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.  
**And also with you.**



## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.  
**and also with you.**

Holy and radiant God,  
You call us salt when the world feels spoiled by Empire and despair,  
and light when the shadows feel long and heavy.  
We thank you for bringing us back together –  
after a fortnight of ice and isolation, snow and silence,  
after distance we did not choose, after waiting and wondering and making do.  
Thank you for preserving us when we were apart,  
and for gathering us again into shared warmth and song.  
Gently tend our flickering lights. Restore the edge to our saltiness.  
Help us shine – not for our own glory, but so that justice is seen, compassion is felt,  
and hope is made real in ordinary, embodied ways.  
Give us the strength to use our lives to point to your fierce, tender love for the world.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the light no darkness can overcome.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

The prayer of the day covers the wide variety of human longing and responsibilities of the church and humanity.

A READING

Song of Solomon 2:8-11

We follow a three-year cycle of readings called a Lectionary. These are lessons being heard in congregations from many denominations throughout the world on this day.

A reading from Song of Solomon.

<sup>8</sup> I hear my beloved!

Here they come, leaping upon the mountains and bounding over the hills.

<sup>9</sup> My beloved is like a gazelle or young deer. Look, where they are behind the wall, now looking at the windows.

<sup>10</sup> My beloved said to me, "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

<sup>11</sup> For the winter has passed, the rain is over and gone."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

PSALM

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Psalm Refrain



Light shines in the dark - ness for the up - right.

Psalm Tone



<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD  
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;  
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be | in their house,  
and their righteousness will | last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion. R**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending  
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will nev- | er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and | will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands | fast forever;  
they will hold up their | head with honor.



**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*Still Shining*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Please stand as able.*

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:13-16

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the fifth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Abba God in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

*Salt and Light After the Storm*

Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, children are invited to leave worship after the children's sermon to go hear the scripture read in ways more appropriate for their age. Using lectionary stories heard in worship each Sunday, the children not only hear scripture, but enjoy a related activity such as a game, craft, or music. Children return to worship during the sharing of the peace and in time to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.

During worship, there is always a reading from a Gospel. We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Please stand as able.*

### Bring Forth the Kingdom



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:  
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:  
3. You are a seed of the word, O peo - ple:  
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



salt for the king-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of  
light for the cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and  
bring forth the king-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and  
bound for the king-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!  
bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!  
seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!  
love our home - land: love is the king-dom of God!

#### *Refrain*



Bring forth the king-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the king-dom of peace; bring forth the



king-dom of jus-tice, bring forth the cit-y of God!



## APOSTLE'S CREED

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 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

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Shepherd all the baptized into the understanding that each individual ministry is vital to your dream for a loving and inclusive kin-dom. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales, and hummingbirds from harm. Renew the face of the earth and strengthen our resolve to treat our earthly home with kindness and gentleness. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

In the Apostles' Creed, we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by confessing the faith that has been handed down through generations of Christians. We "believe" (from the Latin *credere*, meaning "to put one's heart into") as an act of trust in the story of God's creating love, redeeming work in Jesus Christ, and life-giving presence through the Holy Spirit. We say "I believe" not as an isolated individual, but as one held within the faith of the whole church, the Body of Christ, which supports and strengthens us when our own faith feels fragile. When it is not capitalized, the word "catholic" means universal—affirming that this faith belongs to the whole people of God, in all times and places.

The Prayers of Intercession are always responsive, because everyone gives voice to the supplications. We include prayers for others throughout the world, in our Synod, and those connected to our congregation.

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones, especially in Gaza and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, and on the front lines across this country where violence and harm to the vulnerable have been masked as law and order. Grant us the ability to forgive as we pray for our enemies. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Bring comfort to parents and youth in distress about the latest legislative act passed by the South Carolina House of Representatives which seeks to require your beloved Transgender and Non-binary children to use public school and university restrooms based on their assigned gender at birth. We cry out to you, O God! Bring an end to this before it passes in the Senate. Protect the vulnerable and comfort those who are sick, grieving, or simply worn down, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form each of us to be salt for our friends and enemies alike, working alongside your purpose to season this broken world with your glorious and loving gospel. Make us light for our neighbors, reminding us to avoid the temptation of hiding when the world around us shakes and trembles. Brighten our lamps and guide us in following the example of Christ. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love on that day. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

The Peace has been exchanged in worship since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.

The peace of Christ is with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated.*



## God Invites Us to the Table

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Rise Up in Splendor and Shine!*

Adult Choir

Music: James Biery; Text: Marilyn Biery

Refrain

Rise up in splendor, shine, O people of God, for your Light is now among you!  
I will robe you in joyfulness, in vesture of light I will veil you,  
clothe you in a garment spun of justice, in truth beyond all time, beyond all ages.

Refrain

I will shine forth my light eternally for all of my people,  
a beacon for ages without ending, and forever.

Refrain

Alleluia!

### OFFERING HYMN

*Please stand as able.*

## Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929  
Music: LINSTAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980  
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The Offertory is when we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to God as our initial act of thanksgiving. This collection is a visible reminder that our whole lives are God's, and a part of what God has given us we give back in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given electronically by going to our website [trinitylutheran.ws](http://trinitylutheran.ws), by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty,  
**no eye has seen, no ear has heard**  
**what you have prepared for those who love you,**  
**yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.**  
**Use what we have gathered**  
**to feed us with the reign of God come near,**  
**Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.  
**And also 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.**

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.  
 By the leading of a star Christ was shown forth to all nations;  
 in the waters of baptism you proclaimed Christ your beloved child;  
 and in the miracle of water turned to wine your glory was revealed;  
 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:

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



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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.*

*At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.*

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in Communion.

In an effort to further embrace Trinity's mission of welcome, affirmation, and hospitality, both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice.

## Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



Rise, Shine, You People!

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1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See, Christ now sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing,  
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Pro - claim how God sent Je - sus Christ to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in Christ is cen - tered,  
to bring us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.  
Pro - claim the one, who life and free - dom gave us.



who comes to us, by death and sin sur - round - ed,  
All strug - gling peo - ple, who by guilt are driv - en,  
To all the world go out and tell the sto - ry  
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion



with grace un - bound - ed.  
now are for - gi - ven.  
of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald Klug, vs 4 adpt. JP  
Music: Dale Wood

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# Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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# Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your  
prais - ses. I'm so glad you're in my life;  
I'm so glad you came to save us. Your came from heav-en to earth  
to show the way, from the earth to the cross,  
my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,  
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Music and Text: Rick Founds

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## Softly and Tenderly



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly, Christ is em - brac - ing,  
2 Gent - ly Christ ga - thers the ones who've been si - lenced,  
3 Joy - ful - ly sing - ing, the Spir - it is mov - ing,  
4 Pa - tient and ten - der, Christ walks with the seek - er,  
5 Here at the ta - ble, no la - bel, no bor - der,



Call - ing the lost, shamed, and scarred; See on the door-steps, the  
Hon - ors their voic - es, their truth. No one for - got - ten, and  
Break - ing down walls built by fear. Ta - bles are turn - ing, the  
Wound - ed and full of de - sire. Still we are ho - ly, be -  
E - very - one's wel - come to dine; Bread for the hun - gry, a



out - cast is wait - ing Je - sus says, "Come as you are."  
none are for - sa - ken, Christ has a place set for you.  
cir - cle is grow - ing. E - v'ry - one has a place here.  
lov - ed, be - com - ing, Kin - dled with God's ho - ly fire.  
feast for the faith - ful. All are God's child - ren di - vine.

Music: Will L. Thompson, 1847 - 1909  
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THOMPSON  
11.7.11.7.Refrain



Come home, \_\_\_\_\_ come home! \_\_\_\_\_  
Come home, \_\_\_\_\_ come home!

God's ten - der love bears you home. \_\_\_\_\_ Rest, wea-ry one, in the

arms of your Sav - ior. Je-sus will car-ry you home.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*Please stand as able.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## God Sends Us to Love and Serve the World

## BLESSING

May the Triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

After Communion, we give thanks for being part of the communion of God's life and for being fed so that we may go out to feed and serve others in our world.



SENDING HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light of God  
*Siyahamba*

*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

*nyen' kwen - khos'.* *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,  
*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.  
*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Si - ya - ham - ba* \_\_\_\_\_ *oo* \_\_\_\_\_  
We are march - ing \_\_\_\_\_ *oo* \_\_\_\_\_

*Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,*  
We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-*, *kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Si - ya - ham - ba* \_\_\_\_\_ *oo* \_\_\_\_\_  
 We are march - ing \_\_\_\_\_ *oo* \_\_\_\_\_

*Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,*  
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.*

We are dancing ...  
 We are praying ...  
 We are singing ...

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## DISMISSAL

Beloved Community:

Go now as salt for a weary world –  
preserving what is good,

seasoning life with justice, compassion, and mercy.

Go now as light –

not hidden, not diminished,

but shining in ordinary acts of love and courage.

The light of Christ goes with you into every street and season.

Go in peace. Let your lives bear witness to the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Following worship everyone is invited to gather for  
refreshments and fellowship in the back corner of the Gym*

Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus' final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded. And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.



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# Activities & Opportunities



**February 8, 2026**

**Adult Faith Exploration.** Please consider attending Adult Faith Exploration prior to worship Sundays at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13. Below is the teacher and topic schedule for January. New discussion leaders are always welcome. Contact Patrick Preacher via text, 864-483-2590, if you are interested in leading.

- **February 15:** Dexter Brecht will facilitate discussion about *Reclaiming and Reimagining Prayer*. Participants will be invited to explore the ancient spiritual practice of prayer using five different approaches. Attendees can choose to take part in either or both sessions, being invited to discover what prayer can be and how it can enrich daily life! No experience required!
- **February 22:** Franklin Sease will lead a discussion introducing the central concepts of Richard Rohr's teachings. Richard Rohr is a Franciscan Monk dedicated to Christian contemplative practices which lead to action fostering justice and peace. Rohr is the author of numerous books, most famously, *The Universal Christ*.

**Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership.** All Trinity team members are invited to attend a brief meeting at Trinity on Monday, February 9 at 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room to receive information on the research teams' progress and possible "asks" to be presented at the Nehemiah Action. Participants will also discuss inviting other Trinity members and friends to the Nehemiah Action in April. Questions may be directed to Cathy O'Neill at cathycate51@gmail.com.

**The Welcome Table** will take place Wednesday, February 11 at 11:30 am in the Multipurpose Room. Volunteers are always welcome and everyone is invited to lunch. Contact Patrick Preacher via text, 864-483-2590, with any questions or to volunteer.

**Ash Wednesday.** The Trinity beloved community is invited to gather on Ash Wednesday, February 18, in the Sanctuary at either 1:15 pm or 6:15 pm for a 45-minute worship service that will begin the 40-day Lenten journey, a journey that will reach its conclusion with the celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. This service includes the Imposition of Ashes, a ritual of marking foreheads with an ashen cross to remind worshippers of their mortality and that "marked with the cross of Christ in baptism, all God's beloveds are forever promised life and love" ...both in this life and the next. While this service points to human brokenness and all the ways humanity falls short of God's intentions, hopes, and dreams for the world, it is infused with hope and light, love and life...and the promise that God is always extending grace upon grace to all God's beloveds.

**A Boundaries Workshop: Protecting Time, Energy, and Peace.** Plan to attend a workshop led by Jerry Wesley, Trinity's Coordinator of Mental Health Wellness, on Sunday, February 15, from 11:30 am–1:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room. This session will explore how healthy boundaries help individuals show up as their best selves in relationships and community. A simple lunch and childcare will be provided. To register, contact Jerry Wesley at jrwesley@trinitylutheran.ws.

**Festival of Queer Books.** Trinity will host its Second Annual Festival of Queer Books on Saturday, February 28 from 10:00 am – Noon. Last year, Trinity distributed over 800 books to a wide array of community members. All are welcome to attend. Those who would like to volunteer at the event should contact Patrick Preacher via text.

## Week at a Glance

TODAY	MON, FEB 9	WED, FEB 11		FRI, FEB 13	SUN, FEB 15	
<b>11:30 am</b> Trinity Youth  <b>1:30 pm</b> Congregation Council	<b>6:00 pm</b> Meeting of Trinity GOAL members	<b>7:00 am</b> Men's Reflection and Fellowship Group  <b>11:30 am</b> Welcome Table	<b>6:30 pm</b> Handbell Practice  <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>10:00 am</b> Mahjong Group in Parlor	<b>9:00 am</b> Adult Faith Exploration  <b>10:00 am</b> Worship in Sanctuary	<b>11:30 am</b> Boundaries Workshop  <b>11:30 am</b> History Reading Group