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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, Mary Anna Glass Ridenhour, by Mary Beth Ridenhour.

## Serving Today

**Susan J. Crowell**  
Presiding Minister

**Patrick D. Preacher**  
Assisting Minister and  
Preaching

**Jim Parham**  
Organist and Choir Director

**Lector**  
Jay Hilbourn

**Prayers**  
Jonathan Preacher

**Cantor**  
Sheryl and Bob Schirmer

**Guitar**  
Duke Barsody

**Communion Assistant**  
Sharron Goodlett

**Acolytes**  
Lauren Whitworth

**Children's Worship  
Opportunity Leaders**  
Mark Allen, Jess Bigby

**Nursery**  
Karen Craig, Beth Oswald

**Praying for Possibilities**  
Vicki Rubenstein

**Refreshment Hosts**  
Mel Truelove

**Greeters**  
Mark Allen, Jon Heiliger,  
Renee Heiliger, Amanda Mast,  
Chris Mast, Kylee Mast

**Ushers**  
Danny Fagala, Carol Elliott,  
Calvin Harmon, Lani Ludian

**Video**  
Henry Wilcox

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## God Welcomes All

### PRELUDE

*Prelude and Scherzo*  
from *Four Short Pieces for Clarinet and Piano*  
Jenna Mast, clarinet

Howard Ferguson

### 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.

# Shine, Jesus Shine

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*Refrain*

Shine, Je-sus, shine, — fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo-ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, — set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv-er, flow, — flood the na - tions with grace and mer-cy;

send forth your Word, — Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the

2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis-

dark-ness, shin-ing; Je-sus, light of the world, shine up-on — us,  
play your like-ness, ev - er chang-ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*

Shine on — me, shine on — me:  
Shine on — me, shine on — me:

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
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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.**

God of dazzling light, on the mountain you revealed Jesus as the Chosen One, and in the witness of Moses and Elijah you gathered law and promise into mercy made real. From the bright cloud you named Jesus as beloved, and in him you also call us beloved. Continue to transfigure us by your grace. Where fear divides, make us bearers of peace. Where injustice wounds, make us seekers of your righteousness. Where any are thrown to the margins, make us witnesses to the wideness of your love. How good it is for us to experience your Light! Brighten this world with your glory until all creation shines with your justice, love, and joy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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

Exodus 24:12-18

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.

<sup>12</sup>YHWH said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders Moses had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of YHWH LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day God called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of YHWH was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.


The Word of God for the people of God.

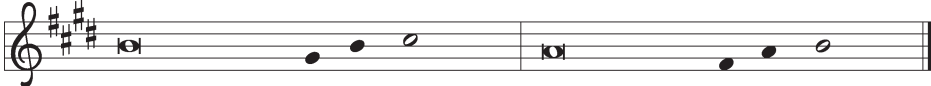
**Thanks be to God.**

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 2

*Psalm Refrain*   
 You are my son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

*Psalm Tone* 

<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations | in an uproar?  
 Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

<sup>2</sup>**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
 and the princes | plot together,  
 against the LORD and against the | LORD’s anointed?**

<sup>3</sup>“Let us break their | yoke,” they say;  
 “let us cast off their | bonds from us.”

<sup>4</sup>**God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;  
 the LORD holds them | in derision. R**

<sup>5</sup>Then in wrath God | speaks to them,  
 and in rage fills | them with terror.

<sup>6</sup>**“As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king  
 upon Zion, my | holy mountain.”**

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree | of the LORD,  
 who said to me, “You are my son;  
 this day have I be- | gotten you.

<sup>8</sup>**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations  
 for | your inheritance  
 and the ends of the earth for | your possession. R**

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an | iron rod  
 and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”



**<sup>10</sup>And now, you | kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.**

**<sup>11</sup>Submit to the | LORD with fear,  
and with trembling | bow in worship;**

**<sup>12</sup>lest the LORD be angry,  
and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God! R**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*You are Dazzling!*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Please stand as able.*



**GOSPEL**

Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the seventeenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face dazzled like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Only Begotten Child, the Beloved; with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Mortal has been raised from the dead."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

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.*

### Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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## 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.*

Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may follow in the way of the cross. Transfigure the church, that we may finally follow your call to extend grace, love, and mercy to absolutely all people. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Remembering Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain top, we give you thanks for all the ways we see transformation in your creation. We thank you for butterflies and moths, for frogs and salamanders, for dragonflies, bees, and all creatures that grow and transform before our eyes. In their changing bodies, remind us that you are always at work, bringing new life from what seems ordinary, and beauty from what seems hidden. 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.

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict, especially in countries and regions where conflict seems unwilling to end. Bring peace to Gaza and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan and Myanmar. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger and remove oppression from this land. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying, those who grieve, and all who are in extra need of you this day, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, in one another we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. On this holy day, we ask you to transfigure and transform the hearts of our country, that all may finally bear witness to the beautiful creation you have graced us with in our Transgender siblings. Transforming before our very eyes, they remind us of the way you call all of us to be children of your Light, living faithfully as who you create us to be. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, especially Rosa Parks and other Civil Rights leaders who fought the good fight and now rest in you. We praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. 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

*O Nata Lux*  
Thomas Tallis

Adult Choir

Latin text

*O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
Dignare clemens supplicum laudes preces que sumere.  
Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis,  
Nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis.*

English Paraphrase

O light born from light, Jesus redeemer of all time,  
mercifully accept our praises and prayers.  
You, who became clothed in flesh to redeem the lost ones,  
have made us members of your own blessed body.

### 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!

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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;  
who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,  
that our darkness should be transfigured by your own brilliant light.  
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.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Canon arranged for Handbells by Hal Hopson from *Canon in D Major*

Johann Pachelbel

Trinity Handbell Choir

*Allegretto* from *Sonata for Clarinet and Piano, op. 167*

Camille Saint-Saëns

Jenna Mast, clarinet

### Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: Gesanbuch,  
Munster, tr. Joseph  
A. Seiss, 1823-1904

Music: SCHONSTER  
HERR JESU, Silesian  
folk tune, 19th cent.



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O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright!  
 You shine with God's own truth and light, a-glow  
 with grace and mer - cy! Of Ja - cob's  
 line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and  
 Sav - ior, you have won our hearts to serve you  
 on - ly! Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo-rious,  
 all vic - to - rious, rich in bless - ing! Rule and  
 might o'er all pos - ses - sing!

2. Come, precious diamond, light divine,  
 and deep within our hearts now shine;  
 there light a flame undying!  
 In your one body let us be  
 as living branches of a tree,  
 your life our lives supplying.  
 Now, though daily earth's deep sadness  
 may perplex us and distress us,  
 yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.

3. Lord, when you look on us in love,  
 at once there falls from God above  
 a ray of purest pleasure.  
 Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
 refresh our souls with heav'nly food.  
 You are our dearest treasure!  
 Let your mercy warm and cheer us!  
 Oh, draw near us! For you teach us  
 God's own love through you has reached us.

5. Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
 Our joy be all with music crowned,  
 our voices gaily blending!  
 For Christ goes with us all the way—  
 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
 His love is never ending!  
 Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation!  
 Exultation!  
 Tell the story! Praise to Christ,  
 who reigns in glory!

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## Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol  
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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.

### 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.**



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

Unmask yourselves!  
Reveal to the world who God created and calls you to be.  
Don't be afraid to dazzle.  
Shine bright like a beloved child of God  
and go forth in peace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Following worship everyone is invited to gather for refreshments and fellowship on the front lawn.*

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 15, 2026

Hospital Patients: Maggie Downen - Discharged, Gene Lynch - Discharged, and Dean Nix - Discharged

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of Presidents' Day.

The Congregation Council has called a **meeting of the congregation** on Sunday, March 1 at 11:30 am in the Gym for the purpose of acting on the unanimous recommendation of the Congregation Council that Patrick Preacher be called as the Pastor for Queer Ministry and Belonging at Trinity Lutheran Church. Complete information including the job description, along with biographical information about Patrick has been mailed to the congregation. Light refreshments will be served in the back corner of the Gym following the meeting.

**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 February. New discussion leaders are always welcome. Contact Patrick Preacher via text, 864-483-2590, if you are interested in leading.

- **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*.

**Ash Wednesday.** The Trinity beloved community is invited to gather on Ash Wednesday, February 18, in the Sanctuary at either 1:15 pm on campus or 6:15 pm on campus or livestream 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.

**Love Wins** will meet on Thursday, February 19 at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. The group will discuss the podcast "What Does Progressive Christianity Look Like in a Conservative Area?" from *The Progressive Christian Podcast*. All are welcome! Contact Angie McCormack at [ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws) for more information or to sign up to attend.

**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, 864-483-2590.

**Young-ish Adults** will enjoy an evening out Thursday, Feb 26 for a night of socializing and comedy. The group will meet at Coffee Underground at 6:00 pm (late arrivals are welcome) to share snacks or treats prior to the 7:30 improv show at the Alchemy Comedy Club. Group members may consider taking the stage themselves Tickets are \$10. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/youngishadults> to purchase a ticket for the night of the 26th. Reach out to Lara at [Larawannemacher@gmail.com](mailto:Larawannemacher@gmail.com) with questions and to notify her regarding attendance.

## Week at a Glance

TODAY	MON, FEB 16	WED, FEB 18		THURS, FEB 19	FRI, FEB 20	SUN, FEB 22
<b>11:30 am</b> Boundaries Workshop	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b> Worship in Sanctuary	<b>6:30 pm</b> Love Wins	<b>10:00 am</b> Mahjong Group in Parlor	<b>9:00 am</b> Adult Faith Exploration
<b>11:30 am</b> History Reading Group		<b>1:15 pm</b> Worship in Sanctuary	<b>7:15 pm</b> Choir Practice			<b>10:00 am</b> Worship in Gym