



**TRINITY**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH 1909

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*Come to me, all you who are weary  
and carrying heavy burdens...*

*I will give you rest.*



**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

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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 honor of her sister, Cindy on her birthday and her sister-in-law, Debby by Pat and Cathy O'Neill.

## Serving Today

**Dexter Brecht**  
Preaching

**Susan J. Crowell and  
Patrick D. Preacher**  
Presiding Ministers

**Jim Parham**  
Organist and Choir Director

**Lector**  
Chrissi Wygant

**Prayers**  
Renee Heiliger

**Cantor**  
Frank Griffin

**Percussion**  
John Beckford

**Communion Assistant**  
David Londono

**Acolyte**  
Ella Mattson

**Children's Worship Opportunity**  
Lynn Andrews, Suzanne Rudisill

**Nursery**  
Beth Oswald, Melissa Kolb

**Praying for Possibilities**  
Carl Brune

**Refreshment Hosts**  
Lyle and Jane Mortensen

**Greeters**  
Mark Allen, Lynn Andrews,  
Jay Hilbourn, Tori Hilbourn,  
and Lani Ludian

**Ushers**  
Pattimarie Jansen, Ed Ninestein,  
Carol Elliott, and Franklin Sease

**Video**  
Henry Wilcox

**Audio**  
Gregg Alley



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## God Welcomes All

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you're able.*

We gather in the name of ☩ Source, Word, and Breath,  
who blesses us with life, love, and sacred rest.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and love,  
**You breathe your Spirit into our weary lives,  
yet we resist your movement among us.  
We cling to schedules that exhaust us,  
traditions that no longer have meaning,  
old ways of being and thinking that burden and oppress.  
We have turned away from neighbors in pain,  
avoided difficult truths,  
prioritized our comfort over the comfort of others,  
and isolated ourselves from your beloved community.  
Forgive us when fear narrows our hearts,  
when we forget that your Spirit creates belonging, not barriers.  
Restore in us the courage to seek justice,  
the humility to listen deeply,  
and the wisdom to practice sacred rest for ourselves and for this  
hurting world. Amen.**

Beloved of God,  
You are forgiven and made new.  
You are released from shame and invited into grace.  
You are not defined by exhaustion, fear, and failure,  
but by the boundless grace of God.  
The Holy Spirit is at work among you;  
mending what is broken,  
granting life and liberation,  
and calling you into sacred summer rest.  
So rise in hope.  
Rest in God's love.  
And live ☩ as people renewed by the Spirit.  
**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

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en;  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!



**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.**

**KYRIE**

*Refrain*

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, "Lord, have mercy," is one of the oldest sung prayers in Christian worship. Rooted in the cries of healing and welcome scattered throughout the Gospels, the Kyrie is less a confession of guilt than a bold, trusting plea. We sing it together as the body of Christ, lifting the needs of the world and leaning into the promise that God always draws near to those who call. This setting is particularly joyful, reminding us that God's mercy and compassion is a thing to pray for and celebrate.

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray.

Source of light and love,

You call us your treasured people, not because of our worthiness, but because of your boundless love for all of us. As you gathered Israel at Sinai and invited them into covenant, gather us today. Stir our hearts for those who are burdened by poverty, violence, loneliness, illness, or despair. Where the world builds walls, help us build bridges. Where fear divides, make us agents of reconciliation. Remind us that your gifts are freely given and intended to be freely shared. Use our words to bring hope, our actions to embody compassion, and our lives to reflect the inclusive gospel of Christ. In the name of Jesus who gathers us, heals us, and sends us forth to serve. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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.

The divine name, Yhwh (pronounced Yahweh), is the English transliteration of the four consonants of the original Hebrew. This is the name God spoke to Moses out of the burning bush, and is an ancient and extremely holy name for God.. One of its possible meanings is "I am that I am."

## God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

### A READING

Exodus 19:2-8a

A reading from the book of Exodus.

<sup>2</sup> [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to Elohim; YHWH called to Moses from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that YHWH had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup>The people all answered as one, "Everything that YHWH has spoken we will do."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

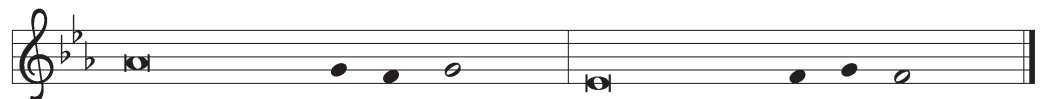
Psalm 100

Psalm Refrain



Call up - on me in the day of trou - ble, says your God.

Psalm Tone





- <sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all you lands!  
<sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness;  
 come into God's presence | with a song.  
<sup>3</sup> **Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom | we belong;  
 we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture. R**  
<sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving  
 and the | courts with praise;  
 give thanks and bless God's | holy name.  
<sup>5</sup> **Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,  
 whose faithfulness endures from | age to age. R**

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.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*Dancing with the Spirit*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Please stand as able.*

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 9:35-10:8

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the ninth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kin-dom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the God of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Jesus.

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

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kin-dom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

*Camping in the Wilderness*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Please stand as able.*

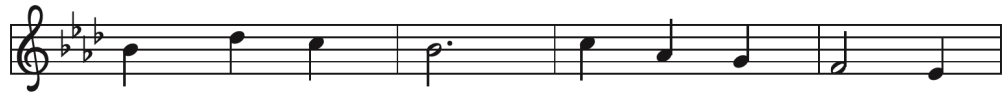
**God’s Work, Our Hands**



1 God’s work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
 2 God’s work, our feet: trav - ’ling to - geth - er,  
 3 God’s work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread’s on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - ’ring the cold.  
 run - ning the race with God’s fu - ture the goal.  
 claim - ing God’s love for the lost and the least.  
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God’s love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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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

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. Use this holiday as a sacred time of remembering the trials and tribulations people of color have experienced and continue to overcome. Bring an end to the racism. Stop the "New Jim Crow" currently being enacted through the prison industrial complex. The injustices are too many to name, but you know them all. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. May the sounds of birdsong, ocean waves, and the rustle of the wind lead us into greater understandings of your glory. God of grace,  
**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.

God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace and human rights. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. Open doors to new partnerships in ministry and sustain the ones we currently maintain including with Fostering Great Ideas and Rebuild Upstate. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of new directions, we pray for the newly elected bishop of the South Carolina Synod. Guide Bishop \_\_\_\_\_ into a full understanding of your mission. Bring this Synod we so dearly love into the 21st Century. Teach the Synod, which we know as the Lutherans of this state, to love as you love, lead as you lead, and welcome as you welcome. May Bishop \_\_\_\_\_ be a bold and brave witness to the power of your inclusive love. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of boundless love, celebrating Pride month, we pray for Kris Hayashi, who works tirelessly to defend the rights and dignity of Trans and nonbinary people in the face of mounting legal and political attack. We pray that you who draws near to the vulnerable will sustain and embolden them, and that their labor for justice might bear fruit in laws and lives transformed by justice, mercy, and love. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of faith, we give you thanks for all the saints whose gospel-centered lives we now follow for inspiration. We thank you this Pride month especially for your servant Henri Nouwen — priest, writer, and beloved child of yours who taught a generation to receive love as the ground of all living. He wrote from his own wounded places, naming loneliness and longing not as failures of faith but as the very places where you make your home. He carried, too, the ache of a closeted Queer man in a church and a time that could not hold him fully, and yet he stayed, and wrote, and prayed, and pointed always toward your loving embrace. In his struggle to believe he was truly beloved, he gave words to the struggle of millions. We thank you for his honesty, his tenderness, and the way he kept returning to you even when the returning was difficult. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.  
**Amen.**



**PEACE**

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**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

*Abbot's Leigh (God Is Here!): Passacaglia, Fughetta and Finale by Austin C. Lovelace*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

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!

**OFFERING PRAYER**

God of wind and flame,  
**You gather us from many stories and make us one body in Christ.**  
**In this season of Pentecost, you breathe your Spirit into weary places,**  
**calling your church to lives of courage, compassion, and justice.**  
**Receive these gifts we bring today.**  
**May they become shelter for the excluded,**  
**welcome for the stranger,**  
**belonging for those who have been pushed to the margins,**  
**and invitation to all who long for connection and community.**  
**Help us to honor every language, cherish every body, and invite every person**  
**to your table of grace. Use us to heal, feed, comfort, and liberate your beloved**  
**world. Amen.**

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 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 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 our duty and joy to offer thanks and praise to our savior, Jesus Christ, who at this table gathers people from every nation, language, identity, and story into one beloved community.

In the rush of wind and flame at Pentecost, the Spirit broke down the walls that divide and created a new way of belonging.

As we share this feast, unbind us from fear and prejudice.

Open our hearts to listen deeply, love boldly, and serve courageously.

Send us from this table renewed for the work of reconciliation and liberation so that our lives may proclaim the inclusive gospel of Christ in word and deed through Jesus Christ who welcomes all to the table. And so 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'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pour out your Spirit upon this bread and cup,  
and upon all who gather here longing for welcome, healing, and hope.  
Make this meal a living witness to your justice:  
where the hungry are fed,  
the excluded are embraced,  
the weary find rest,  
and all people are reminded of their sacred worth.

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.



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

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Holy Parent, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, 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.*

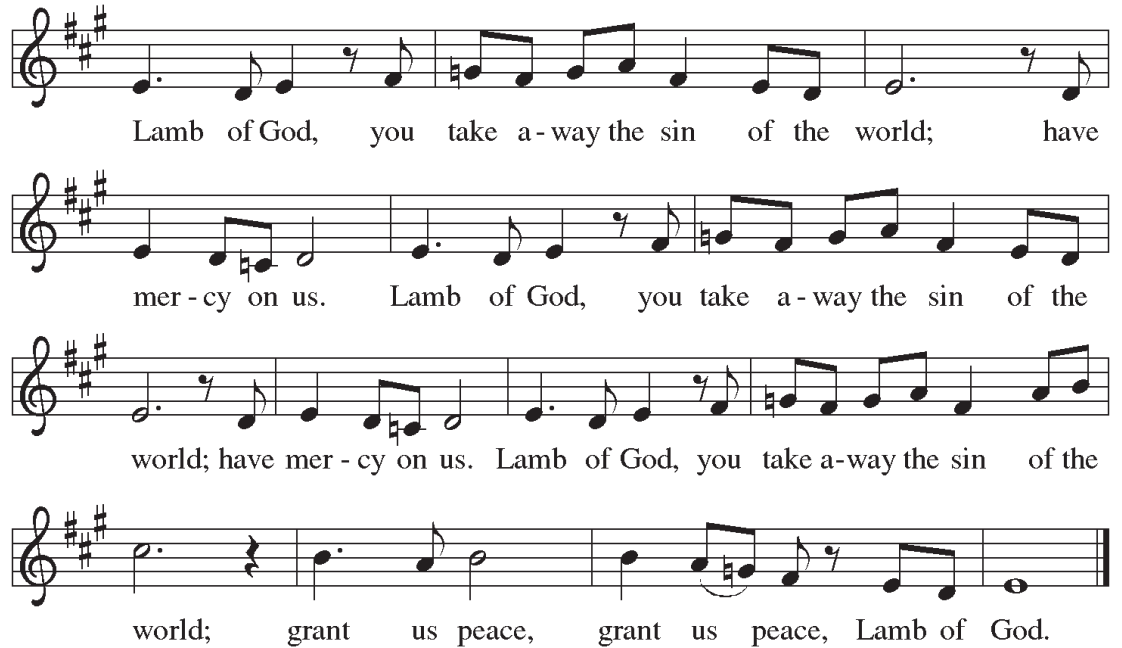
## COMMUNION

*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.*

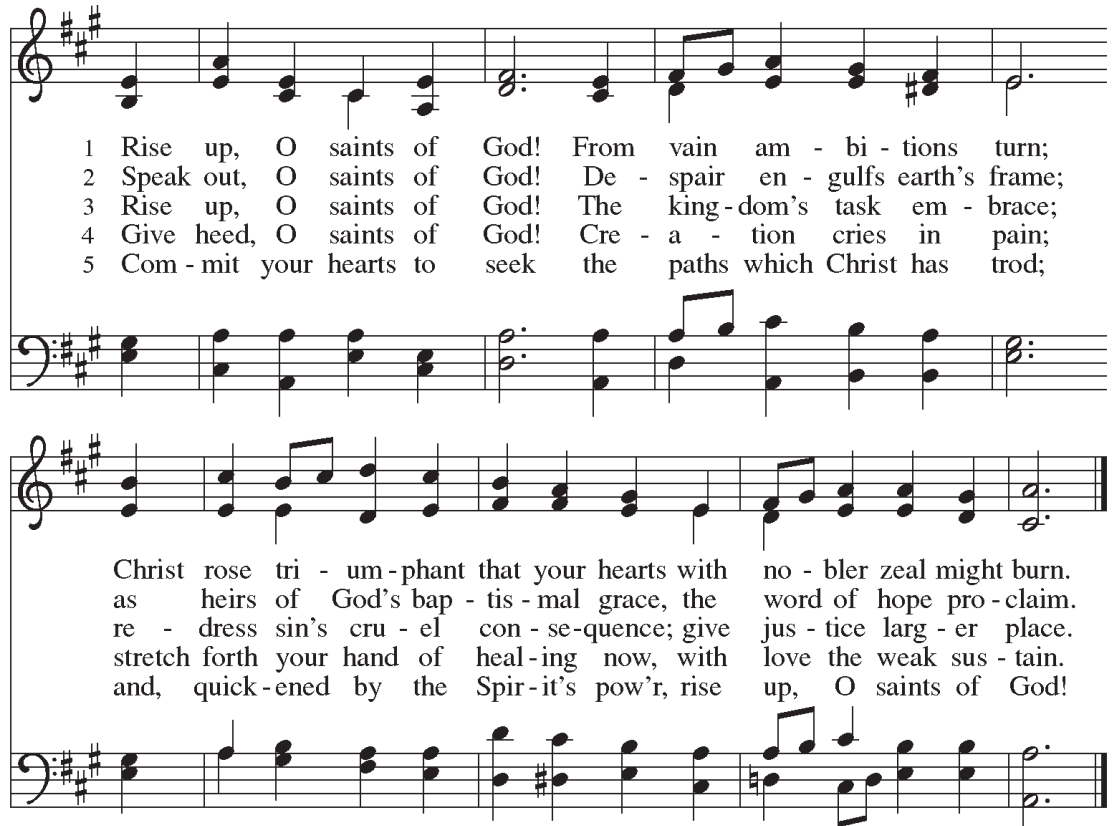
The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in Communion. When we pray Holy Parent, we name what has always been true: God is not bound by gender, yet holds us with the fierce, tender love of every parent who has ever cherished a child. When we pray kin-dom, we reach for God's deepest dream: not a reign of power and hierarchy, but a beloved community where all belong, all are welcomed, and none are left outside.

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, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am-bi-tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De-spair en-gulfs earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king-dom's task em-brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre-a-tion cries in pain;  
5 Com-mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri-um-phant that your hearts with no-bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap-tis-mal grace, the word of hope pro-claim.  
re-dress sin's cru-el con-se-quence; give jus-tice larg-er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal-ing now, with love the weak sus-tain.  
and, quick-ened by the Spir-it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!



# Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

## *Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona*

*Refrain— sung twice each time*

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. End  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

# We Are a Rainbow

an Affirming hymn

mm=80

G C/G D/G G

1. We're the light of all the world,  
coat of ma - ny co -  
hope to still be - lieve  
face the storms of life,

D/F# C/E

we are a cit - y on a hill, We're a can - dle on a stand  
lors, sewn from ma - ny dif - frent threads, co - v'ring all in warmth, in wel -  
in to - mor - row's bet - ter day, We are peace in a world  
we will ne - ver be a - lone, For our God will be with

C D7sus4 D7 G

pro - claim - ing light, We will not hide our lamp  
come and in grace, God said "Let there be light",  
that's torn a - part, We are joy that will last  
us on the way, Hand in hand, side by side,

D/F# Am7

be - neath a bush - el an - y more, We will shine a ray of hope  
cre - a - ted e - v'ry va - ried shade, In the rain - bow each of us  
in all the strug - gles that we face We are love that blooms and grows  
we won't be fright - ened\* a - ny more, As the mourn - ing night of tears

D7sus4 Gsus4 G

that's burn - ing bright. Chorus: We are a rain - bow,  
can find a place.  
in e - v'ry heart.  
breaks in - to day.

D/F# D B/D# Em

sign of co - ve - nant and peace For the flood of tears will

Em/D C D7sus4 D7 Gsus4 G

fin - 'lly cease to be, Come shine your rain - bow,

D/F# D7 Am7

splash your hues a - cross the sky, Paint the world in co - lors

\*alt: clobbered



## 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.**

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 PRAYER

Holy Spirit,  
Through this meal you nourished us with grace,  
renewed us in belonging,  
and reminded us of the sacred worth of every person.  
Send us now into the world with full hearts  
to practice justice, embody welcome, and share Christ's love and compassion.  
May our lives become a table of hospitality for all your beloveds;  
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## God Sends Us to Love and Serve the World

### BLESSING

May the Holy Spirit kindle in you the fire of justice,  
fill you with courage for the journey ahead,  
and remind you always of your sacred worth and belovedness.  
And may the blessing of God –  
✠ Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit –  
be with you now and always.  
**Amen.**



SENDING HYMN

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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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.

## DISMISSAL

Beloved Community,  
Go in peace.

Join God's work of justice, healing, and reconciliation.

Stand with the vulnerable,  
welcome the stranger,

and share the good news of Christ's boundless, relentless love for all. **Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

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

*Trinity's "Sunday Funday" will begin in the Multipurpose Room with a meal, followed by indoor miniature golf in the Gym.*

## Church Staff

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**Susan J. Crowell**  
Senior Pastor

**James C. Parham, III**  
Pastor for Worship and Music

**Patrick D. Preacher**  
Pastor for Queer Ministry and Belonging

**Angie H. McCormack**  
Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator

**Jerry R. Wesley**  
Coordinator for Mental Health Wellness

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**Henry W. Wilcox**  
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**Karen M. Craig**  
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**Roy L. Cook**  
Facilities Manager

**Beth C. Oswald**  
Nursery Attendant



## Congregation Council

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Richard Moose, *Vice-President*

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Pat Morgan

Donna Potts

Jeff Rehm

Matthew Wessinger

Carl Witherspoon



# Activities & Opportunities

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**Our Christian love, care, and concern is expressed to the family of Roger Brown (husband of David Foster) at his death on June 10.**

**Hospital Patients - Kay Cook, Ben McCormack**

**Our beloved Trinity Community celebrates with Matthew and Grace Wessinger at the birth of their son and Benjamin's brother, Daniel John, on June 3.**

**The Church Office will be closed Friday, June 19 for the Juneteenth Holiday.**

**Trinity welcomes the Rev. Dexter Brecht, Church Development and Support Coordinator for Metropolitan Community Churches, member of the beloved Trinity Community, and husband to Jack Heidt, as today's guest preacher.**

**Kay Cook, Trinity's Office Manager, is on medical leave and will not be accessing email during this time of healing and recovery. During her absence, Frank Griffin is serving as the Interim Office Manager. Frank can be reached at [tfgriffin@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:tfgriffin@trinitylutheran.ws). Expressions of love and care can be sent to Kay at 115 Eisenhower Drive, Greenville, SC 29607 or at [karoco14@gmail.com](mailto:karoco14@gmail.com).**

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**Adult Faith Exploration** has begun a new series for the Summer called *Together by Grace: The Psalms*. Each week in June will feature a new topic from this series. Class begins at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13. Please contact Pastor Preacher with any questions about Adult Faith Exploration classes or ways to participate in leading future sessions

**Book Discussion.** Please join Pastor Crowell for a discussion of the book *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi on Thursday, June 18 at 10:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building. Anyone who loves reading and discussing books and is eager to make connections and build community is encouraged to attend. Reach out to Pastor Crowell at [sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws) with questions or to register for the event.

**Love Wins Fellowship Group.** Love Wins will gather on Thursday, June 18 at 6:30 pm for some social time together. The group will meet at Yee Haw Brewery, 307 East McBee Avenue, Suite C, Greenville. Yee Haw offers a wide selection of food and beverages. Everyone is invited! Contact Angie McCormack with any questions or for more information at 864-930-4026.

**History Reading Group.** Please join Trinity Lutheran Church History Readers on Sunday, June 21 after worship in the Parlor to discuss *I Belong to South Carolina: South Carolina Slave Narratives* by Susanna Ashton. Contact Bob Schirmer at [rwschirmer@gmail.com](mailto:rwschirmer@gmail.com), 419-348-6508 or Don Todd at [dk todd47@gmail.com](mailto:dk todd47@gmail.com), 803-517-8129 with questions.

**Greenville Literacy Book Collection and Sale.** The Greenville Literacy Association is hosting their signature fundraiser, The Really Good, Really Cheap Book Sale on August 8 and 9 at McAlister Square, 225 South Pleasantburg Drive. Again this year, Trinity is serving as a collection site for book donations. A box for book donations is located in the breezeway and in the Activities Building outside the Gym. Thanks for supporting this local agency with your donations.

**Welcome Table.** The Welcome Table monthly meal continues to feed Trinity's downtown neighbors a hot meal thanks to the gracious support of Project Host Soup Kitchen. Fresh produce purchased from Francis Produce is distributed along with the generous pantry donations given each month by the Trinity community. June's meal will take place Wed., June 17 at 11:30 am in the Multipurpose Room. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy a hot lunch and good fellowship. Interested participating actively in this ministry? Contact Pastor Preacher at [pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws).

## New Office Schedule - June and July

Our beloved Office Manager, Kay Cook, will be away for some weeks this summer recovering and healing from a planned surgery. During her absence, Frank Griffin is serving as Trinity's Interim Office Manager. The temporary office schedule beginning on June 10 and extending through the end of July is as follows:

- Monday – Church Office Closed
- Tuesday – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Wednesday - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Thursday - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Friday – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

This alternative schedule in no way affects staff working hours. It simply notes when the Church Office will be staffed to answer calls and welcome guests. In case of a pastoral crisis, please call the Church Office at 864-242-5702 and leave a message for Pastor Preacher, Pastor Parham, or Pastor Crowell.

## Summer Sunday Fun Days

In Celebration of the Beloved Community at Trinity, please join us for this series of Sunday Fun Days!

**June 14, July 5, August 2**

*Lunch will be served after worship on these Sundays followed by a fun activity for all!*



**You are invited to the first Sunday Fun Day!**

**TODAY**, all are invited to join us for the summer monthly “Sunday Fun Day.” Following worship, a lunch of rice bowls and desserts will be served in the Multipurpose Room. After lunch, participants will enjoy golf in the gym, hosted by Rolling Greens Mobile Mini Golf. This will include 9 mini-golf holes for an exciting and varied experience, golf clubs in 6 sizes (perfect for all ages), golf balls, and scorecards.

## Strategic Plan Update

On Sunday, June 7, a document entitled ***Our Next Faithful Steps: Priorities and Pathways for this new Season of Ministry*** was presented to the congregation during lunch following worship.

The document identified ***Our Shared Calling*** in this way:

*Trinity is a faith community proclaiming the inclusive gospel of Christ by practicing love through hospitality, justice, and belonging.*

Core commitments for our shared life in beloved community were also shared and include:

- ✘ Relevant worship
- ✘ Queer affirmation
- ✘ Radical welcome
- ✘ Faithful giving
- ✘ Authentic community
- ✘ Spaces of belonging
- ✘ Justice and advocacy

**The Eight Missional Pathways include:**

- ✘ Engaging and Meaningful Worship
- ✘ Welcome and Hospitality
- ✘ Community, Connection, and Belonging
- ✘ Justice, Mercy, and Advocacy
- ✘ Sustaining Beloved Community
- ✘ Faith Exploration
- ✘ Communications and Technology
- ✘ Organizational Alignment

For a copy of the complete strategic plan, please reach out to Frank Griffin, Interim Office Manager, at [tfgriffin@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:tfgriffin@trinitylutheran.ws).

To express a desire to offer your time and talent to one of the eight Missional Pathways, please reach out to Pastor Crowell at [sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws) to indicate your pathway preference.

# Week at a Glance

TODAY	WED, JUNE 17	THURS, JUNE 18	FRI, JUNE 19	SUN, JUNE 21
<p><b>9:00 am</b> Faith Exploration for Adults</p> <p><b>9:30 am</b> Second Sunday Food Drive</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Worship in the Sanctuary and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p> <p><b>11:30 am</b> Sunday Fun Day</p> <p><b>11:30 am</b> Sustaining Ministry Team Meeting</p>	<p><b>11:30 am</b> The Welcome Table</p>	<p><b>10:00 am</b> <i>Theo of Golden</i> book discussion</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> Love Wins Group</p>	<p><b>Juneteenth Holiday</b> Church Office Closed</p>	<p><b>9:00 am</b> Faith Exploration for Adults</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Worship in the Sanctuary and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p> <p><b>11:45 am</b> History Reading Group</p>

# HAPPY PRIDE MONTH

TRINITY'S SEVENTH ANNUAL PRIDE SERVICE  
IN THE SANCTUARY ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 6:30 PM  
FEATURING THE GREENVILLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS

TRINITY AT UPSTATE PRIDE COLORS OF PRIDE  
SATURDAY JUNE 27  
BEGINS AT 11:00 AM ON SOUTH MAIN STREET

Contact Pastor Preacher to sign up to be involved in these celebrations of God's love for the Queer community.  
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