



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.



Fourth 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 in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary by Luther and Sally Boliek.

Serving Today

Susan Crowell

Preaching

Patrick Preacher

Presiding

Frank Griffin

Organist

Lector

Geoff Reid

Prayers

Carolyn Wehle

Cantor/Soloist

Melanie Helling

Percussion

John Beckford

Communion Assistants

Dovie Dykes, Madelyn Fagala

Acolyte

Bonnie Whitworth

Children's Worship Opportunity

Jessica Bigby, JL Dykes

Nursery

Beth Oswald, Anne Fagala

Praying for Possibilities

Chris Sullivan

Refreshment Hosts

Donna and David Potts

Greeters

Mark Allen, Jon Heiliger,
Renee Heiliger,
David Londono-Waddell,
Jeff Waddell-Londono

Ushers

Danny Fagala, David Nichols,
Karen Nichols, David Potts

Video

Kellie Fontecchio

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

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker
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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.



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.

Holy and living God, you call us into a world that is beautiful and broken, beloved and bereft. Give us courage to speak truth...truth that sets people free. We know the sting of rejection, the weight of discouragement, and the temptation to remain silent when justice, compassion, and love demand a voice. Yet your spirit burns within us. Give us strength to proclaim your good news with humility and conviction. When the path of discipleship brings conflict, help us trust that your love is deeper than our uncertainty and your promise greater than our fear. Teach us to follow Jesus not only when it is comfortable, but also when it calls us to challenge systems of oppression, to stand alongside those who are marginalized, and to choose compassion over convenience. Grant us the wisdom to discern your way, the courage to walk it, and the grace to remain faithful when the road is hard. We pray this through Jesus Christ, who calls us and accompanies us on the journey. **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

Jeremiah 20:7-13

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

⁷ O YHWH, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of YHWH has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ If I say, "I will not mention
or speak any more in YHWH's name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."



¹¹ But YHWH is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹² O YHWH of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to YHWH;
praise the YHWH!
For God has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

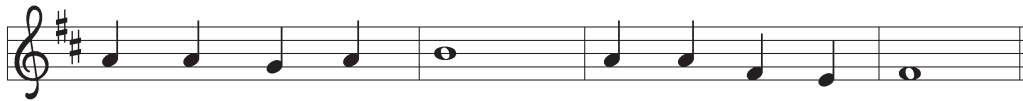
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

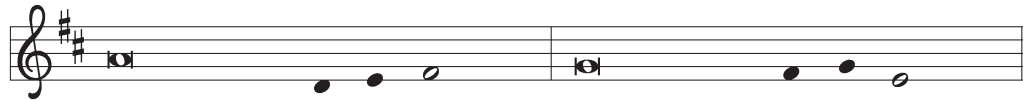
Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18

Psalm
Refrain



An - swer me, O Lord, for your love is kind.

Psalm
Tone



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.

⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,
and shame has cov- | ered my face.

⁸ **I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,
an alien to my | mother's children.**

⁹ Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

¹⁰ **I humbled my- | self with fasting,
but that was turned to | my reproach. R**

¹⁶ Answer me, O Lord, for your | love is kind;
in your great compassion, | turn to me.

¹⁷ **Hide not your face | from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.**

¹⁸ Draw near to me | and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- | liver me. **R**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Following Jesus and Filling Buckets

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.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:26-31; 34-36; 38-39

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your God. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a son against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and in-laws against in-laws,

³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

When Discipleship Means Conflict...not Comfort



HYMN OF THE DAY

Canticle of the Turning

Please stand as able.



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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.

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.

Path-forging God, you dare us to follow you into territory yet unknown. Raise up leaders in this expression of the church, the ELCA and the South Carolina Synod, who will walk the path you lead, losing their lives as they know them to share the abundant life we have in you. We pray especially for Presiding Bishop Yeheil Curry, South Carolina's retiring Bishop, Ginny Aebischer, as well as South Carolina Synod Bishop-Elect Wade Roof. Guide these and all leaders to be faithful in their promises and bold in their proclamation of a gospel that is truly for everyone. God, as you care even for the tiny sparrow, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, you have called us to follow Jesus in costly solidarity with the displaced and dispossessed. In our city where rapid housing displacement scatters families from their neighborhoods, we pray for all those losing ground. Teach us to speak prophetically and stand in solidarity with those on the margins. God, as you care even for the tiny sparrow, **receive our prayer.**

Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls, and you see the green spaces disappearing beneath concrete as our city expands. We pray for migrating birds, endangered species, and their habitats. We pray also for neighborhoods



displaced by development. Teach us to build justly and care for both creation and community. God, as you care even for the tiny sparrow, **receive our prayer.**

Unconquerable God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. We pray for LGBTQIA+ people and those securing their dignity and freedom, for immigrants and refugees building lives amid precarious situations, for all experiencing homelessness and displacement. Break the systems of oppression that grind against the weak and vulnerable. God, as you care even for the tiny sparrow, **receive our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Embrace those living with disability and ensure their access to home and community. Comfort those experiencing illness or suffering, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Teach us to embody your care in how we care for one another. God, as you care even for the tiny sparrow, **receive our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for Alexya Salvador, a Trans woman ordained as the first Transgender reverend in Latin America. In Brazil, where violence against LGBTQIA+ people reaches devastating heights, she claims the pulpit and creates Queer-affirming sacred space, teaches in public schools, and mothers her children with fierce love, including her Trans daughter. Protect her and all Queer pastors and Christian leaders who shepherd at such cost. May we answer God's call with our own solidarity, claiming our whole selves in faith. God, as you care even for the tiny sparrow, **receive our prayer.**

Empowering God, strengthen all who nurture and care for others: biological parents, foster parents, adoptive parents, fathers, chosen family, Queer kinship, grandparents, mentors, and all whose love holds us together. May they embody your compassion and care. We pray too for all for whom this day is difficult or painful, and for those grieving. God, as you care even for the tiny sparrow, **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we give thanks for all the saints who have now claimed their baptismal promise, especially Bayard Rustin, who lived his Christian call boldly as a Queer Black prophet who organized for racial justice, spoke truth about liberation, and resisted with nonviolent courage. May we follow his example, bringing our authentic selves to your work of freedom and justice. God, as you care even for the tiny sparrow, **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.

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.

God Invites Us to the Table

OFFERTORY SOLO

To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold

(Melanie Helling, soloist)

Music: Wonders by Robert Buckley Farley

Text: Susan R. Briehl

To Christ belong, in Christ behold God's wonders still unfold:
the buried grain springs forth again with fruit one hundredfold.
Baptized into the death of Christ, with Christ from death we rise,
drawn through the night by dawning light into abundant life,
into abundant life.

The brooding Spirit moves unseen as living waters stream
to quench all thirst and bring to birth a new community.
The binding shroud is here released, the veil of sin and grief,
and in their place a wreath of grace and robes of joy and peace,
and robes of joy and peace.

Rejoicing in God's promise strong, our treasure and our song,
in faith we cling, and gladly sing: to Christ we now belong.
In Christ abide, in Christ behold the world beloved and whole.
In love remain, by love proclaim God's wonders still untold,
God's wonders still untold.

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!



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

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, by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.





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 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:

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.



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.

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

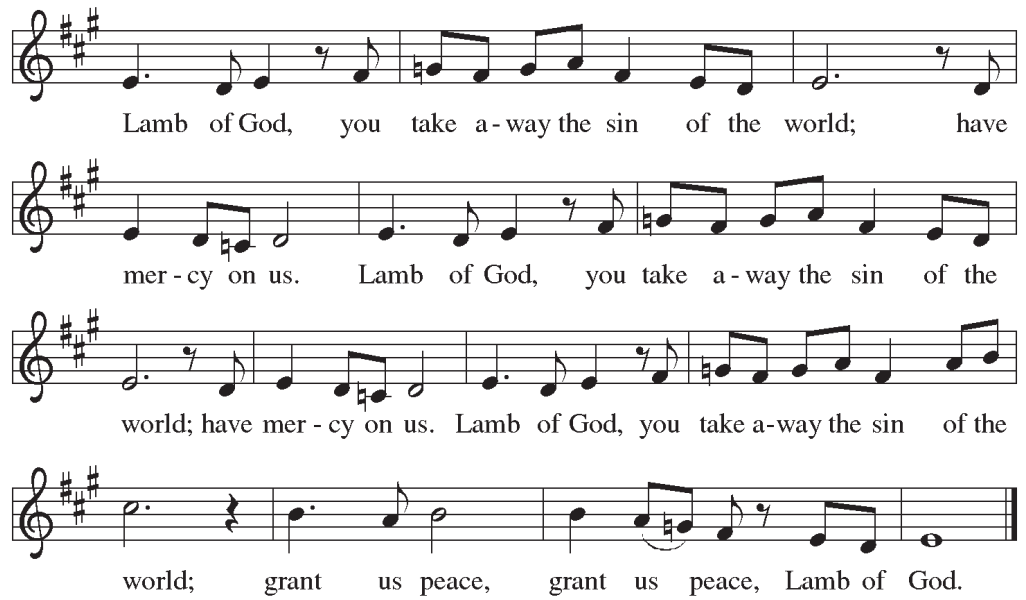
All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice. Gluten free wafers are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



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.

Borning Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no lon-ger young,
I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold.
you were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord, to whom you now be-long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be-gun.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,
in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise."
4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."



How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

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



proud and bold and free.

1, 2, 3.

2. We're a
3. We are
4. When we

Paint the world in colors proud and bold and

free.

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

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**

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.

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."

DISMISSAL

Beloved Community,
Go in peace.
Go in faith.
Go in courage.
Whenever injustice is challenged,
Conflict will arise.
Do not be afraid.
God in Christ is with you...every step of the way!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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

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

Hospital Patient: Luther Boliek

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. Expressions of love and care can be sent to Kay at 115 Eisenhower Drive, Greenville, SC 29607 or at karoco14@gmail.com.

Pastor Parham is away on vacation this week.

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.

Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership gathered in celebration earlier this month. At the Nehemiah Action, GOAL received confirmation from a school board trustee that plans are being made to hire fifty-one additional school counselors. House Bill H4270, sealing eviction filings from public records after seven years, will go into effect in January, 2027. The next GOAL cycle will begin in September with house meetings.

History Reading Group. Please join Trinity Lutheran Church History Readers today 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, 419-348-6508 or Don Todd at 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.

Summer Sunday Fun Days



In Celebration of the Beloved Community at Trinity, please mark your calendars for this series of Sunday Fun Days!

July 5, August 2

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

All are invited to Sunday Fun Day on Sunday, July 5 for Summer Bingo. Following worship, lunch will be served in the Multipurpose Room and will include hamburgers, hot dogs, and other summer favorites. Bingo will follow lunch, and prizes will be summer-themed. To sign up to help with the event, contact Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026.

June 21, 2026

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 Giving

As the beloved community at Trinity continues to reach out to the margins, the challenge of financially sustaining this mission and ministry becomes more difficult. As the challenge of supporting ministry increases, the need for this ministry of inclusion, radical hospitality, and belonging becomes even more important. As the summer brings time away, will you continue to support this ministry with your financial resources? If you are finding fulfillment, meaning, and belonging in this community, will you begin making a monthly gift to support this ministry? Thank you for helping Trinity continue to be a beacon of love and light in Greenville and beyond.

Please mark your calendars for the annual Sustaining Ministry kick-off event on **Friday, September 18** at 6:30 pm in the Activities Building. The evening will include a Las Vegas Games Night, activities for children and youth, as well as food and fellowship.

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.

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 to indicate your pathway preference.

Week at a Glance

TODAY	WED, JUNE 24	FRI, JUNE 26	SAT, JUNE 27	SUN, JUNE 28
<p>9:00 am Faith Exploration for Adults</p> <p>10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p> <p>11:45 am History Reading Group</p>	<p>6:30 pm PRIDE Service in the Sanctuary featuring the Greenville Gay Men's Chorus</p>	<p>10:00am Mahjong Group</p>	<p>11:00 am Trinity at Colors of Pride Festival on South Main Street, Greenville</p>	<p>9:00 am Faith Exploration for Adults</p> <p>10:00 am Worship in the Gym and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p> <p>11:30 am Youth Gathering Meeting</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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