



**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.*



**Fifth 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 their 50th wedding anniversary by Pat and Linda Morgan.

## Serving Today

**Susan Crowell**  
Preaching

**Patrick Preacher**  
Presiding

**Jim Parham**  
Pianist

**Lector**  
Lyle Mortensen

**Prayers**  
Sadie Zhou

**Cantor/Soloist**  
Lani and Russ Wise

**Guitar**  
Duke Barsody

**Bass**  
Brian Goodlett

**Percussion**  
John Beckford

**Communion Assistants**  
Matt Cobb, Rachel Colburn

**Acolyte**  
Ella Matson

**Children's Worship Opportunity**  
Chris Barsody, Stefani Robinson

**Nursery**  
Beth Oswald, Karen Craig

**Praying for Possibilities**  
Debbie Brune

**Refreshment Hosts**  
Jeff and Lisa Rehm

**Greeters**  
Mark Allen, John Beckford,  
Sherry Cochran, Deirdre Hixon,  
Pattimarie Janssen

**Ushers**  
Calvin Harmon,  
Chris Wannemacher,  
Joe Druga, Richard Delap

**Video**  
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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

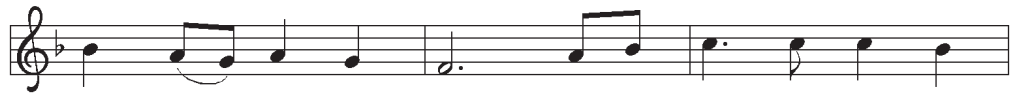
### All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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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.

Welcoming God, in Jesus Christ, you teach us that when we welcome one another, we welcome you. Open our hearts to a hospitality that is deeper than politeness and wider than comfort. Make us a community where strangers become neighbors, where those pushed to the margins find belonging, and where every person is honored as your beloved child. Give us courage to practice radical welcome: to listen before judging, to share generously what we have been given, and to recognize your presence in those whose stories, identities, experiences, or needs differ from our own. Make our congregation a place of refuge, justice, healing, and hope. Shape us into disciples who embody your love in tangible ways, extending grace across every boundary and building a more faithful and inclusive world. Receive us as we receive one another, through Jesus Christ, who welcomes all to the table of your abundant mercy.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

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.

### FIRST READING

A Contemporary Paraphrase of Romans 6:12-23

Do not let the forces that diminish life take charge of your body, your choices, or your community. Refuse to surrender yourselves to habits, systems, and fears that wound you or others.

Instead, offer your whole selves – your minds, bodies, gifts, identities, relationships, and work – to the God of life. You've been called out of death-dealing ways into a new way of living. Let every part of your life become a tool for healing, justice, compassion, and truth.

Sin and brokenness and failure do not get the final word. You are not governed by fear, exclusion, or condemnation. You live within God's grace, where liberation is stronger than shame. Does that mean we can ignore the call to transformation because grace is abundant? Of course not. The reality is that whatever shapes our deepest loyalties will influence the kind of people and communities we become.

There was a time when many of us were captive to patterns that distorted our humanity – patterns of selfishness, prejudice, violence, greed, or despair. But thanks be to God: you have embraced a new way. From the heart, you have committed yourselves to a vision of life rooted in love and truth.

Having been freed from everything that dehumanizes, you are now invited into the work of justice. Offer yourselves to practices that nurture wholeness. Just as harmful patterns once spread harm, let acts of mercy, courage, generosity, and solidarity spread healing.



When we are trapped by destructive powers, we often imagine ourselves free. Yet the fruit of those ways is isolation, brokenness, and death. Looking back, what lasting good came from what diminished your own dignity or the dignity of others?

But now you belong to a different story. You have been set free for love. The fruit of this new life is growing wholeness, deeper community, and participation in God's dream for the world. The wages paid by sin are death in all its forms – alienation, injustice, and despair. But God's gift is life that cannot be taken away: abundant, beloved, and eternal life revealed through Christ Jesus our Savior.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

*Psalm Refrain*

Your love, O Lord, for - ev - er will I sing.

*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.

<sup>1</sup> Your love, O Lord, forever | will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;**  
**you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup> "I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

<sup>4</sup> **'I will establish your | line forever,**  
**and preserve your throne for all | generations.'** R

<sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!  
They walk, O Lord, in the light | of your presence.

<sup>16</sup> **They rejoice daily | in your name;**  
**they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup> For you are the glory | of their strength,  
and by your favor our might | is exalted.

<sup>18</sup> **Truly, our shield belongs | to the Lord;**  
**our king to the Holy | One of Israel. R**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*The Gift of Welcome*

## 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 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the tenth chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:]<sup>40</sup> "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*A Call to Holy Hospitality*



HYMN OF THE DAY

*Please stand as able.*

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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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.*

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world and recognize those you have sent among us to teach us tenderness and courage. God of boundless welcome,  
**receive our prayer.**

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us, tending it with the same reverence you show for all your beloved creation. We give thanks for newly opened pools, the sprinklers children jump across, the gift of summer rain, and all the ways you bless us with water. God of boundless welcome,  
**receive our prayer.**

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division across this world. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. Teach us new ways of doing justice so that everyone has a place at the table and all voices matter. God of boundless welcome,  
**receive our prayer.**



Provider God, give your beloveds what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Bless care partners, doctors, therapists, counselors, and spiritual directors, as they show God's hospitality through their generous service to those who are suffering. God of boundless welcome,  
**receive our prayer.**

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors at Towers East. When ministry gets tough, remind us of the great work you do among us. God of boundless welcome,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of truth-telling, we lift up Sarah Kate Ellis, CEO of GLAAD, who works tirelessly to demand accurate representation of LGBTQIA+ people in media and popular culture, knowing that images shape hearts and minds. We pray that you would surround her with courage and resilience as she confronts those who would diminish or distort the stories and dignity of Queer and Trans people. May her labor for truthful, affirming representation bear fruit in transformed hearts, transformed screens, and transformed institutions. God of boundless welcome,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of life, we give you thanks for all the saints whose gospel-centered lives we now follow for inspiration. We thank you especially for Marsha P. Johnson—Trans woman, street queen, activist, and prophet—who refused to let pride be respectable when Trans and gender non-conforming people, people of color, and poor and homeless LGBTQIA+ people were being left behind. She threw the first bricks at Stonewall, spoke the hard truths, and made her body a sign of resistance and defiance. Marsha knew that revolution was not for the comfortable, and she lived into the most dangerous, most faithful calling: to stand with the most marginalized, to refuse silence, and to say: we are here, we are Queer, we will not disappear. May her fierce, unflinching love teach us what it means to follow Jesus into the streets, to the margins, to stand with those the world tries to erase. God of boundless welcome,  
**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 ANTHEM

### A Place at the Table

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.



Music Lori True

Text: Shirley Elena Murray1931, revised by Avery Arden (<https://binarybreakingworship.com/for-everyone-born-revised>)



- 1 For ev - ery-one
- 2 For wo - man and
- 3 For gay, bi, and
- 4 For young and for
- 5 For bod - ies di -
- 6 For ev - ery-one



born, a place at the ta - ble, for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and  
 man, a place at the ta - ble and all those be - tween, be - yond, and be -  
 straight, a place at the ta - ble, in - vit - ed to wed, to bap - tize and  
 old, a place at the ta - ble, a voice to be heard, a part in the  
 verse, a place at the ta - ble, all man - ner of speech and move - ment and  
 born, a place at the ta - ble, to live with - out fear, and simp - ly to



bread, a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing, for  
 sides; ex - pand - ing our world, dis - man - tl - ing pow - er, each  
 preach, a rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or, for  
 song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled, for  
 minds; en - a - bled to lead and teach us new lan - guage, for  
 be, to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for



ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head.  
 val - ued for what their voice can pro - vide.  
 queer, trans, and ace, God's jus - tice in reach.  
 young and for old, the right to be - long.  
 bod - ies di - verse, a church re - de - signed.  
 ev - ery - one born, the right to be free.

#### All Sing



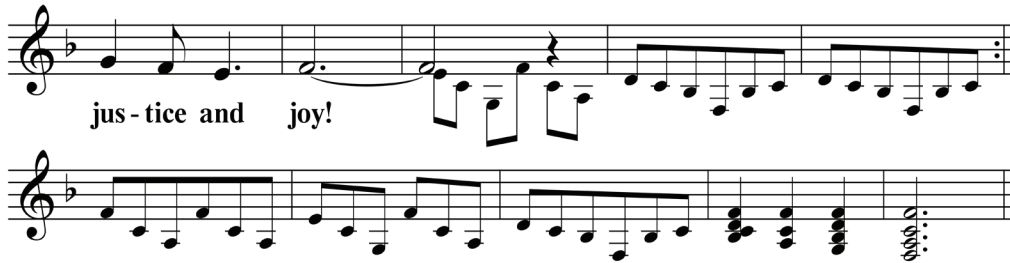
And God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of



jus - tice and joy, yes, God will de - light



when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus-tice and joy!

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 Music: A PLACE AT THE TABLE by Lori Tune  
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A PLACE AT THE TABLE  
 11 10 11 10 and refrain

## 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 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.

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.

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.

## 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

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.

Room at the Table

Piano introduction

Music and Lyrics: Carrie Newcomer

- 1 Let our
- 2 Too
- 3 No

hearts not be hard-ened to those liv-ing on the mar-gins. There is  
 long we have wan-dered bur-dened and un-done, but there is  
 mat-ter who you are, no mat-ter where you've been, there is

room at the ta-ble for ev-'ry-one. This is  
 room at the ta-ble for ev-'ry-one. This is  
 room at the ta-ble for ev-'ry-one. Here and

where it all be-gins, this is how we ga-ther in. There is  
 how it all be-gins. Let us sing the new world in. There is  
 now we can be the be-loved com-mun-i-ty. There is

room at the ta-ble for ev-'ry-one.  
 room at the ta-ble for ev-'ry-one.  
 room at the ta-ble for ev-'ry-one.

Chorus

There is room for us all, and no gift is too small. There is

room at the ta-ble for ev-'ry-one. There's e-



room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one.

1, 2

Finale ending

ev - 'ry-one. There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry-one, for

ev - 'ry - one.

## Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your

prais - ses. — I'm so glad you're in — my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth

— to show the way, — from the earth — to the cross,

— my debt to pay, — from the cross — to the grave,

— from the grave — to the sky; — Lord, I lift your name on high.

# 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  
 lars, 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 - lours

\*alt: clobbered



proud and bold and free.

1, 2, 3. Paint the world in colors proud and bold and

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

free.

## Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

*Refrain*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

*Refrain*

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

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## 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.



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 now as people of radical welcome:  
 Opening doors,  
 Widening tables,  
 Softening judgments,  
 Carrying compassion,  
 and Recognizing Christ in every neighbor.  
 May we become, not merely a place where people attend, but a sanctuary where all are welcomed, healed, and transformed by love.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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

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# Activities & Opportunities

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**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.

**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.

**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.

**Book Discussion Group.** Please join Pastor Crowell for a discussion of the book *Kin* by Tayari Jones on Thursday, August 6 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.

## 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.

## 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](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	FRI, JULY 3	SUN, JULY 5
<p><b>9:00 am</b> Faith Exploration for Adults</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Worship in the Gym and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p> <p><b>11:30 am</b> Youth Gathering Meeting</p>	<p><b>Church Office Closed</b> Independence Day Holiday</p>	<p><b>9:00 am</b> Faith Exploration for Adults</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Worship in the Gym and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p> <p><b>11:30 am</b> Sunday Fun Day</p>