



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.



Sixth 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 Kay Cook by Calvin and Anne Harmon.

Serving Today

Susan Crowell
Presiding

Patrick Preacher
Preaching

Jim Parham
Pianist and Choir Director

Lector
Jeff Waddell-Londono

Prayers
Kerrie Seymour

Cantor/Soloist
Jeff Rehm

Guitar
Duke Barsody

Bass
Brian Goodlett

Percussion
John Beckford

Communion Assistants
Mary Clark, Christopher Clark

Acolyte
Bonnie and Samuel Whitworth

Children's Worship Opportunity
Mark Allen, Chris Barsody

Nursery
Beth Oswald, Karen Craig

Praying for Possibilities
Mary Beth Ridenhour

Refreshment Hosts
Philip and Melanie Wessinger

Greeters
Mark Allen, Gene Lynch,
Sonny Patrick, Valerie Patrick,
Carolyn Wehle

Ushers
Karen and David Nichols,
Lani Ludian, Franklin Sease

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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

O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

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.

God of the weary and the marginalized, as our nation celebrates 250 years of freedom while conveniently forgetting those who are yet unable to experience complete freedom due to the injustices of American systems, we ask you to deliver us from these difficult days. Bring an end to the idolatry of Christian nationalism running rampant in this nation. Teach us instead the way of Jesus—who came to invite the burdened into rest, not linking your name to power or domination. Guide this nation toward authentic justice and the liberation of those our systems have pushed to the edges. Give us the courage to choose your radically inclusive love over the false comfort of national glory. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O child Zion!

Shout aloud, O child Jerusalem!

See, your ruler comes to you;

triumphant and victorious,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ Your ruler will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and issue the command of peace to the nations.

This ruler's dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Thanks be to God.



PSALM

Psalm 145:8-14

Psalm Refrain

The Lord is gra-cious and full of com-pas-sion, the
 Lord is full of com-pas-sion.

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.

¹ The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,
 slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹ **Lord, you are | good to all,
 and your compassion is over | all your works. R**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise | you, O Lord,
 and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory | of your realm
 and speak | of your power,**

¹² that all people may know | of your power
 and the glorious splendor | of your realm.

¹³ **Your realm is an everlasting realm;
 your dominion endures through- | out all ages.
 You, Lord, are faithful in all your words,
 and loving in | all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall
 and lifts up those who | are bowed down. **R**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

When the Stars Took a Nap

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.



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

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.**

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church you have called out from every nation. Knit us together into one body and heal the divisions we have caused. Shake us awake from our comfortable silence. Overcome our timidity to witness and act in the public square when your purpose is being thwarted. Bless rostered and lay leaders with clarity and courage as they center your people in the gospel, especially the ELCA's Presiding Bishop Yeheil Curry, South Carolina's Retiring Bishop, Ginny Aebischer, and South Carolina's Bishop-elect, Wade Roof. Teach us to love as you love, lead as you lead, and welcome as you welcome—not in words alone, but in the hard, holy work of justice.

Break the bonds that bind us,
receive our prayer.

All your works praise you, O God. From the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the western islands, these lands and waters, both stolen and sacred, have sustained people over many centuries, though the ones who tended them longest are often unseen. As we take our part in creation's praise, revive our wonder at what you have fashioned, and enliven our fierce will to ensure its health for generations yet unborn. Guard these lands from the grip of extraction and exploitation. Protect South Carolina waterways and coastlands, especially the habitats of our Loggerhead sea turtles. Return us to right relationship with the Native people who know these waters and soils as kin.

Break the bonds that bind us,
receive our prayer.

Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. As the United States of America holds high its declaration of independence this week, we name the bitter contradiction at its heart: freedom is being proclaimed from stages and churches while people gasp for breath beneath the weight of systems built to keep them in chains. Give those whom we have entrusted with authority the courage to resist greed and the grace to see the faces of those on the margins as their own beloved. Steer us away from leaders who steal power from the voiceless. Bring an end to the constant, methodical abuse of the oppressed in your name. May justice, humility, and peace flourish here and abroad as a lived reality in the lives of the people your Chosen One came to liberate.

Break the bonds that bind us,
receive our prayer.

You are the Mother of exiles, O God, and you draw near to those who are bound. Extend your arms to all who are tired, who live with poverty, those feeling thrown about in the storms of life, and all who yearn to breathe free. Embrace people seeking refuge across militarized borders, those incarcerated in cages and detention centers, disappeared from their beloveds, and neighbors fearing those they once trusted. Give healing and hope to people in any oppression and need, especially Queer and Trans people facing overwhelming cruelties, Black, Indigenous, and Brown people bearing the full weight of systemic racism, women and girls stripped of bodily autonomy, and immigrants hunted and dehumanized. You promised rest to



the weary, so we call out to you: hear the cry of those whose yokes are too heavy to bear alone!

Break the bonds that bind us,

receive our prayer.

We remember before you those who have given their lives in every generation to ensure freedom is not a hollow word: freedom riders and Stonewall rebels, abolitionists and activists, people in the armed services who chose conscience over command. We give thanks for Frederick Douglass, who named the contradiction of July 4 from inside slavery; for Sylvia Rivera, who refused to let the Queer movement forget the poor and the imprisoned; for all the nameless ones who made the impossible journey from bondage to liberation. Gather us, together with those who have gone before us and with saints of every tribe and nation, into the holy city you have prepared—a city where the last are first, where the captives walk free, where every tear is wiped away.

Break the bonds that bind us,

receive our prayer.

Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

Music: William P. Rowan

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan

“Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress; come to me, you heavy-burdened; come to me and find your rest.”

“Do not fear, my yoke is easy; do not fear, my burden's light; do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.”

“Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.

Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.”

“Rest in me, O weary traveler; rest in me and do not fear.

Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care.”

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





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.

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.

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.

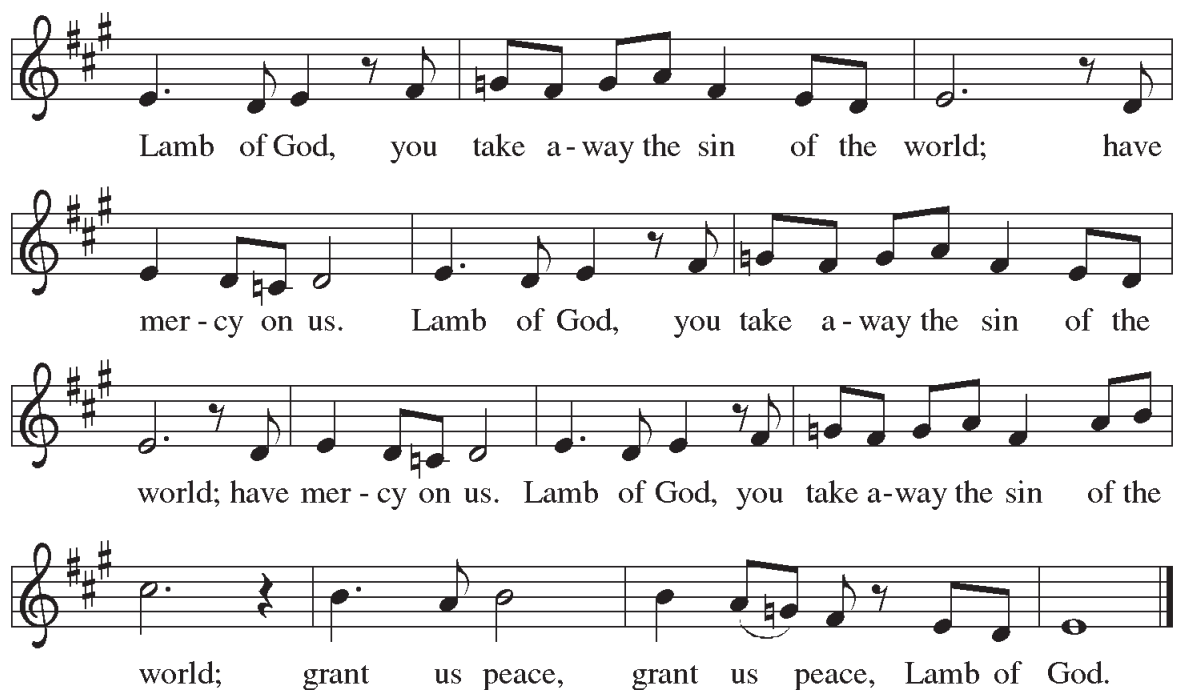
COMMUNION

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.

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.

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.



I Am

1 I am the true vine;
 2 I am the good shep-herd.
 3 I am the light of the world.

you are the branch - es.
 you are God's flock. You
 I am the light of life. I

I a - bide in you, and
 lis - ten to my voice. I
 shine in the dark - ness dis -

you a - bide in me,
 know you and you know me, and I
 pers - ing the sha - dows of death, guid - ing

bear - ing the fruit of love.
 lay down my life for you.
 you with the light of love.

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you

up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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. day.
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.**

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.**

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.

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**

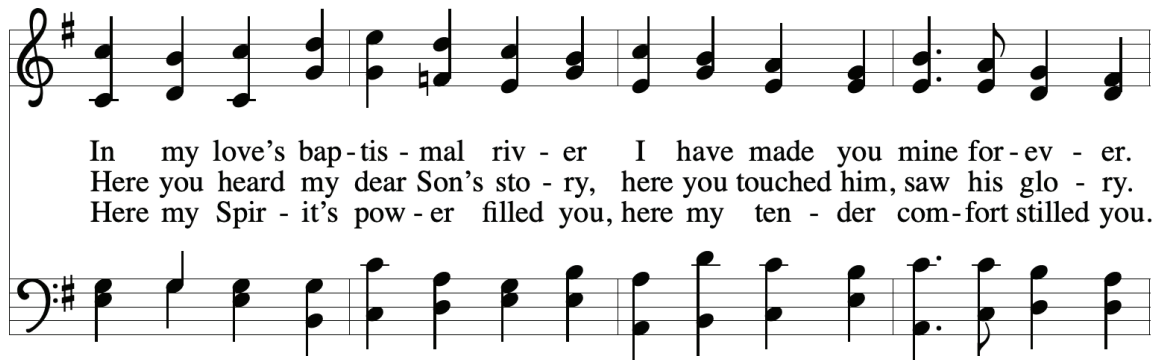
Go, My Children, with My Blessing



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

Go in peace.
Search for the truth.
Follow Christ to uplift those still held captive in a free nation.
Seek liberty and justice for all.
Thanks be to God.

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.

Church Staff

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Activities & Opportunities

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.

Hospital Patients: Sandy Cannon Spencer

Adult Faith Exploration will continue a series for the Summer called *Together by Grace: The Psalms*. Each week in July 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.

Fiber Arts Group. During these anxiety producing times, research shows being in community and having social support produces significant positive effects to mental and emotional well-being. Along that "thread," a Fiber Arts Group formed at Trinity to simply make space for being together while creating and keeping hands busy. Those who enjoy (or want to learn) crochet, knitting, cross-stitch, sewing, latch hooking, or some other fiber-based craft not listed here are invited to come together for a time of crafting and community. Really, all crafts that travel well are welcome! Attendees should bring supplies to craft. Those who are interested in learning a craft but do not have supplies are welcome too. Someone will be happy to share and teach! The group will meet on Monday, July 6 at 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Contact Jenn Jordan at 314-605-2605 with questions.

Second Sunday Food Drive will take place Sunday, July 12 from 9:30-10:00 am. Please drop off items at the Red Canopy Door. This collection bolsters the Trinity Food Pantry which supports our downtown neighbors at The Welcome Table as well as for emergency distribution as needed. Items of most need include: canned meat, 16 oz jars of peanut butter, toilet paper, canned fruit, pasta sauce, 2 lb bags of rice, 16 oz bags of dry beans, canned veggies, canned soups, and boxed cereal. Please contact Pastor Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws or via text.

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 Wednesday, July 29 at 11:30 am in the Multipurpose Room. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy a hot lunch and good fellowship. Anyone interested in participating actively in this ministry should contact Pastor Preacher via text at (864) 483-2590.

Out to Lunch Bunch. Trinity's Out to Lunch Bunch is open to all adults who would like to enjoy fellowship and a meal together after worship. The group will gather on Sunday, July 12, following worship at Lewis BBQ, 214 Rutherford Street, Greenville. Please reach out to Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026 to reserve your space for lunch.

Love Wins will gather on Thursday, July 16 at 6:30 to discuss the book *Secrets Well Kept* by Lynn Ames. The group will meet in the Parlor, located inside the Red Canopy Door. Contact Angie McCormack with any questions or for more information.

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History Reading Group. Please join Trinity Lutheran Church History Readers on Sunday, July 19 after worship in the Parlor to discuss 1776 by David McCullough. Contact Bob Schirmer at rwschirmer@gmail.com, 419-348-6508 or Don Todd at dktodd47@gmail.com, 803-517-8129 with questions.

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 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!



You are invited to the second Sunday Fun Day!

TODAY, All are invited to Sunday Fun Day 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.

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	MON, JULY 6	WED, JULY 8	FRI, JULY 10	SUN, JULY 12
<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 Sunday Fun Day Lunch and Bingo</p>	<p>6:30 pm Fiber Arts Group</p>	<p>7:00 am Men's Reflection and Fellowship Group</p>	<p>10:00 am Mahjong Group</p>	<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>11:30 am Out to Lunch Bunch</p>

New Office Schedule - 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.