



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.



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Trinity!

A place of love, grace, and belonging, where all, without exception, are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated.

If we can make you feel more at home, please speak to an usher or greeter.

As disciples of Christ working for peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and embrace all people, without exception, into the fullness of God's love. We advocate for racial, gender, queer, and economic equity. We celebrate people of all cultures, ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status, and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this community. All are invited to join us as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another.

ADULTS & CHILDREN

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex or the Gym for children. Bags for preschoolers are tied with a white ribbon. Bags for elementary age children have no ribbon. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands.

A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff, Beth Oswald, as well as a small group of rotating volunteers who have been trained in Trinity's Child Protection Policy is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 am to care for infants and toddlers who would prefer enjoying play time instead of attending 10:00 am worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Pence Building. Please reach out to a greeter or usher if you need assistance.

PRAYING WITH US

We encourage you to participate fully in our service, as you are comfortable. We invite you to read aloud the **bold text**. Wherever you see ✠, you are invited to cross yourself. Other actions are indicated during the service, but none are required.

LET'S GET CONNECTED

If you are new to Trinity, we are thrilled to have you here. If you would like to know more about this congregation and our ministry please share your contact information with us by filling out a Connection Card which can be obtained from the pew racks or baskets. Thank you for your presence among us.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of her mother, Darlene, on her 80th birthday by Heather Kleckley.

Serving Today

Jim Parham
Presiding and Preaching

Angie McCormack
Assisting Minister

Frank Griffin
Organist

Lector
Mary Brown

Prayers
Melissa Kolb

Cantor/Soloist
Richard Moose

Percussion
John Beckford

Communion Assistants
Vivianne Bolt, Sonny Patrick

Acolyte
Lauren Whitworth

Children's Worship Opportunity
Anne Fagala, Margaret Roth

Nursery
Beth Oswald, Karen Craig

Praying for Possibilities
Lani Wise

Refreshment Hosts
The Fagala Family

Greeters
Chris Barsody, JL Dykes,
Jane Mortensen, Lyle Mortensen

Ushers
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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

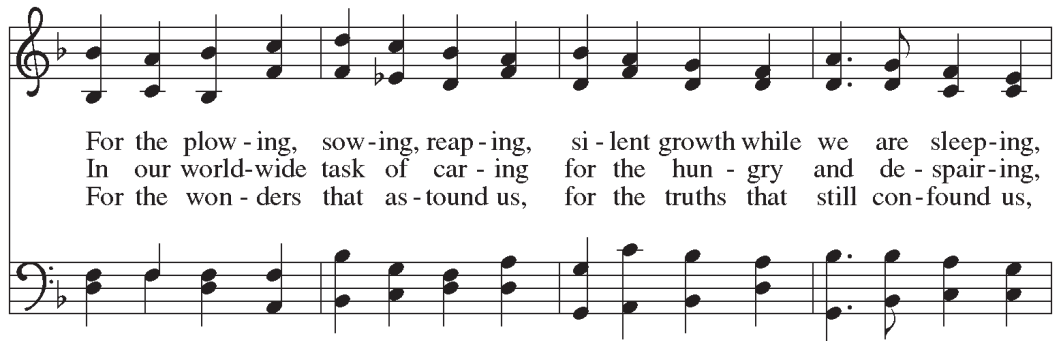
For the Fruit of All Creation



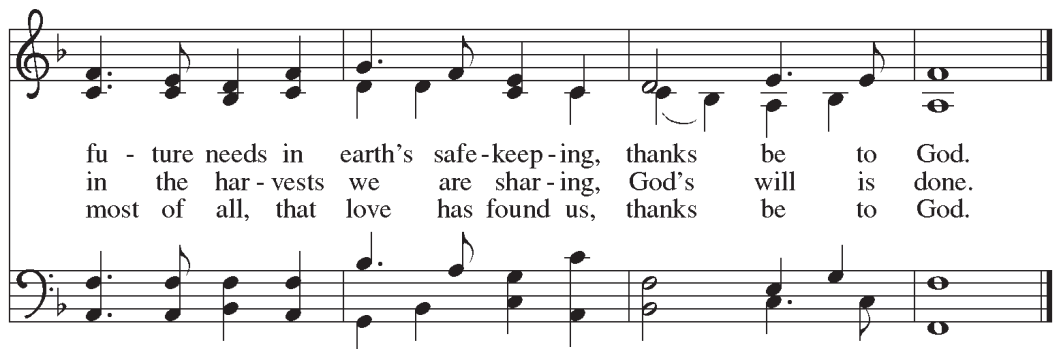
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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



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,



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

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
 Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to YHWH for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

Refrain

Psalm Refrain

Your paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty, O God, your
paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty.

Psalm Tone

¹ You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one | who answers prayer,
to you all | flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are strong- | er than we are,
but you blot out | our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your | courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness | of your temple. R**

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."

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.



⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
God of | our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the oceans | far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains | by your power;
you are girded a- | bout with might.**

⁷You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your | marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy. R**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; the river of God is | full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground
and | bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing. R

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Nature's Joyful Song

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.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as they sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kin-dom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Faith Biome

HYMN OF THE DAY

As Rain from the Clouds

Please stand as able.

1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,
 2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown,
 3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,

as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.
 on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.
 a - wak - ing and warm - ing and heal - ing our land.



Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow
Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow

and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.

We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;
We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;
We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;

we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.

We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,

for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.
for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.
for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.

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

Trusting in the God who scatters grace without limit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across every field, tossing it even onto rocky ground and among thorns, refusing to hold back for fear it might be wasted. Cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant, unruly, and wild Spirit. Bring seeds of perseverance, hope, and inclusion to church leaders, especially the ELCA's Presiding Bishop Yeheil Curry, South Carolina's retiring Bishop, Ginny Aebischer, and Bishop-elect Wade Roof. Break up what has gone hard-packed in us, that your word might take root deep and wide. Let our hearts be good soil,
receive our prayer.

God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your fierce commitment to life, even as our hands have too often disregarded its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's promise, when mountains and hills burst into song and the trees of the field clap their hands—when briar gives way to myrtle and thorn gives way to cypress. Teach us to tend the earth as kin rather than commodity. Hasten the day when all creation rejoices in your salvation. Let our hearts be good soil,
receive our prayer.

God our life, you breathe into us the same Spirit that raised Christ from the grave. Set our minds on that Path-forging Spirit whenever fear or condemnation threatens



to choke out hope, at home and throughout the world, especially in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, in the midst of the Mexican drug war, and other war-torn regions, growing too many to name. Where anxious hearts have become shallow soil, unable to hold fast under pressure, send roots deep enough to weather what comes. Teach this world to plant seeds of lasting peace. Let our hearts be good soil,
receive our prayer.

God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals through the summer months, for all who labor beneath the hot sun without rest or refreshment, and for the chronically ill who have exhausted every resource available to them. We pray for those held by chosen family, foster and adoptive parents, and biological family alike as they carry burdens of daily life. We lift up those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts... Let our hearts be good soil,
receive our prayer.

God our source, tend this assembly with your grace through the fullness of this summer season. Keep safe all who travel for work or rest, and let guests among us find true refreshment—a table wide enough, a welcome real enough, that every person, regardless of gender or sexuality, knows themselves held as beloved, beautiful, and boldly made in your image. Let our hearts be good soil,
receive our prayer.

We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep through every generation, breaking up ground that seemed impossible to till. We remember all the saints who have claimed their baptismal promise, whose lives bore fruit thirty, sixty, a hundredfold. We thank you for all whose names we hold close in memory and love. Let our hearts be good soil,
receive our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your unrelenting goodness, we cast every care into your keeping, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus, our grace-giving gardener and eternal friend.
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

O God, Whose Word Well-Planted

Music: Stephen P. Folkemer

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr.

O God, whose word well-planted yields fruit a hundredfold,
we praise your graces granted to those who sowed of old,
who by their witness scattered good seed upon the soil
where others, reaping, gathered the harvest of their toil.

O God of seed and harvest, of sun and soil and rain,
attend the word we sow, lest its planting be in vain.
Send showers of your Spirit, bright sunshine of your grace,
that multitudes who hear it your gospel may embrace.

O God, your final harvest of history's ancient field
will test with truth the proudest that human work can yield.
Oppression's blight will vanish, fair freedom's fruits increase;
and love and joy will flourish to clothe the earth with peace.

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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!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

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





**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.

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.

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing, Word al - might - y,
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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We Are a Rainbow an Affirming Hymn

1 We're the light of all the world,
 2 We're a coat of ma - ny co -
 3 We are hope to still be - lieve _
 4 When we face the storms of life, _

— we are a cit - y on a hill, —
 — lors, sewn from ma - ny dif - f'rent threads,
 — in to - mor - row's bet - ter day, —
 — we will ne - ver be a - lone, —

— We're a can - dle on a stand — pro - claim - ing
 — co - v'ring all in warmth, in wel - come and in
 — We are peace — in a world — that's torn a -
 — For our God — will be with — us on the

light, We will not hide our lamp
 grace, God said, "Let there be light,"
 part, We are joy that will last —
 way, Hand in hand, side by side,

— be - neath a bush - el an - y more, — We will
 — cre - a - ted e - v'ry va - ried shade, — In the
 — in all the strug - gles that we face, — We are
 — we won't be fright - ened a - ny more, — As the

Refrain
 shine a ray of hope — that's burn - ing bright.
 rain - bow each of us — can find a place. We
 love that blooms and grows — in e - v'ry heart.
 mourn - ing night of tears — breaks in - to day.

are a rain - bow, — sign of co - ve - nant and

peace, For the flood of tears will fin - 'lly cease to

be, Come shine your rain - bow, — splash your

hues a - cross the sky, Paint the world in co - lours

To Coda after 4 1, 2, 3.
 proud and bold — and free.

Coda
slower
 Paint the world in co - lours proud and bold and free.

By Your Hand You Feed Your People



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.





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.

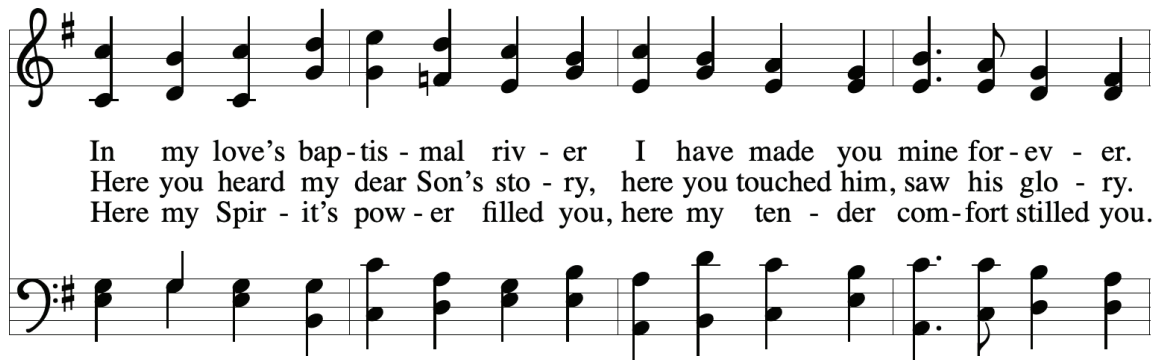
Go, My Children, with My Blessing



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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

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Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus' final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded. And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.

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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.

Pastor Crowell is away on vacation today.

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Hospital Patient - Owen Campanella (discharged)

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.

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.

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 dk todd47@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.

Trinity Children. Trinity Children will gather on Sunday, July 19 following worship. The group will enjoy lunch, activities, and outdoor games. Adult volunteers are needed to help with lunch and activities. Contact Angie McCormack for more information or to get involved.

Trinity Youth. Trinity Youth will gather at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, July 22 to work on a service project. The group will then walk downtown for ice cream. Pickup will be at 3:00 pm.

July 12, 2026



Calling All Crafters! Many hands make quick work! We'd love your help creating simple paper dandelions for our October 4 Celebration Luncheon table decorations. Join us after worship on Sunday, July 26 for a brief 15-minute demonstration. All materials and instruction packets will be ready for you to pick up, so you can take your project home and complete it at your convenience. Whether you're an experienced crafter or just enjoy helping, we'd love to have you be part of making this celebration extra special! Questions may be directed to Renee Heiliger at rch719@gmail.com.

Summer Sunday Fun Days

In Celebration of the Beloved Community at Trinity, please mark your calendars for our final Summer Sunday Fun Day!

August 2 - Back to School BINGO



All are invited to Sunday Fun Day for Back to School BINGO. Following worship, lunch will be served in the Multipurpose Room. Lunch will be build your own bagged lunch. Bingo will follow lunch with Back to School themed prizes.

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	THURS, JULY 16	FRI, JULY 17	SUN, JULY 19
<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>	<p>6:30 pm Love Wins 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 Gym and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p> <p>11:30 am Trinity Children</p> <p>11:30 am History Reading Group</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.