



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.



Eighth 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 by a beloved member of the Trinity family.

Serving Today

Susan Crowell
Preaching

Patrick Preacher
Presiding

Jim Parham
Pianist

Lector
Kyle Davis

Prayers
Esther Atkins

Cantor/Soloist
Sheryl and Bob Schirmer

Guitar
Duke Barsody

Bass
Brian Goodlett

Percussion
John Beckford

Communion Assistants
Sharron Goodlett, Andrew Morris

Acolyte
Dovie Dykes, Madelyn Fagala

Children's Worship Opportunity
J.L. Dykes, Anne Fagala

Nursery
Beth Oswald, Margaret Roth

Praying for Possibilities
Maggie Downen

Refreshment Hosts
Lani Wise

Greeters
Mark Allen, Deirdre Hixson,
Pattimarie Janssen,
Cathy O'Neill, Pat O'Neill,
Suzanne Rudisill

Ushers
Jeff Roth, Ed Ninestein,
David Potts, Lani Ludian

Video
Henry Wilcox

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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.

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

The Feast Is Ready

1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing,
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things;
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies,
 the feast is read - y to be - gin.
 oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
 of - fers the poor his par - a - dise.

The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
 He'll fill you up with love di - vine:
 Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud

and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.

Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.

Take your place at the ta - ble of the King

The feast is read - y to be - gin;
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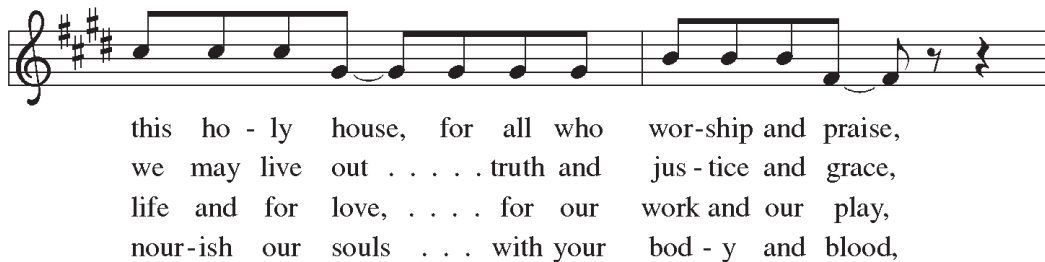
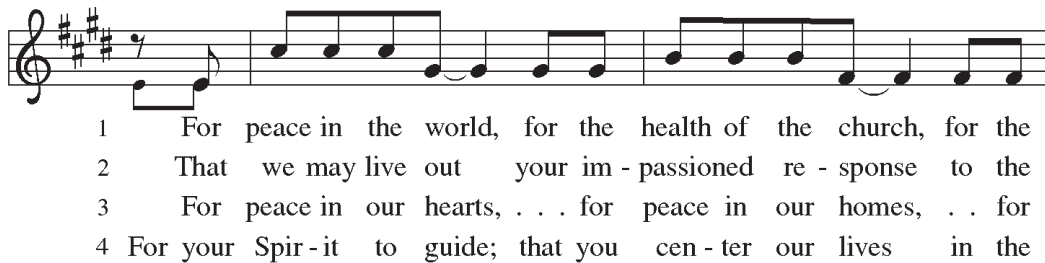


GREETING

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



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 extravagant grace,

You know what grows within us and around us: the tender stalks of hope and the tangled roots of grief, the dreams that nourish life and the wounds that continue to fester. We long to separate everything – right from wrong, friend from enemy, certainty from doubt, our own goodness from all that troubles us. Life in the faith is rarely so simple. In the unresolved places of our lives, where grief and gratitude share the same breath, where hope grows through broken ground, and where we long for answers that have not yet come, resolution where chaos and confusion still reign, be our steady companion. Until all things are gathered into your justice, give us the faith and the grace to remain rooted in your mercy; through Jesus, the Christ, we pray. **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.

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."

FIRST READING

Genesis 28:10-19a

A reading from Genesis.

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, Jacob put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And YHWH stood beside him and said, "I am YHWH, the God of Abraham and Sarah, your father and mother, and the God of Isaac and Rebekah; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from sleep and said, "Surely YHWH is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And Jacob was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ^{19a} Jacob called that place Bethel.

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

Thanks be to God.



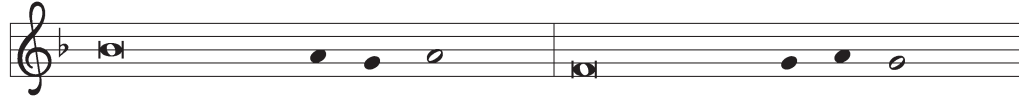
PSALM

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Psalm
Refrain



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 Lord, you have | searched me out;
O Lord, you | have known me.
- ² **You know my sitting down and my | rising up;**
you discern my thoughts | from afar.
- ³ You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.
- ⁴ **Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,**
but you, O Lord, know it | altogether.
- ⁵ You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.
- ⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;**
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it. R
- ⁷ Where can I go then | from your Spirit?
Where can I flee | from your presence?
- ⁸ **If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;**
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.
- ⁹ If I take the wings | of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,
- ¹⁰ **even there your | hand will lead me**
and your right hand | hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will | cover me,
and the light around me | turn to night,"
- ¹² **darkness is not dark to you;**
the night is as bright | as the day;
darkness and light to you are | both alike. R
- ²³ Search me out, O God, and | know my heart;
try me and know my | restless thoughts.
- ²⁴ **Look well whether there be any wicked- | ness in me**
and lead me in the way that is | everlasting. R

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Planting Seeds of Kindness

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as able.



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

GOSPEL

A Progressive Reading Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told another story:

God's dream for the world is like someone who planted good seed in a field. But while everyone slept, forces opposed to love scattered harmful weeds throughout the field before slipping away.

When the plants began to grow, the weeds grew too. The workers asked, "Should we pull the weeds out?" But the farmer replied, "No, if you try to separate everything now, you will likely damage the wheat as well. Let the wheat and the weeds grow together until the harvest. There will come a time to sort things out wisely and carefully. For now, nurture what gives life."

Later, when the disciples asked what the story meant, Jesus explained:

The one who sows the good seed is the Chosen One. The field is the whole world. The good seed is everyone who embodies God's reign of justice, mercy, and compassion. The weeds represent everything that chokes life – fear, cruelty, greed, violence, and all that separates people from one another. These destructive forces do not come from God.

The harvest is the moment when truth is finally revealed. God's messengers gather up everything that destroys love and dignity so it can no longer wound creation. All that dehumanizes, marginalizes, and oppresses will lose its power.

Then those who have rooted themselves in God's justice will shine with the brilliance that has been there all along, like the sun breaking through after a long storm.

If you have ears to hear, let this truth take root in you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Please be seated.

SERMON

God's Economy of Grace

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able.

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



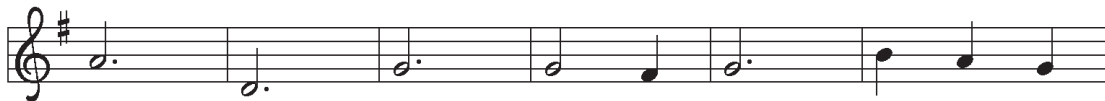
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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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

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 sower, you let the wheat and the weeds grow tangled together, refusing to rip up what might yet be saved. Keep your church from the false certainty of pulling up what we've decided doesn't belong, and steady us in seasons when we can't yet tell one from the other. Where we've traded grace for judgment, restore us. Grant patience to church leaders, lest they be quick to label weeds and wheat as good or bad. We pray especially for our Presiding Bishop, Yeheil Curry, South Carolina's retiring Bishop, Ginny Aebischer, and Bishop-Elect Wade Roof.

Surely you are in this place,
receive our prayer.

God our maker, your creation groans in labor, waiting with us for what is not yet seen. You are present in ocean depths, in microscopic life, in galaxies beyond our own. Teach us to slow down and marvel at that we cannot rush. Give us hope that doesn't depend on seeing the harvest first.

Surely you are in this place,
receive our prayer.

God of Jacob's dream, you meet us in wilderness places and call them holy before we know it. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders might guide toward



the flourishing of all people, not just the powerful. Where our leaders sow fear, plant justice instead. Guide local and national lawmakers into a greater sense of your dream, that all people are created equal, all deserve the right to thrive, and those they deride, the Queer, Trans, and marginalized, are precious in your sight.

Surely you are in this place,
receive our prayer.

God our rock, be a constancy for those uprooted by war, eviction, climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness, illness, or injury. Bring relief to any who are withering in the summer heat and comfort to those suffering from any malady. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Even where the ground has given way beneath them, meet them there.

Surely you are in this place,
receive our prayer.

God our teacher, guide summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the year ahead, and youth stepping into their first jobs. Let them find you present in ordinary rooms and long afternoons.

Surely you are in this place,
receive our prayer.

God our hope, your harvest is planted among us in every time and place, even ground we'd call unlikely. We give thanks for the witness of all the saints who have claimed their baptismal promise, who shone like the sun in your presence though the world called them weeds.

Surely you are in this place,
receive our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

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.

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.



God Invites Us to the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

Music: Amanda Husberg

Text: John Thornburg

*God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation, we are formless; shape us now.*

*God the nuisance to the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar in the darkness, God the beacon of the free:
you are fount of all deliverance, we are sightless; lead us now.*

*God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat:
you are host at every table, we are hungry; feed us now.*

*God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth,
God the table-turning prophet, God the resurrected truth:
you are present every moment, we are searching; meet us now.*

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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.

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:

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.

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.

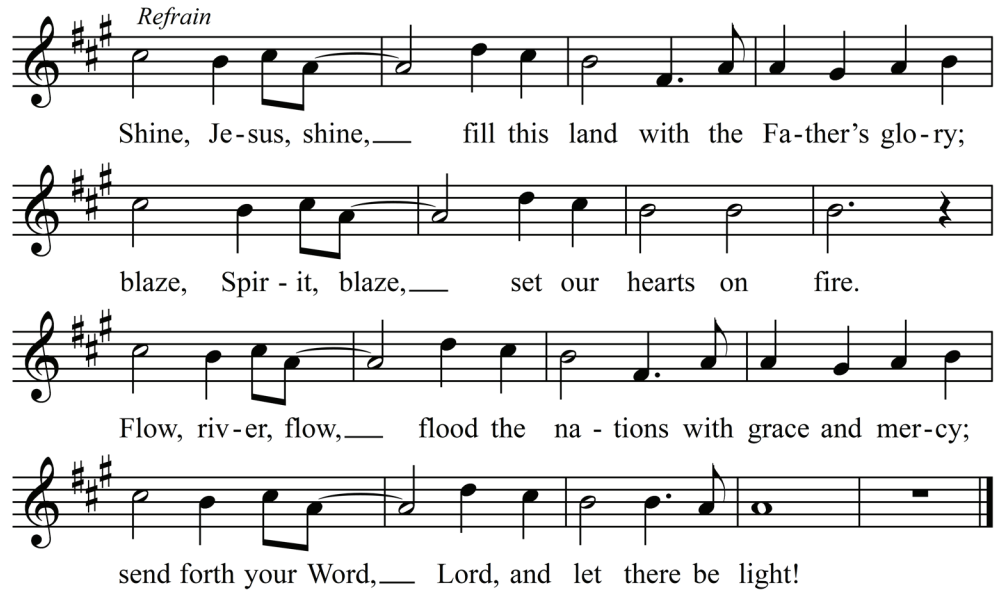


COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God

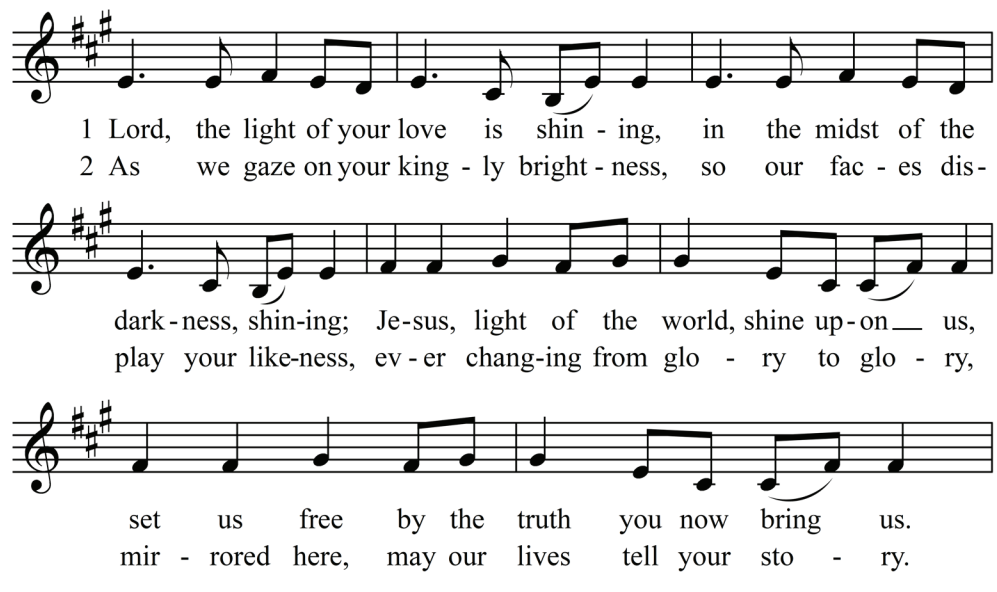
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Refrain



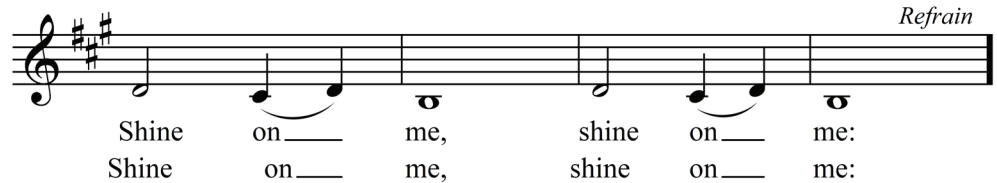
Shine, Je-sus, shine,___ fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo-ry;
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze,___ set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, riv-er, flow,___ flood the na - tions with grace and mer-cy;
 send forth your Word,___ Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis-



dark-ness, shin-ing; Je-sus, light of the world, shine up-on___ us,
 play your like-ness, ev - er chang-ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain



Shine on___ me, shine on___ me:
 Shine on___ me, shine on___ me:

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Music: Graham Kendrick

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

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Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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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, -
- lers, 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



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

proud and bold and free.

To Coda after 4 1, 2, 3.

Coda
slower

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

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Amen.

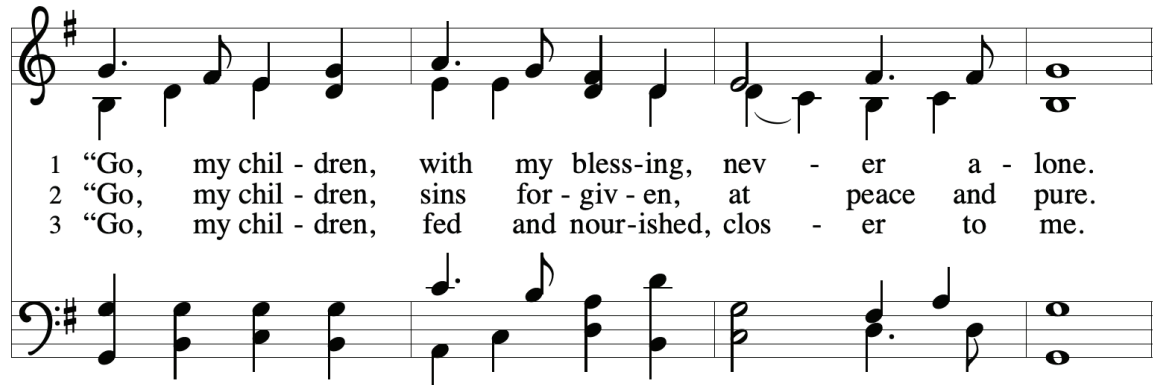
God Sends Us to Love and Serve the World

BLESSING

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

After Communion,
we give thanks for
being part of the
communion of God's
life and for being fed
so that we may go
out to feed and serve
others in our world.

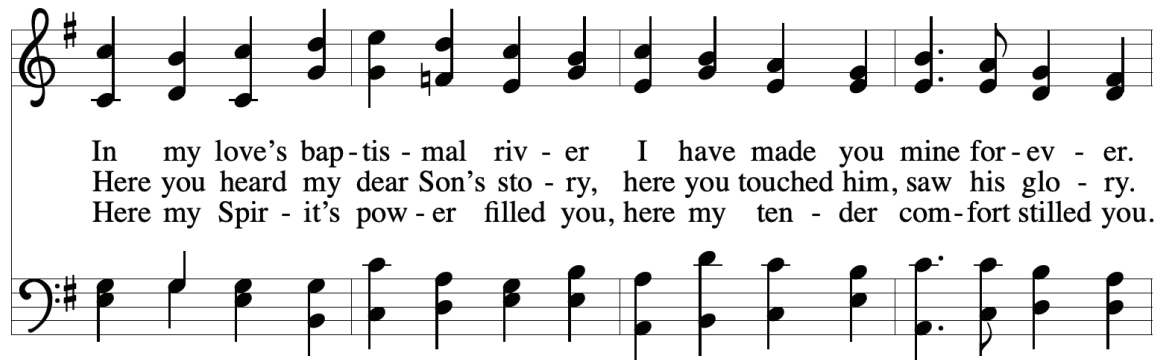
Go, My Children, with My Blessing



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



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



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



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

DISMISSAL

Beloved Community,
Go now into a world where wheat and weeds still grow together,
and where joy and sorrow share the same ground.
Trust that God is at work in the unfinished story.
Tend what gives life.
Protect what is fragile.
Practice mercy.
Go in peace to live faithfully within the holy tension,
until God's healing embrace covers all creation.
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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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.

Adult Faith Exploration is continuing 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. July'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 at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws

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 TODAY after 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.

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.



July 19, 2026

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.

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.

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	FRI, JULY 24	SUN, JULY 26
9:00 am Faith Exploration for Adults 10:00 am Worship in the Gym and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow 11:30 am Trinity Children 11:30 am History Reading Group 11:30 am Justice and Mercy Team meeting	10:00 am Mahjong Group	9:00 am Faith Exploration for Adults 10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow 11:30 am Crafting for a Cause



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.

