



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.



Ninth 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 memory of her cousin, Sarah Pinkney Branch by Roy and Kay Cook.

Serving Today

Susan Crowell
Presiding

Patrick Preacher
Preaching

Jim Parham
Organist

Lector
Jay Hilbourn

Prayers
Mary Mueller

Cantor/Soloist
Shannon Whitworth

Percussion
John Beckford

Communion Assistants
Rachel Colburn, Renee Heiliger

Acolyte
Christopher Clark

Children's Worship Opportunity
Mark Allen, Lynn Andrews

Nursery
Beth Oswald, Karen Craig

Praying for Possibilities
Vicki Rubenstein

Refreshment Host
Chris Barsody

Greeters
Mark Allen, Lani Ludian,
Kurt Mueller, Mary Mueller,
Lisa Rehm

Ushers
Russ and Lani Wise,
Franklin Sease, Danny Fagala

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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.

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

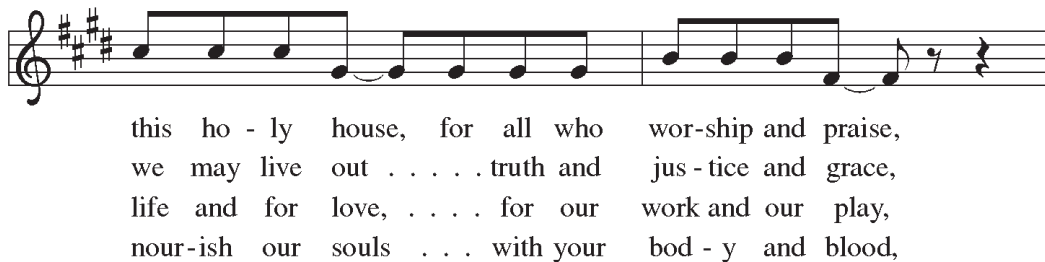
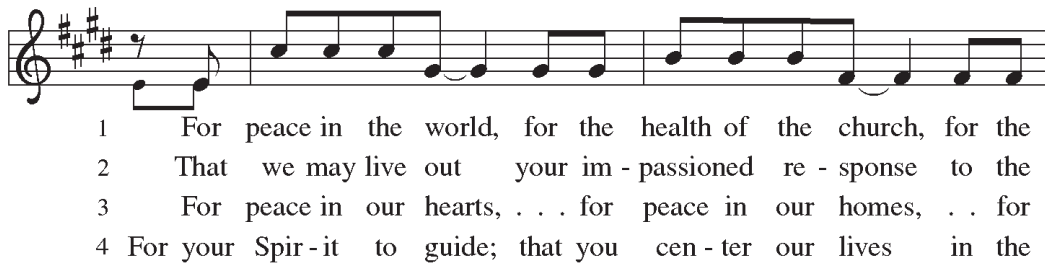


GREETING

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.

Unlikely God, you hide your dream in mustard seeds and yeast, in fields and pearls of great price — small, ordinary things that hold your extravagant love. By your Spirit, who prays within us even when our own words fail, plant in us the wisdom to treasure what the world calls small. When we doubt that your love reaches far enough to hold us, remind us of its depth and width, wide enough to welcome every body, every love, every beloved child you have made. Help us dig for that treasure buried in our own lives, and, having found it, offer ourselves joyfully for the sake of your justice and mercy. In the name of Jesus the Christ, the One who never stops finding us, we pray. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

FIRST READING

Romans 8:26-39

A reading from Romans.

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. ²⁹ For those whom God foreknew, God also predestined to be conformed to the image of God's Only Begotten Child, whom God intended to be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom God predestined God also called, and those whom God called God also justified, and those whom God justified God also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² God who did not withhold God's only Begotten Child, Jesus Christ, but gave him up for all of us, how will God not also give us everything else with Christ? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through the one who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Thanks be to God.

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."



PSALM

Psalm 119:129-136

Psalm
Refrain

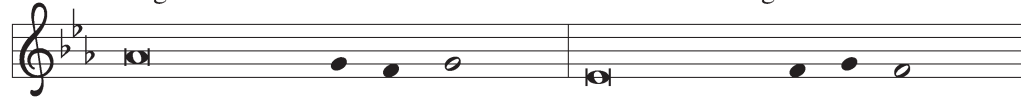


When your word is o - pened, it gives



light and un - der - stand - ing.

Psalm
Tone



¹²⁹ Your de- | crees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

¹³⁰ **When your word is opened | it gives light;
it gives understanding | to the simple.**

¹³¹ I open my | mouth and pant
because I long for | your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,
as you always do to those who | love your name. R**

¹³³ Order my footsteps | in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those | who oppress me,
and I will keep | your commandments.**

¹³⁵ Let your face shine up- | on your servant
and teach | me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed | streams of tears,
because people do not | keep your teaching. R**

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

We're Going on a Treasure Hunt!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as able.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kin-dom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in their field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³Jesus told them another parable: "The kin-dom of heaven is like yeast that someone took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kin-dom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and reburied; then in their joy goes and sells all that they have and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kin-dom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great price, went and sold all that they had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kin-dom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the unjust from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw the unjust into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And Jesus said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kin-dom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of their treasure what is new and what is old."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Unlikely Treasure



HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able. The first verse and refrain will be sung by the cantor. The assembly is invited to join heartily in on the second verse and sing through to the end.

O Beauty Ever Ancient



- 1 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
- 2 O beau-ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,
- 3 O beau-ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,
- 4 O beau-ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,



di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,
O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark-ness as in light,
O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,
O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,



in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

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.**

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Music: ANCIENT
BEAUTY, Alfred V.
Fedak, b. 1953

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the God who tends small seeds into shelter and holds us fast through everything that comes, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

God our sower and our leaven, you work your kin-dom through what looks too small to matter — a mustard seed, a pinch of yeast folded into flour. Grow bishops, candidacy committees, seminarians, and all preparing for a call as deacon or pastor into leaders who trust your small, stubborn, spreading grace. We pray especially for our Presiding Bishop, Yeheil Curry, South Carolina's retiring Bishop, Ginny Aebischer, and Bishop-Elect Wade Roof, that they might tend this church into wide branches where every bird finds a home. Nothing can separate us from your love,
receive our prayer.

God our gardener, your smallest seed becomes the greatest of shrubs, wide enough for birds of every kind to nest in its branches. Bless birds of all sizes, great and small, cardinals and hawks, eagles and finches. Protect and tend the diverse ecosystems you have made. Help us to sustain our national parks, family farms, ranches, wild places, wetlands, and backyard gardens. Grant all creatures shelter and room to grow. Nothing can separate us from your love,
receive our prayer.

God our net that gathers, you draw in fish of every kind without asking first who belongs. Give civic leaders ears to hear the stories of all their people with compassion and curiosity — the stories of every person, of all skin colors, religions, sexualities, genders, and economic status. Remind us, and them, that you are always on the side of love. Nothing can separate us from your love,
receive our prayer.

God our intercessor, when we do not know how to pray as we ought, your Spirit prays within us with sighs too deep for words. Dismantle the barriers to care and recognition faced by all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Nothing can separate us from your love,
receive our prayer.

God our treasure and our pearl, may we sell off everything that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us, and find our whole joy hidden in you. Nothing can separate us from your love,
receive our prayer.

God who seeks, finds, and sells all for joy, we give you thanks for all the saints who have claimed their baptismal promise, and especially for your servant Johann Sebastian Bach, whose death we remember this week. A church cantor writing cantata after cantata for ordinary Sunday worship, not for applause, he wove melody upon melody the way yeast works through flour, each voice distinct and yet inseparable from the whole. He labeled his scores "To God alone the glory," and left his gift buried in choir lofts and forgotten cabinets for nearly a century before the world rediscovered the treasure he had hidden in plain sight. We thank you for his devotion, his craft, and his trust that nothing — not obscurity, not the passage of time, not even death — could separate his music, or him, from your love. Nothing can separate us from your love,
receive our prayer.



Grateful for your abundance and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the infinite 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.

God Invites Us to the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

What Is the World Like
Music: Sally Ann Morris
Text: Adam M. L. Tice

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.*

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;
watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.*

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.*

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.*

*These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God's will is done.*

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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.



OFFERTORY HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



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

OFFERING PRAYER

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

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.

**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.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your
prais - ses. — I'm so glad you're in — my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth
— to show the way, — from the earth — to the cross,
— my debt to pay, — from the cross — to the grave,
— from the grave — to the sky; — Lord, I lift your name on high.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'prais - ses. — I'm so glad you're in — my life;'. The third staff has lyrics: 'I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth'. The fourth staff has lyrics: '— to show the way, — from the earth — to the cross,'. The fifth staff has lyrics: '— my debt to pay, — from the cross — to the grave,'. The sixth staff concludes the piece with lyrics: '— from the grave — to the sky; — Lord, I lift your name on high.' The music features a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some rests indicated by '—'.

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What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Canticle of the Turning



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

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 Magnificat

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as able.

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

Amen.

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."



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DISMISSAL

Go from this place in peace
renewed and strengthened to dig for God's
abundant treasure of love in unlikely places.
Do not be afraid to get dirt under your fingernails
as you do the work of justice and mercy,
spreading God's good news to all the world.

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.

Love, care, and compassion is extended to Clare Long and her family at the death of her mother and to Bob Schirmer and his family at the death of his brother.

Hospital Patients: Sheryl Schirmer (discharged)

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.

A New Vision for the Trinity Food Pantry. As Trinity's Pantry continues to evolve and grow to meet the needs of more people, the Food Pantry is now located in the room across from the elevator on the first floor of the Pence Building. The Pantry is set up to receive guests during the Welcome Table Distribution so that neighbors can be empowered to "shop" for what they need rather than being given a prepacked bag of items. The new space is well organized and has space for a larger selection of items. Please continue to donate generously! Please reach out to Valerie Foote-Patrick, Volunteer Pantry Coordinator, at valeriefote@msn.com to volunteer to help organize the space, collect donations on Second Sundays, or help Pantry guests in their shopping experience. Upcoming workdays are Thursday July 30 and Thursday August 6 from 1:00 to 3:30 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 TODAY 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 26, 2026

New Member Class

- Are you interested in learning more about this beloved community of faith?
- More about what it means to be a part of an inclusive, diverse community that seeks to practice radical hospitality and extend belonging to more and more people?
- Are you considering becoming a member of this community of faith?

Pastor Crowell and Pastor Preacher will teach a class on two consecutive Sundays, September 20 and September 27 on Lutheran Faith and Theology, what it means to be a part of an inclusive community, and how this community was transformed to become a place of belonging. These gatherings will be held after worship on each of these Sundays and will include lunch together in the Multipurpose Room followed by an hour-long class for youth and adults in Rooms 12 and 13. Childcare for infants, preschoolers, and elementary-aged children will be provided. Reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws to register for these sessions and to share any food restrictions or preferences.

New Members Joining. Trinity will receive new members on Sunday, October 4 during worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. If interested in becoming a part of this beloved community, please reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws.

Loving the Bible Again Study. Following alongside the book Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans, Pastor Preacher will lead a Bible Study on Monday, August 10 at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm in Rooms 12 and 13. Both the morning and evening sessions will cover the first part of Evans' book and the opening of the Bible: Origin Stories. Learn how to love the Bible again in a space that welcomes difficult questions without guaranteeing answers. Please reach out to Pastor Preacher with any questions or to register for the class at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws

Special Opportunity for Youth and their Parents. Following worship on Sunday, August 9, youth and their parents are invited to enjoy lunch together followed by programming for both groups. Jerry Wesley, Trinity's Coordinator for Mental Health Wellness, will lead parents in a workshop that includes practical ways to better communicate with their teens. Parents will explore ways to lean into the one-word answers, eyerolls, and the silent stares. Together participants will find ways to gain a better understanding of the teen communication style, social media, and technology challenges as well as how to improve overall teen-parent relationships.

August Office Schedule. As ministry needs shift and evolve, an appropriate office schedule is being discerned. For the month of August, the schedule 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 schedule notes when administrative staff are in the office to answer phones and welcome guests. Our pastors are frequently away from the office providing pastoral care, attending community meetings, and making ministry visits. Pastoral availability is more expansive than the Church Office schedule.

Week at a Glance

TODAY	WED, JULY 29	FRI, JULY 31	SUN, AUG 2
9:00 am Faith Exploration for Adults	11:30 am The Welcome Table	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			10:00 am Worship in the Gym and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow
11:30 am Crafting for a Cause			11:30 am Sunday Fun Day



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.

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.

To help create stronger connections within our beloved Trinity family, we are working to create a Pictorial Directory, and we need your photos. Please submit a clear, digital photo of you or your family as you would like it to appear in the directory. Photos can be uploaded to your profile in Realm or submitted via email to tfgriffin@trinitylutheran.ws.

Photos should be submitted by 10:00 am, Tuesday, July 28. Thank you – your photo will help us get to know one another better!

**Pictorial Directory
Photos Needed**