



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.



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Trinity!

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

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

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

ADULTS & CHILDREN

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

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

PRAYING WITH US

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

LET'S GET CONNECTED

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary by Jeff and Margaret Roth.

Serving Today

Susan Crowell
Presiding

Patrick Preacher
Preaching

Jim Parham
Organist

Lector
Jesse Roth

Prayers
Drake McFadyen

Cantor/Soloist
Amanda Cook

Guitar
Duke Barsody

Bass
Brian Goodlett

Percussion
John Beckford

Communion Assistants
Ryan Sease, Jack Wilcox

Acolytes
Tyla Sherwood, Christopher Clark

Children's Worship Opportunity
Mark Allen, JL Dykes

Nursery
Beth Oswald, Karen Craig

Praying for Possibilities
Jaime Fivecoat

Refreshment Host
Welcome and Hospitality Team

Greeters
Mark Allen, Pattimarie Janssen

Ushers
Lani and Russ Wise, Joe Druga, William Bryant

Video
Henry Wilcox

Audio
Gregg Alley



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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

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.



Refrain
 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.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.
And also with you.



KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Unshakeable God, you meet us in the roar of the storm and in the silence that follows. Fear takes root within us and around us, and despair presses close. Rescue your children from all that terrifies and draw near to those the world pushes to the margins. In the hush beneath the wind and the waves, let us hear your voice calling us beloved. As you welcome our doubts, strengthen us in the faith of your Only Begotten, 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.

THE READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from First Kings.

⁹ At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of YHWH came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for YHWH, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ God said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before YHWH, for YHWH is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before YHWH, but YHWH was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but YHWH was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but YHWH was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to Elijah that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for YHWH, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then YHWH said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 85:8-13

Psalm Refrain



I will lis - ten to what the Lord God is say - ing.

Psalm Tone



⁸ I will listen to what the Lord | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

**⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land. R**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

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.



**¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

**¹² The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.**

**¹³ Righteousness shall go be- | fore the Lord
and shall prepare for | God a pathway. R**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Very Quiet Cricket

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.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after Jesus had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain to pray in solitude. When evening came, Jesus was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning Jesus came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when Peter noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught Peter, saying, "You of little faith,

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

why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are God's Only Begotten."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Sound of Silence

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able.

Guide My Feet

1 Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race. Guide my feet, Lord,
2 Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race. Hold my hand, Lord,
3 Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race. Stand by me, Lord,
4 Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race. Guide my feet, Lord,

while I run this race. Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this
while I run this race. Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race,
while I run this race. Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race,
while I run this race. Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race,

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

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

With bold trust in the extravagant, unfailing provision of our Liberating God, let us pray for the church, for all who are in need, and for the whole of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Path-forging God, for the servants of your gospel scattered across every city street and rural crossroad, that your word of liberation may be spoken plainly and heard by ears long silenced. Where your Trans and Queer children are scorned, where prophets are persecuted for daring to say your name means welcome, strengthen your church in bold and faithful witness. Guide Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry, retiring Bishop Ginny Aebischer, and Bishop-elect Wade Roof as they lead your people toward your kin-dom. Liberating God,
receive our prayer.

For this world you spoke into being and still call good, that all life may flourish in its wild variety. Preserve the fragile threads of biodiversity and hold every ecosystem straining under the weight of a changing climate. Move our hands and our hearts to join the work of healing this beloved earth. Liberating God,
receive our prayer.

For leaders of towns, states, and nations, and all who hold positions of power, that justice might ripple through every policy and integrity be woven through every decision. Teach us, and them, to answer fear with Christlike mercy rather than cruelty, and to protect rather than endanger the most vulnerable among us. Liberating God,
receive our prayer.

For all who move through the storms of life — the anxious, the exhausted, the afraid — that they find your steady presence holding them like ground beneath their feet. Comfort any who ache with loneliness or grief, and surround with tenderness all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts... Liberating God,
receive our prayer.

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.

We give thanks for the ministry of Henry Wilcox, who has kept the accounts of this congregation with care and who taught us that our worship could travel beyond these walls. Nearly four hundred times he set a livestream flowing so that the homebound, the hospital room, and the far-flung member could find their way home to you. As he steps back from this ministry into retirement, we give thanks for his service and pray for his rest, his joy, and whatever new callings await him. Liberating God,

receive our prayer.

Guide our Congregation Council and every leader with your still, calm voice, and give each of us courage to show up as our authentic selves. Bless our partnerships in the community and knit together every family that gathers at our table — biological, foster, adoptive, chosen, and Queer kinship alike. Liberating God,

receive our prayer.

We give thanks for all the saints who have claimed their baptismal promise, those whose faithful witness has gone before us and now surrounds us like a great cloud. We remember Paola Revenioti, Trans elder and pioneer of the Greek LGBTQ+ movement, who organized Athens's first Pride and broke ground for Queer people to live and love openly in Greece. Guide us on our earthly journey, that we too may one day join the great procession into your eternal kin-dom. Liberating God,

receive our prayer.

Receive these prayers and answer, O Liberating God, as you have promised from the beginning. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM AND BLESSING

for Ryan Sease and Jack Wilcox as this year of ministry with Young Adults in Global Mission begins

Ryan and Jack gather at the baptismal font with the pastors

Dear friends in Christ, in Holy Baptism our gracious God claims us as beloved children, unites us with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and anoints us with the gift of the Holy Spirit. In baptism we are joined to Christ's mission of reconciliation and sent into the world to proclaim the good news of God's love for absolutely all people, no exceptions.

Ryan and Jack, our hearts are full of pride, joy, and love at the two of you, children of this congregation who have been raised in faith among this community. Today, the beloved Trinity community surrounds you as you prepare to begin a year of global ministry through the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission.

Jack, God has called you to serve in Uruguay.

Ryan, God has called you to serve in the United Kingdom.

As you prepare to begin this journey of accompaniment, remember that you do not go alone. The joys and burdens of this opportunity do not rest solely on your shoulders. The great cloud of witnesses is holding you close, praying for you, cheering you on. The Spirit is hovering close – encouraging you, empowering you, keeping you safe, and giving you the strength to do ministry through the fullness of your humanity, being both authentic and vulnerable, with heads up and hearts open.



Jack and Ryan, we gather here at the baptismal font to remember that God has named you and claimed you. You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Every step you take begins here, in these waters of grace. Wherever your journey leads...to the United Kingdom, Uruguay, and beyond, you belong to Christ.

Pastors refresh the baptismal cross on Jack and Ryan's forehead.

As a tangible reminder of our love, care, and support, we present you with these holding crosses. Place them in your hands to remember your baptism, to claim God's strength and courage, and to find stillness and peace in the connection you have with God and with God's people.

Jack and Ryan, through baptism God has called you to love and serve your neighbor, to seek justice, to strive for peace, and to bear witness to Christ in all that you do. Will you trust God's promises as you begin this year of service? Will you receive those whom you meet with humility, honor the diverse gifts of every culture, and seek to see the image of God in the faces of all you are called to serve?

Ryan and Jack: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Ryan and Jack, along with the pastors, move to the kneelers.

We invite all of you, as you are able, to gather close to Ryan and Jack and join us in the laying of hands and prayer.

Let us pray.

Faithful God, through the waters of baptism you have made Jack and Ryan your own. The Spirit rests upon them giving them everything they need for each and every step of the way.

Keep them steadfast in the faith, patient in suffering, humble in learning, generous in grace, and courageous in hope. Comfort them when they are lonely. Strengthen them when they are weary. Surprise them with new friendships, traditions, and experiences. Use them to build and nurture your kin-dom in the United Kingdom and in Uruguay. May they receive hospitality with gratitude and offer hospitality with joy.

In Uruguay, bless the mate (MAH-teh), drunken from gourds and passed hand to hand. Bless the asado fires where neighbors linger long after the meal is done. Let the fires remind Jack of your Holy Spirit's presence in his life. Allow him to taste your welcome in every shared cup and every full plate you provide. Make room for Jack's musical gifts to shine through in praise to you.

In the United Kingdom, bless the kettle always on and the table pulled close for tea. Allow the daily ritual of tea service to remind Ryan of his call to serve you. Guide Ryan to find your welcome in every cup poured and every seat made ready for him. May his humor, his smile that lights-up-a-room, his quick wit, and intelligence be felt warmly on rainy English days.

Spirit of God, hover close to these beloveds. Reassure them in times of doubt and struggle. Bless the communities who will welcome them. And keep us connected to them so that we too may share in their ministry. Remind us that as much as we

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.

love them, you love them even more. Sustain them with this love, in the name of the Holy Parent, the Christ, and the Spirit. **Amen.**

Ryan and Jack stand.

Jack and Ryan, Christ goes before you, beside you, and within you. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

God Invites Us to the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

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.



Stand By Me

Music and text: Charles A. Tindley

*When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
when the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea;
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.*

*In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
when the hosts of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.*

*In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
when I do the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.*

*In the midst of persecution, stand by me;
in the midst of persecution, stand by me;
when my foes in battle array undertake to stop my way,
thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me.*

*When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;
when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;
when my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me. of the world in mercy broken,*



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.

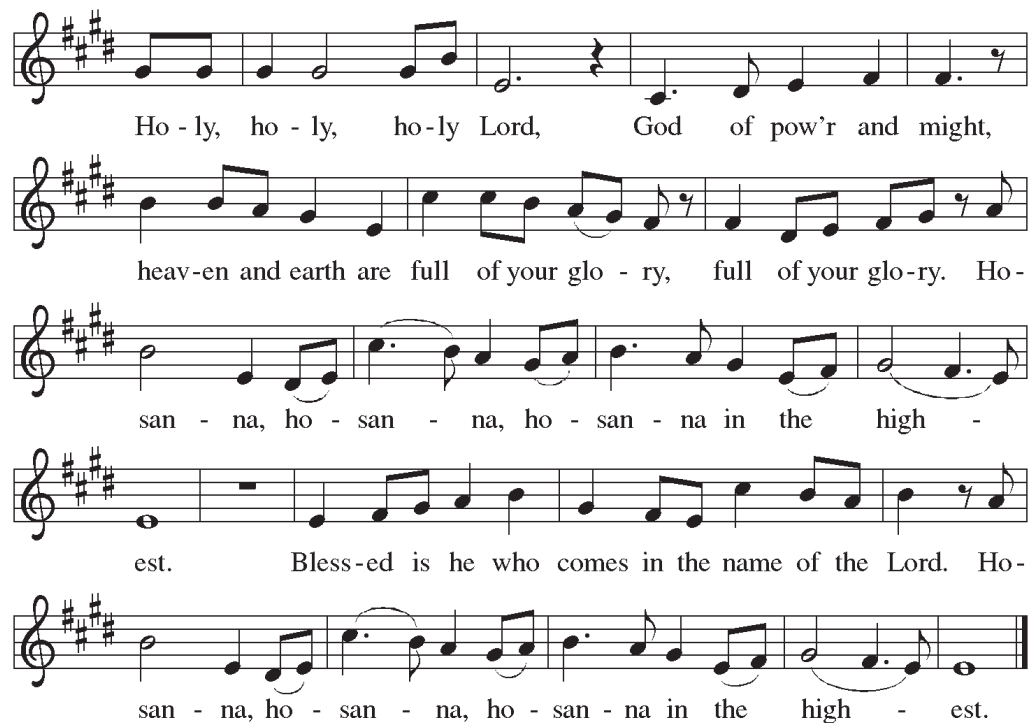
In the rush of wind and flame at Pentecost,
the Spirit broke down the walls that divide
and created a new way of belonging.

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:

The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.



In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pour out your Spirit upon this bread and cup,
and upon all who gather here longing for welcome, healing, and hope.
Make this meal a living witness to your justice:
where the hungry are fed,
the excluded are embraced,
the weary find rest,
and all people are reminded of their sacred worth.



LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Holy Parent, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kin-dom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God

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

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in Communion. When we pray Holy Parent, we name what has always been true: God is not bound by gender, yet holds us with the fierce, tender love of every parent who has ever cherished a child. When we pray kin-dom, we reach for God's deepest dream: not a reign of power and hierarchy, but a beloved community where all belong, all are welcomed, and none are left outside.

In an effort to further embrace Trinity's mission of welcome, affirmation, and hospitality, both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice.

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

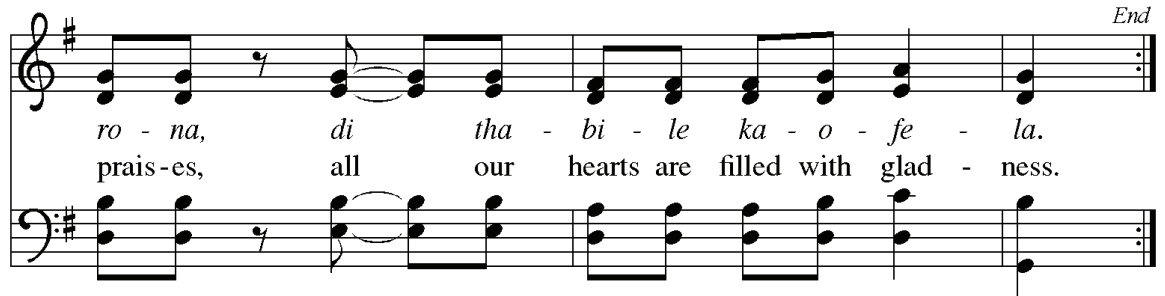
Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. End



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984

Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*

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When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

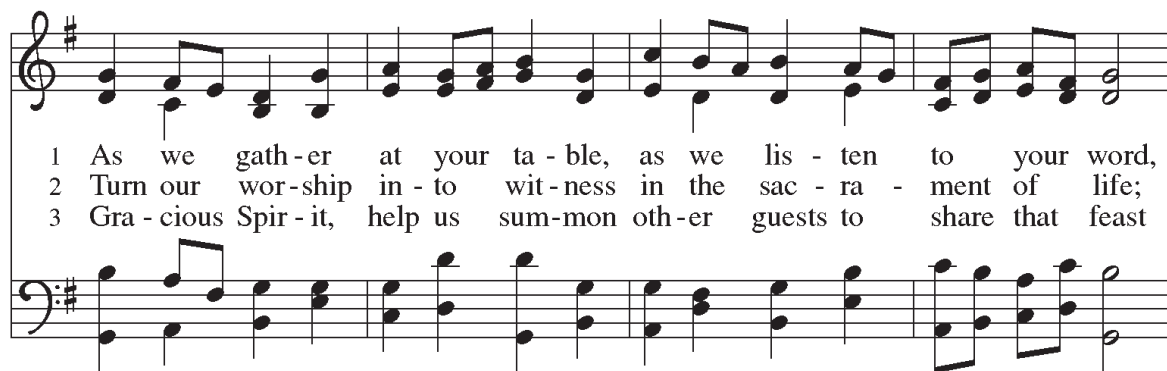
sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

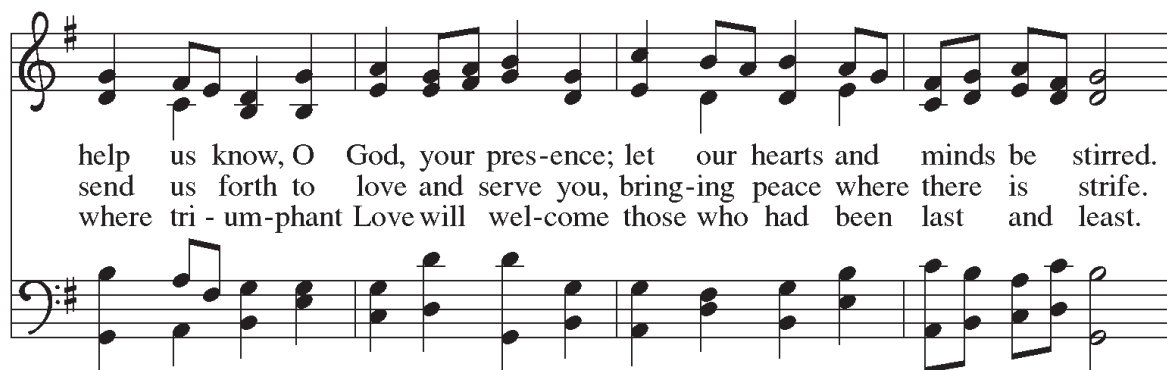
Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

As We Gather at Your Table



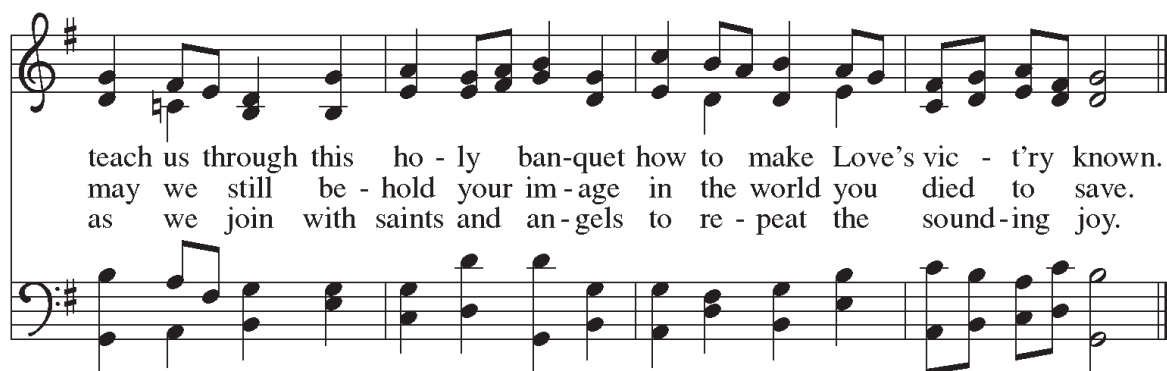
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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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."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

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

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DISMISSAL

When waves crash around you,
God is near!
When thunder roars,
Christ is near!
In the silence,
the Holy Spirit is near!
Now go in peace knowing that God goes ahead of you!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Following worship, everyone is invited to gather in the Assembly Room
located under the Sanctuary for refreshments and fellowship
in honor of Henry Wilcox as he retires from Trinity.*

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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

Hospital Patient: Luther Boliek

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.

Special Opportunity for Youth and their Parents. Following worship TODAY, 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.

The Welcome Table. This monthly meal will be held on Wednesday, August 12 at 11:30 am in the Multipurpose Room. With help from Project Host Soup Kitchen, guests enjoy a hot protein-based casserole along with healthy sides, bread, and dessert. New volunteers, especially in the kitchen, are always needed. Please reach out to Pastor Preacher at pdpreader@trinitylutheran.ws with interest in serving.

Adult Choir rehearsals for the fall begin on Wednesday, August 19 in the Choir Room on the second floor of the Pence Building from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. Everyone with a love of singing is invited to join this community of musical mission partners. There are no auditions. New singers are invited to schedule an orientation meeting with Pastor Parham prior to their first rehearsal.

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.

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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

Back-to-School Blessing. Please join the beloved community at Trinity on Sunday, August 16 at 10:00 am in the Gym for worship and a special liturgy to bless and encourage children, youth, families, teachers, and educators as summer ends and a new school year begins. A special gift will be given to teachers.



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.

Week at a Glance

TODAY	MON, AUG 10	WED, AUG 12	FRI, AUG 14	SUN, AUG 16
9:00 am Faith Exploration for Adults 9:30 am Second Sunday Food Drive 10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow 11:30 am Trinity Youth and Parents 11:30 am Sustaining Ministry Team Meeting	11:00 am Loving the Bible Again Bible Study 6:00 pm Loving the Bible Again Bible Study	7:00 am Men's Reflection and Fellowship Group 11:30 am The Welcome Table	10:00 am Mahjong Group	9:00 am Faith Exploration for Adults 10:00 am Worship in the Gym and Live-stream Back-to-School Blessing for students, teachers, and educators during worship 11:30 am History Reading Group 12:15 pm Congregation Council



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★ GAMES NIGHT ★

Friday, September 18

6:00 to 8:00 pm
in the Activities Building



CELEBRATION
Sunday

Sunday, October 4

10:00 am
in the Sanctuary

♡ Luncheon to follow in the Gym. ♡