



TRINITY
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Rays of Kindness

Let's let ourselves imagine a world
where kindness becomes the water
we drink, the air we breathe, the ground
we walk on, the seeds we sow—
the river that flows through everything.
Let's pledge our allegiance to kindness,
cast our vote for kindness, worship
kindness—allow kindness to become
our north star, our guiding light,
the way to measure success,
the only meaning of right—
the compliment, the warm smile,
one hand reaching for another, rays
of kindness that reach out
and out and out—sky
that opens wide and waters
every parched inch
of this holy, hurting world.

Poem by Julia Fehrenbacher



Thirteenth 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 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 daughter, Sarah Joanne Harmon, by Terry and Jan Willis.

Serving Today

Susan Crowell

Presiding Minister and Preaching

Jeff Waddell-Londono

Assisting Minister

Jim Parham

Organist

Lector

Vicki Rubenstein

Prayers

Dexter Brecht

Cantor/Soloists

Heather Kleckley

Percussion

John Beckford

Communion Assistants

Rachel Colburn,
David Londono-Waddell

Acolytes

Lauren Whitworth

Children's Worship Opportunity

Jess Bigby, Chris Barsody

Nursery

Beth Oswald, Melissa Kolb

Praying for Possibilities

Angie McCormack

Refreshment Host

Chris and Leah Somerville

Greeters

Mark Allen, Joe Druga,
Sarah Weeks, Sherry Cochran,
Craig Nelson

Ushers

Dale Hamann, Carol Elliott,
Franklin Sease, Danny Fagala

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Kellie Fontecchio

Audio

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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 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.

Rise, Shine, You People!

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1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See, Christ now sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing,
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Pro - claim how God sent Je - sus Christ to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in Christ is cen - tered,
 to bring us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
 Pro - claim the one, who life and free - dom gave us.



who comes to us, by death and sin sur - round - ed,
 All strug - gling peo - ple, who by guilt are driv - en,
 To all the world go out and tell the sto - ry
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion



with grace un - bound - ed.
 now are for - gi - ven.
 of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald Klug, vs 4 adpt. JP

Music: Dale Wood

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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

Refrain



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



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



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



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



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

Refrain



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

Kyrie eleison, "Lord, have mercy," is one of the oldest sung prayers in Christian worship. Rooted in the cries of healing and welcome scattered throughout the Gospels, the Kyrie is less a confession of guilt than a bold, trusting plea. We sing it together as the body of Christ, lifting the needs of the world and leaning into the promise that God always draws near to those who call. This setting is particularly joyful, reminding us that God's mercy and compassion is a thing to pray for and celebrate.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Steadfast Christ, you see in us more than we are able to see in ourselves. Just as you called Peter "the rock" even while knowing his doubts, his fears, and the failures that still lay ahead, you continue to entrust your mission to ordinary people whose faith is still becoming. Shape us into a community where questions are welcomed, forgiveness is practiced, disappointment is overcome, and hope is stronger than shame. Make us living stones, joined together in compassion

The prayer of the day covers the wide variety of human longing and responsibilities of the church and humanity and is specific to the scripture texts for the day.

and justice, so that all who long for belonging may discover in your church a place of welcome, healing, and new life. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who calls imperfect disciples and faithfully continues the work of building your beloved community. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

THE READING

Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Romans.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, my dear siblings, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

*Psalm
Refrain*



*Psalm
Tone*



¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

**² I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your name,
because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word a- | bove all things.**

³ When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.

**⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth. R**

⁵ They will sing of the ways | of the Lord,

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 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.



that great is the glory | of the Lord.

**⁶The Lord is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.**

**⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right | hand shall save me.**

**⁸You will make good your pur- | pose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works | of your hands. R**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

I Am Human

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 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Mortal is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Only Begotten Child of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered Peter, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Abba God in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the realm of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Church of Imperfect People

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able.

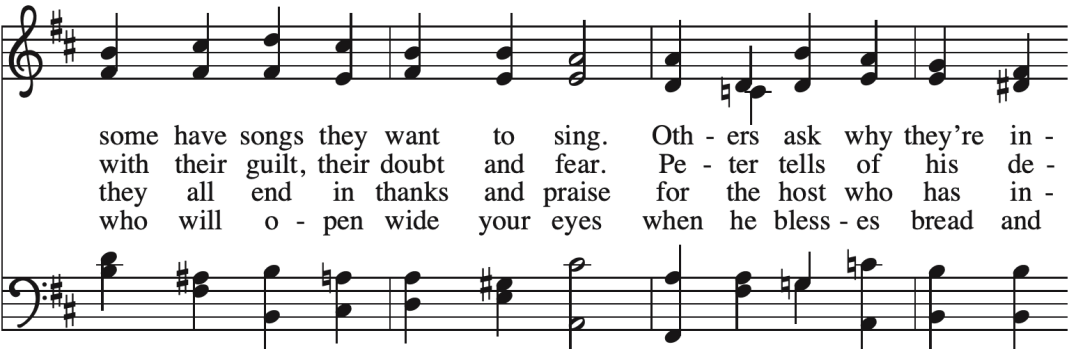
Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table



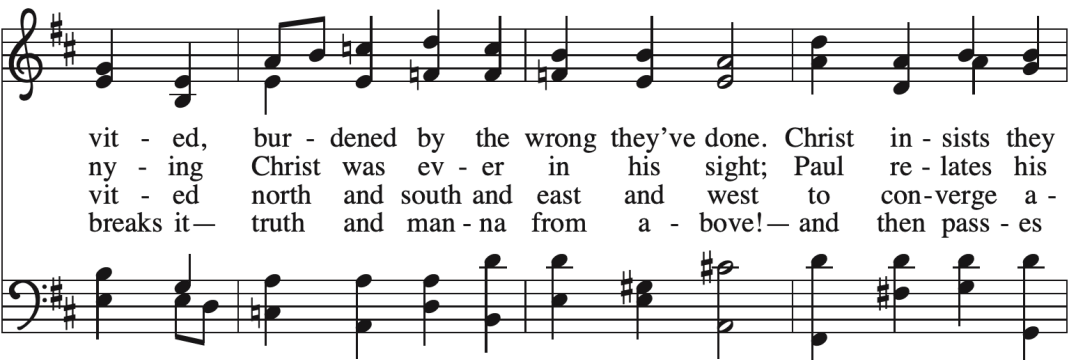
1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



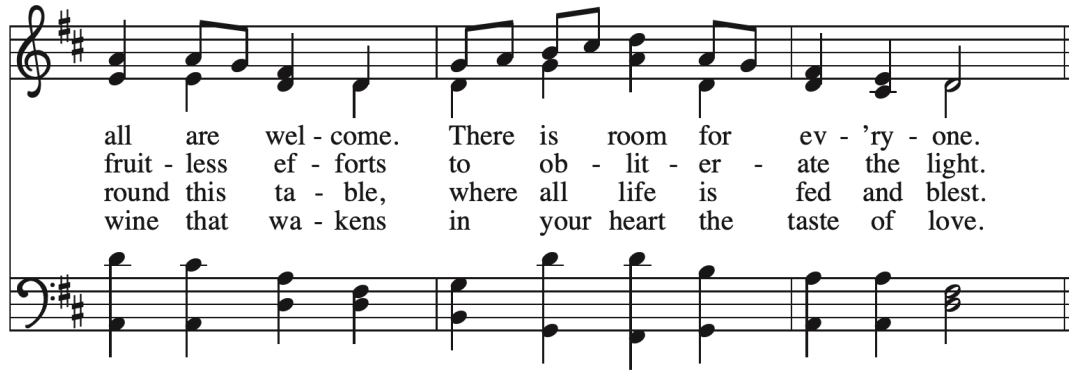
that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



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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

Christ still asks us today, "Who do you say that I am?" and hands us the keys to answer with our lives. Trusting the Spirit to open the way before us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God who builds not on our certainty but on our confession, you heard ordinary lips dare to say, "You are the Messiah, the Only Begotten Child of the Living God," and called that trembling word a rock. Steady your church in every place

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.

it gathers, and unlock in us the boldness to proclaim your word of life to a world grown suspicious of locked church doors. We pray especially for the ELCA's Presiding Bishop, Yeheil Curry, South Carolina's retiring Bishop, Ginny Aebischer, and Bishop-elect, Wade Roof, that they shepherd your people with humility. You hold the keys to life abundant,

open the way before us.

God who named the light Day and the deep waters Sea before there were tongues to answer you, all creation still speaks your glory. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness, and every creature you have called by name sing your praises. Sustain the loggerhead hatchlings making their fragile way to the sea this month along our Carolina coast, and every part of your creation aching for care. Let creation's abundance remind us that you hoard nothing good, but throw the doors of your provision wide open. You hold the keys to life abundant,

open the way before us.

God who promises that even the gates of death will not prevail against you, come to the aid of nations bent low by war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the hands of relief workers and the courage of peacemakers, that doors long sealed by violence might swing open into mercy. You hold the keys to life abundant,

open the way before us.

God who regards the lowly and hears the cry of the forgotten, be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are seen and named for their authentic selves, however the world has tried to lock them out. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts... Unbind what has kept them from your abundance, and call each one, as you called Simon, by a new and beloved name. You hold the keys to life abundant,

open the way before us.

God who draws together people with differing gifts, lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation, and strengthen the bonds of fellowship, that together we might be entrusted with your keys, opening the doors of welcome your kin-dom throws wide. You hold the keys to life abundant,

open the way before us.

God who delights when the silenced dare to name themselves worthy, this month we give thanks for the ratification of the 19th Amendment, when generations of women declared with picket signs and prison hunger strikes that the door to the vote must open to them too. Keep us honest that this victory was partial: for Black, Indigenous, and Asian American women, and poor women of every race, that door stayed bolted for decades more. Give us the same fierce nerve today to pry open what still keeps any voice from being heard or any vote from being counted. You hold the keys to life abundant,

open the way before us.

Your steadfast love endures forever, and we give thanks for all the saints who have claimed their baptismal promise, that great cloud of witnesses surrounding us even now. We remember especially Ida B. Wells-Barnett, black journalist and suffragist, who refused to walk at the back of the parade and refused to let the movement forget that her freedom and her people's freedom were bound together, key and lock alike. Strengthen us in the faith she carried, until the day we join her and all your faithful at the eternal banquet, where every gate stands open. You hold the keys to life abundant,

open the way before us.



Receive these prayers, O God, and answer as you have promised, for you alone hold the keys that death cannot lock, and you alone throw wide the gates of life eternal. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, the Christ, our Rock and our Redeemer.

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

Sing Alleluia!

Music and text by Sue Ellen Page, text adapted by David Johnson

People, all, come sing and shout; God is in us dwelling.
Spread the joyful news about; sing with voices swelling. Refrain
Ev'ry one a child of God, sister or a brother.
All who know the love of God, share with one another. Refrain
For the gifts that we receive, come with thankful giving.
Let the promise we believe light the life we're living. Refrain

Refrain

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; raise your voices, shout with joy;
sing praise to God, the Savior.

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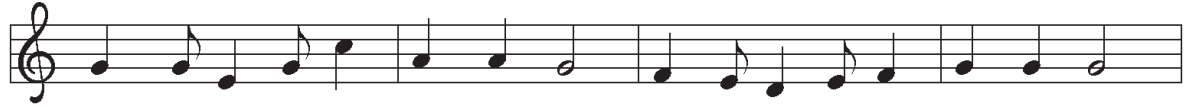
The Peace has been exchanged in worship since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.

The Offertory is when we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to God as our initial act of thanksgiving. This collection is a visible reminder that our whole lives are God's, and a part of what God has given us we give back in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given electronically by going to our website trinitylutheran.ws, by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



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.

Take My Life, That I May Be

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

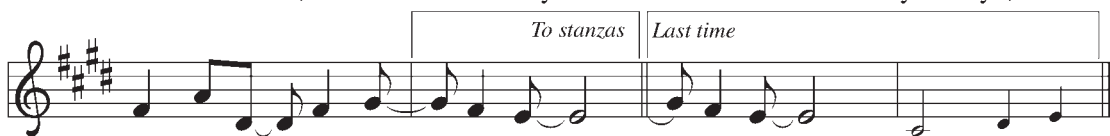
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To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun-tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro-no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estribillo



pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.



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.

I Am

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Beloved Community,
Go into the world trusting not in any perceived sense of perfection,
but in Christ's grace.
Jesus built the church on Peter, one who knew faith, doubt, courage, and failure.
Go with confidence. Christ goes with you, works through you, is building the
church on you.
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

Pastor Preacher is on vacation today.

Hospital Patient - Luther Boliek

Church Office Hours

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

Sabbath Days for Pastoral Staff

Our pastors are away from ministry responsibilities to observe Sabbath on the following days each week:
Pastor Crowell — Tuesday
Pastor Parham — Friday
Pastor Preacher — Tuesday

Adult Faith Exploration meets each Sunday morning at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13. Those interested in lively discussion around matters of faith and the current reality in which we live should give this class a try. Topics and discussion leaders change frequently to keep things interesting and engaging. Please reach out to Pastor Preacher with any questions or to inquire about serving as a Discussion Leader. pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws.

Trinity Children. Following worship on Sunday, August 30, children in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to stay for lunch and a fun-filled Back-to-School Celebration. Together, we will enjoy activities that remind us God goes with us wherever we are. Children will participate in a Pencil Prayer, discover how everyday school supplies can teach us about our faith, be paired with a Prayer Partner for the school year, and take part in a Mission Challenge as they prepare to be the hands and feet of Christ at school and in their community.

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.

August 23, 2026

Candlelight Yoga. Are you weary, anxious, stressed-out, and burdened by the demands of life? Do you have difficulty relaxing? Do you long for a settled heart and mind? Are you eager to move through life with a sense of ease in your body, heart, and mind? Are you hungry for a few moments for yourself? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, then plan to join Pastor Crowell and her beloved yoga teacher, Jill McBurney, in the Sanctuary on Mondays, September 14 and September 28 at 6:30 pm for a gentle, relaxing candlelight yoga experience. Yoga newcomers are welcome! Bring your mat, a pillow, and a blanket. A few extra mats will be available to borrow. Participants are also welcome to enjoy the session from the comfort of a chair instead of lying on a mat. Childcare will be available so that parents can enjoy an hour to rest, relax, and rejuvenate. Come and rest in the glow of candlelight, do some simple stretching, breathe deeply, experience restoration, and open your mind to this ancient spiritual experience. All bodies and abilities are encouraged to participate. Reach out to Pastor Crowell with questions at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws.

Trinity's Fabulous Las Vegas Games Night is alive with possibility! Join the Sustaining Ministry team and the Beloved Trinity Community for an evening of food, fellowship, games, and fun. Adults may play Las Vegas games including Blackjack, Baccarat, Craps, Roulette, and BINGO — with free chips for everyone, no cost to play! Heavy appetizers will be served for adults, while kids and youth enjoy their own dinner and game room, with nursery care available too. Doors open at 6:00 pm, with games until 8:00 pm, when prizes will be given away.

Week at a Glance

TODAY	WED, AUG 26	FRI, AUG 28	SUN, AUG 30
9:00 am Faith Exploration for Adults 10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and Live-stream; Refreshments and Fellowship to follow on the front lawn 11:30 am Out to Lunch Bunch	7:00 pm Adult Choir	10:00 am Mahjong Group	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 Congregational Lunch in Multi-Purpose Room 11:30 am Trinity Children

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.



Alive — WITH — Possibility

TRINITY'S 2026
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Kick-off!



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LAS VEGAS
★ 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. ♡