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Creation in Christ Sunday

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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 in honor of our 62nd Anniversary by Dale and Sandra Hamann.

Serving Today

Jim Parham
Presiding and Preaching

Melissa Kolb
Assisting Minister

Frank Griffin
Organist and Choir Director

Lectors
John Beckford, Melanie Helling,
Carl Witherspoon

Prayers
Sadie Zhou

Cantors
Sheryl and Bob Schirmer

Percussion
John Beckford

Communion Assistants
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Ella Mattson

Children's Worship Opportunity
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God Welcomes All

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Introduction

Since the seventh century, September 1 has symbolized the day of the creation of the world in the Byzantine tradition and has been the opening feast of its liturgical year (known as the Feast of the Indiction), in parallel with Rosh Hashanah marking the Jewish New Year. Creation in Christ celebrates the ongoing creation of the world in and through Christ, who sustains, unites, and holds all created things. We hear today of the triune God who creates all things: sun and moon, shining stars, sea monsters, creeping things and flying birds—and, yes, even human beings. God-in-Christ still takes care of all things and invites us to join in as caretakers of God's good creation.

A LITANY OF CREATION

Please stand as you're able.

Glory to you, O God: you speak a word of power,
and so you create the world.

We praise you, O God:

We praise you, O God.

For the Spirit hovering to bring forth life,
for the earth ordered from chaos,
and for light and dark,
we bless you, O God:

We bless you, O God.

For the cosmos beyond our earth,
for the sky above our heads,
and for the cycle of evening and morning,
we exalt you, O God:

We exalt you, O God.

For the seas, the lakes, and the rivers,
for the land with its mountains and plains,
and for the trees, the plants, and their fruits,
we magnify you, O God:

We magnify you, O God.

For the sun to rule the day,
for the moon to brighten the night,
and for the shining stars,
we extol you, O God:

We extol you, O God.

The Litany of Creation draws our attention to the whole created order — the earth, the waters, the creatures, and every person made in God's image — as a way of naming both the wonder and the wounds of creation. In lifting up what God has made, we're reminded that God's love and welcome extend to all of it: every ecosystem, every nation, every gender and sexuality, every person on the margins.

For the fish in the sea,
for the birds of the air,
and for the monsters in the deep,
we glorify you, O God:
We glorify you, O God.

For wild animals and creatures of all kinds,
for cattle and all livestock,
and for everything that creeps on the earth,
we adore you, O God:
We adore you, O God.

For humankind made in your image,
for setting us on your good earth,
and for providing us food to eat,
we worship you, O God:
We worship you, O God.

Bless us, your creatures.
Accept our praise,
and make us worthy of your marvelous creation.
We praise you, O God:
We praise you, O God.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might
be to you, our God, forever and ever.
Amen.



GATHERING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n;

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

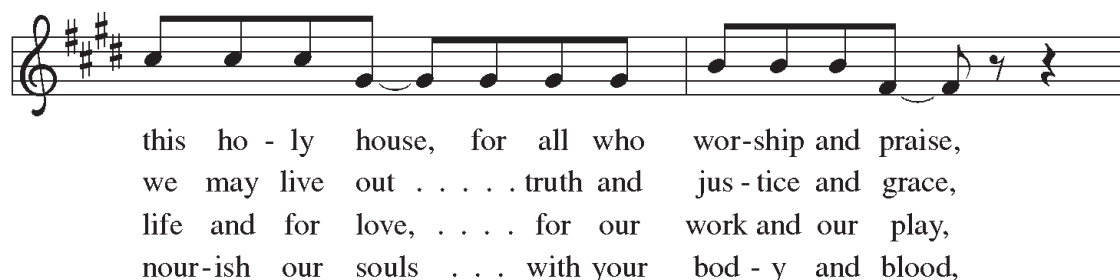
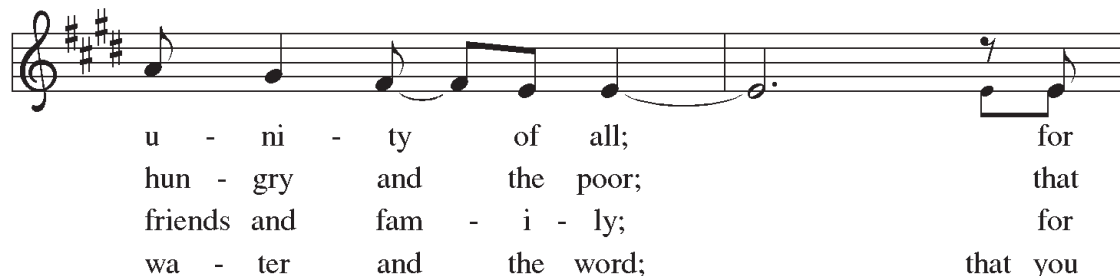
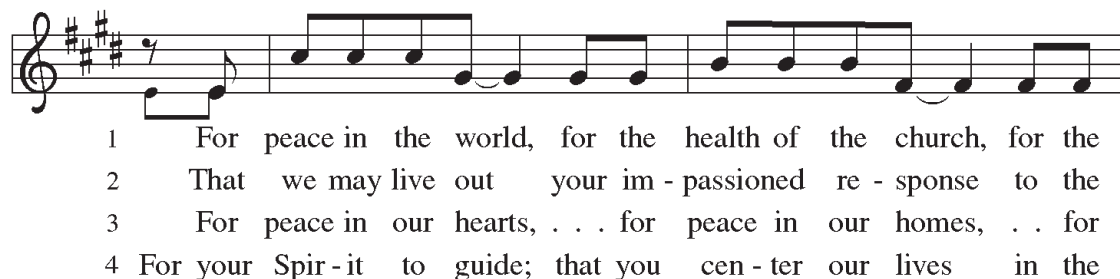
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Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

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 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.

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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.



God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

THE READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

A reading from Genesis.

¹ When Elohim began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while the Spirit of God brooded over the face of the waters. ³ Then Elohim said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And Elohim saw that the light was good, and separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ Elohim called the light Day, and the darkness, Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And Elohim said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So Elohim made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ Elohim called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And Elohim said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ Elohim called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together Elohim called Seas. And Elohim saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then Elohim said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And Elohim saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And Elohim said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ Elohim made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ Elohim set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And Elohim saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And Elohim said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So Elohim created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And Elohim saw that it was good. ²² Elohim blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And Elohim said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so.

²⁵ Elohim made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And Elohim saw that it was good.

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 Hebrew scriptures employ a rich diversity of names for God. In fact, biblical scholars list nine different names for God that are used in the Old Testament. The most frequently used name is, *Elohim*, which appears throughout today's reading from Genesis. A plural noun form, *Elohim*, was commonly used by Israel's polytheistic neighbors to refer to a plurality of god's. To communicate the oneness of God, the authors of the Hebrew scriptures paired this plural noun with singular verb forms.

²⁶ Then Elohim said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So Elohim created humans in Elohim’s image, indeed, in Elohim’s very own image Elohim created them; in every gender Elohim created them.

²⁸ Elohim blessed them, and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ Elohim said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ Elohim saw everything that Elohim had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day Elohim finished the work of creation and rested on the seventh day from all the work that Elohim had done. ³ So Elohim blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it Elohim rested from all the work that Elohim had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

Thanks be to God.

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.

PSALM

Psalm 148

Psalm Refrain



The splen-dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav’n.

Psalm Tone



¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

**2 Praise the Lord, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

3 Praise the Lord, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

**4 Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
who commanded, and they | were created,

**6 who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. R**



7 Praise the Lord | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
8 fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;
9 mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
10 wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;
11 sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
and all rulers | of the world;
12 people | of all nations,
old and | young together. R
13 Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.
14 The Lord has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel,
a people who are near the Lord. | Hallelujah! R

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sing with the Sea Monsters!

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

John 1:1-5

The Holy Gospel according Saint John the first chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The Word was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being

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

through the Word, and without the Word not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

God IS in the Details!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able.

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly

signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by

light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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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

We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for the earth, the church, and for all in need.

A brief silence.

You create light that cannot be overtaken by darkness. Guide the church to be a light in this dark world. Teach us to shine in unfamiliar places and to share your light with those we identify as stranger. We pray especially for Presiding Bishop Yeheil Curry, and Bishop-elect of the South Carolina Synod, Wade Roof. Radiate your light from each leader you call. God who calls forth light from darkness,
hear our prayer.

You create beautiful skies and bubbling waters. When we feel lost, take us back to your holy water where new life first began for us in baptism. Make a way for all who call this planet home to have clean and reliable sources for water. We pray especially for Los Angeles, Atlanta, parts of Texas, the Navajo Nation of Arizona, rural Appalachia, and Jackson Mississippi as they struggle with sourcing water to residents due to aging infrastructure and climate change. Continue to grace this world with your healing waters. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... God who creates each stream, river, lake, and sea,
hear 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.

You create fertile land to bear fruit and vegetation. Lead us into new ways of caring for this earth and enjoying its bounty. Bring an end to careless farming practices that waste more than they produce. Forgive us when we fail to look in awe at the carrot, pinto bean, or leaf of spinach you have so graciously provided for us. God who calls forth seed, root, and fruit,

hear our prayer.

You create the vastness of space and all we cannot yet imagine in the great celestial yonder. As you have counted even the stars, allow us to look up in wonder at what you create. Let us not grow complacent in our praise to you for the daily gifts of space we have come to expect as a given: the warmth of the sun, the light of the moon. Continue guiding scientists in new fields of discovery, allowing us specks of stardust to admire what you are creating. God who hangs the moon and lights the sun,

hear our prayer.

You create all the creatures of land, sea, and sky. As we marvel at whales and dolphins, let us not forget you also create sea cucumbers and krill. Help us protect elephants, giraffes, and lions while also guiding us to look after earthworms, vultures, and axolotls. Teach us new ways of living in harmony with all the creatures of the earth, letting not one go extinct because of our own carelessness. God who enlivens even the ant,

hear our prayer.

You create humankind and call each of us good. When will we finally grasp the beauty of that love? Grant us the courage to cross boundaries, greet the stranger in kindness, and work diligently for the good and safety of all. Never stop reminding us that you are still creating us in your image. Where we see difference, remind us that you see love. Strengthen this congregation's ministry with those the world marginalizes. Continue making a way for us to proclaim your love to and with the LGBTQIA+ community. God who shapes every hue of skin and each body in your image,

hear our prayer.

You create the entirety of all there is and could have kept working, yet even you decided to rest. When will we learn to rest? Teach us to resist the grind culture and finally put our feet up to relax in the abundance you have so graciously given us. Do not allow us to wait for the grave to finally find rest. We thank you for favorite chairs, naps, blankets, and books which invite us into restfulness. Lead us into more days of intentional rest. Teach us to slow our minds and bodies so that we might finally understand you did not make this world as a racetrack. You create this garden home for us to enjoy. God who hallows rest as holy,

hear our prayer.

You create this age and so you create the age to come. We give you thanks for all the saints who now dwell with you as we await your coming. May their lives be an example to those of us still enjoying this side of creation. God who gathers the saints from every age and place,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper, we commend ourselves and your whole creation, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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

Touch the Earth Lightly

Music: "Tenderness" by Colin Gibson

Text: Shirley Erena Murray

*Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care: gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender, trust for the children tomorrow will bear.*

*We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live, we who would foster
clouds of disaster— God of our planet, forestall and forgive!*

*Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses, and air that is sweet, health in God's garden,
hope in God's children, regeneration that peace will complete.*

*God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun, teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us, using us gently, and making us one.*

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



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



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



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

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.



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.

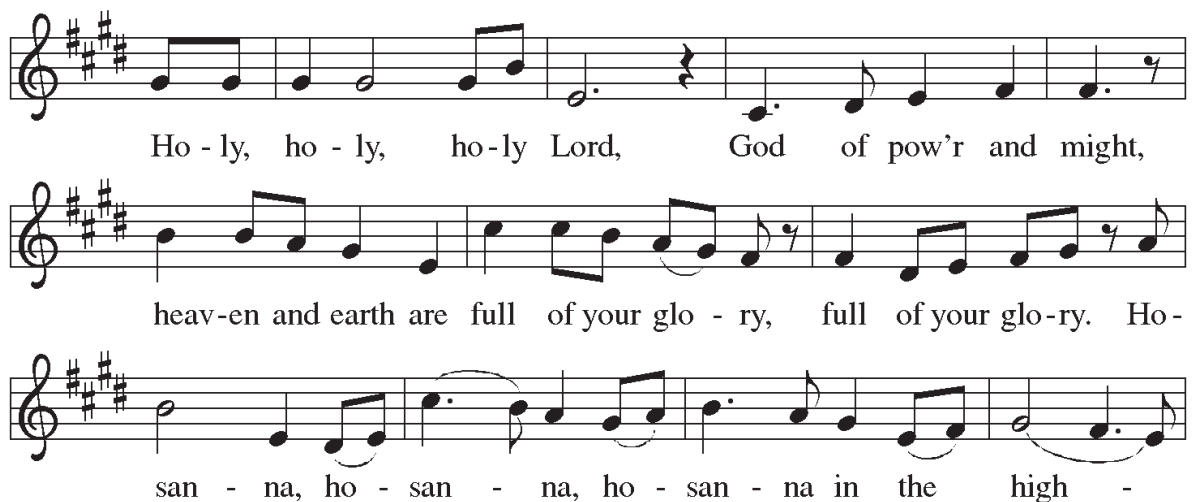
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed our right and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, Holy Parent, Creator of all that is, seen and unseen.

In the beginning your Word called forth light from darkness, order from chaos, and life from dust. When creation groaned, longing for renewal, you sent that same Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and in whom all things hold together. In him you drew near to the lost, the outcast, and the forgotten, welcoming to your table those the world pushed to its edges. And so, with all your saints on earth and all 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 Holy Spirit on this bread and cup,
made from the wheat and grapes you have nurtured as your creation.
Let these simple elements be for us the true presence of Christ,
enlivening us to do our part in caring for this beautiful garden home.

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.

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.

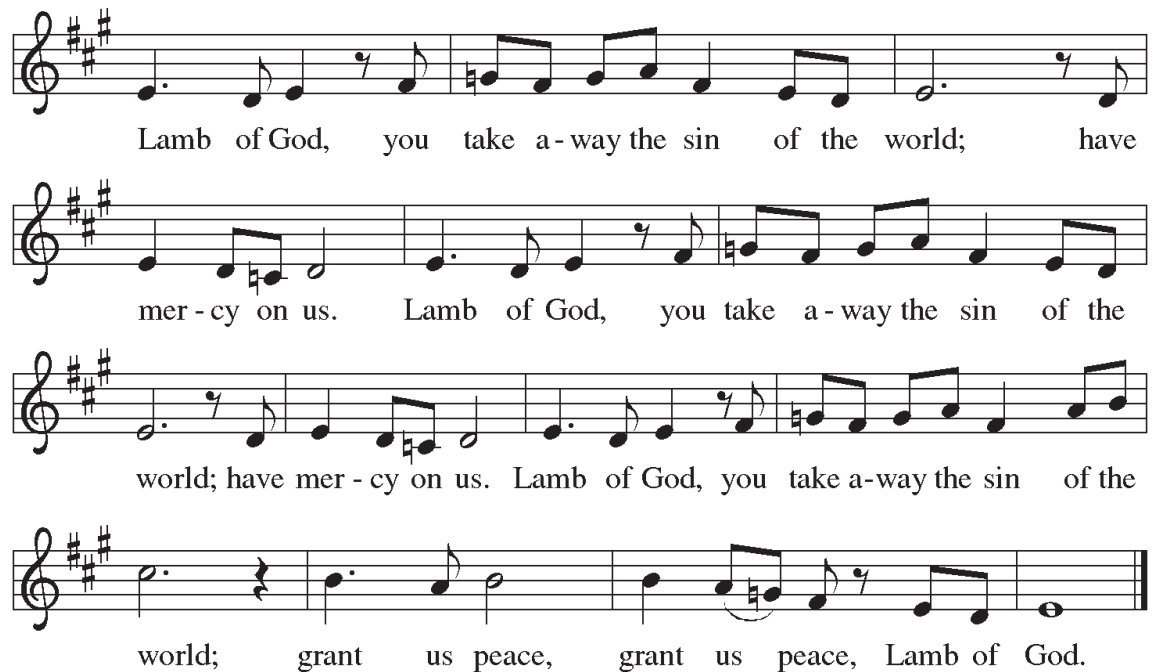
COMMUNION

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.

A Place at the Table



Piano

Soloist

- 1 For ev - ery-one
- 2 For wo - man and
- 3 For gay, bi, and
- 4 For young and for
- 5 For bod - ies di -
- 6 For ev - ery-one



born, a place at the ta - ble, for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and
man, a place at the ta - ble and all those be - tween, be - yond, and be -
straight, a place at the ta - ble, in - vit - ed to wed, to bap - tize and
old, a place at the ta - ble, a voice to be heard, a part in the
verse, a place at the ta - ble, all man - ner of speech and move - ment and
born, a place at the ta - ble, to live with - out fear, and simp - ly to



bread, a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing, for
sides; ex - pand - ing our world, dis - man - tl - ing pow - er, each
preach, a rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or, for
song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled, for
minds; en - a - bled to lead and teach us new lan - guage, for
be, to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for



ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head.
val - ued for what their voice can pro - vide.
queer, trans, and ace, God's jus - tice in reach.
young and for old, the right to be - long.
bod - ies di - verse, a church re - de - signed.
ev - ery - one born, the right to be free.

All Sing



And God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of



jus - tice and joy, yes, God will de - light



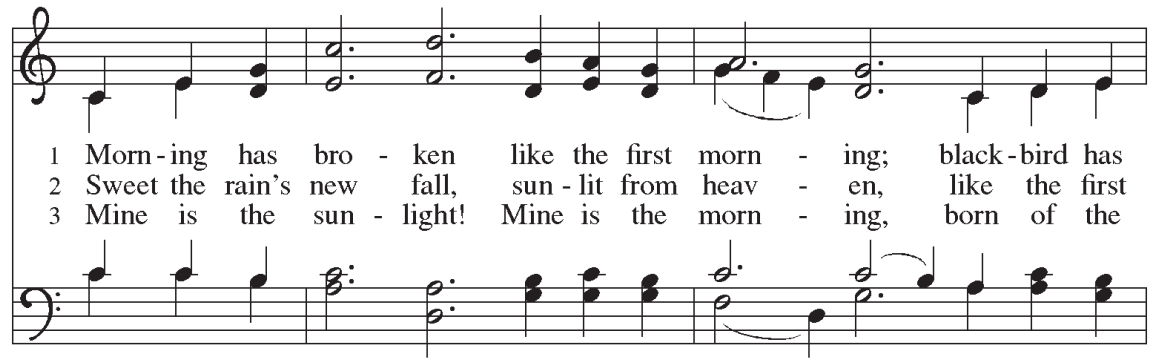
when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



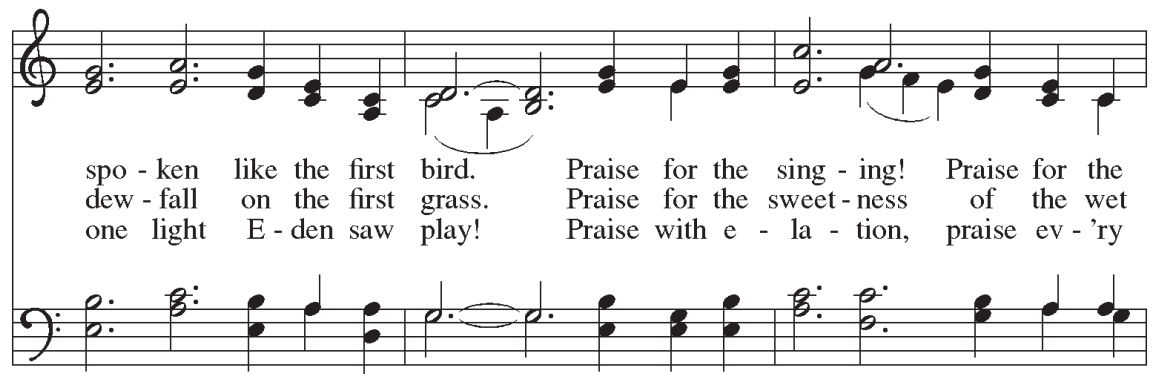
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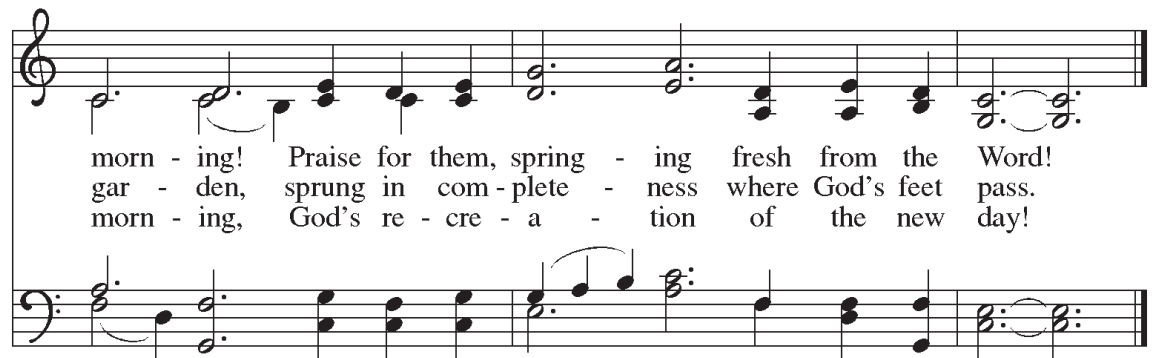
Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936
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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.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as able.

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Amen.

God Sends Us to Love and Serve the World

BLESSING

May the Holy Spirit kindle in you the fire of justice,
fill you with courage for the journey ahead,
and remind you always of your sacred worth and belovedness.

And may the blessing of God –

✠ Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit –
be with you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Flourish with creation!
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 Crowell and Pastor Preacher are away attending the Wild Goose Festival in Harmony, North Carolina.

Called Meeting of the Congregation

The Congregation Council has called a meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, September 13 at 11:30 am in the Gym to act on a two-part motion regarding the sale of the 429 Property.

Information sessions about the motion will be held in Rooms 12 and 13 at the following times:

Today, at 12:30 pm (following congregational lunch)
Monday, August 31 at 2:00 pm
Wednesday, September 9 at 10:00 am

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

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.

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 at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws.

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.

Grief Support Group. Trinity will host a grief support group on Monday, September 21 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Jerry Wesley LMFTA, Trinity's Mental Health Wellness Advocate, will guide the discussion for a safe and respectful way for participants to ask questions, exchange experiences, and build connection in an effort to feel supported and find healing. Grief can come from the loss of a loved one, an end to a relationship, or changes in life stages such as children leaving the home for school or marriage. Come join the conversation and begin replacing grief with healing. Contact Jerry at jrwesley@trinitylutheran.ws for more information.

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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 Gym 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.

Life Together this Week: Come and Connect with Us!

TODAY	MON, SEPT 7	WED, SEPT 9	THURS, SEPT. 10	FRI, SEPT 11	SUN, SEPT 13
9:00 am Faith Exploration for Adults 10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and Live-stream; Refreshments and Fellowship to follow		7:00 am Men's Reflection and Fellowship Group 10:00 am Informational Meeting on 429 N. Main Property 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	5:30 pm Queer-Led Worship	10:00 am Mahjong Group	9:00 am Faith Exploration for Adults 10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and Live-stream; Refreshments and Fellowship to follow 11:30 am Called Meeting of the Congregation 12:30 pm Music Moments for Children 12:30 pm God's Work, Our Hands lunch and program 1:30 pm Congregation Council

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Our Shared Calling

We are a diverse faith community proclaiming the inclusive gospel of Christ by practicing love through hospitality, justice, and belonging.

Core Commitments

- Relevant Worship
- Radical Welcome
- Queer Affirmation
- Authentic Community
- Justice and Advocacy
- Faithful Giving
- Spaces of Belonging



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. ♡

Blessing of the Animals

The Fourth Sunday in Creation

Sunday, September 27
2:00 pm

Trinity's Columbarium Garden



God loves all creatures, as so do we!
For the safety of animals and humans alike,
please ensure your pet is leashed or safely in a
carrier.

Contact Pastor Preacher with questions.