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Second Sunday in Creation

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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 memory of her son, Charles Wood, by Joe and Merry Mulcahy.

Serving Today

Patrick Preacher
Preaching

Susan Crowell
Presiding Minister

Jim Parham
Pianist and Choir Director

Lector
Pat Morgan

Prayers
Kyle Davis

Cantor
Shannon Whitworth

Percussion
John Beckford

Guitar
Duke Barsody

Bass Guitar
Brian Goodlett

Communion Assistants
Matt Cobb, Sherry Cochran

Acolyte
Ella Matson

Children's Worship Opportunity
Mark Allen, Jess Bigby

Nursery
Beth Oswald, JL Dykes

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Mike Boliek, Jane Mortensen,
Lyle Mortensen

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William Bryant, Jr., Richard Delap,
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God Welcomes All

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

SUSTAINING MINISTRY VIDEO

Alive with Possibility!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you're able.

We gather in the name of ☩ God who creates,
Christ who accompanies,
and the Spirit who breathes life into our weary bones,
who blesses us with resources,
who provides us with possibilities,
and strengthens us for the journey ahead.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of possibility and abundance,
**We confess our tendency to see scarcity where there is abundance,
to keep score instead of extending grace,
to respond to disappointment in relationships by calling it quits,
to hold our money and possessions with tight, closed fists, and
to place our trust in the things we have no power to control.
Free us from all that holds us captive:
our lack of imagination,
our desire to return to the past, a past that oppressed and marginalized
many, and
our worries about not having enough and not being enough.
Release us from our fears for the future.
Liberate us from measuring our lives from a human perspective and
give us a wider vision so that, like the seeds of the dandelion being
blown into the wind, we see the world and our lives through an ever-
changing, ever-expanding lens of possibility and promise. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
You are forgiven and freed, blessed to begin again.
God gives us everything we need to tend this community with open hands
and hopeful hearts and to become good soil from which something beautiful
will grow.

Together, ☩ with Source, Word, and Spirit,
we are alive with possibility.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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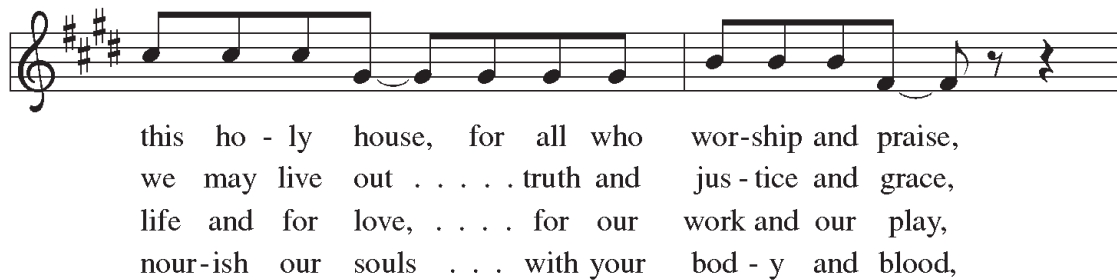
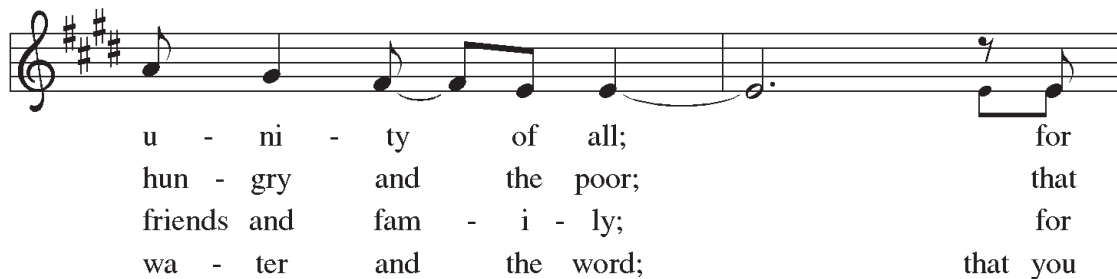
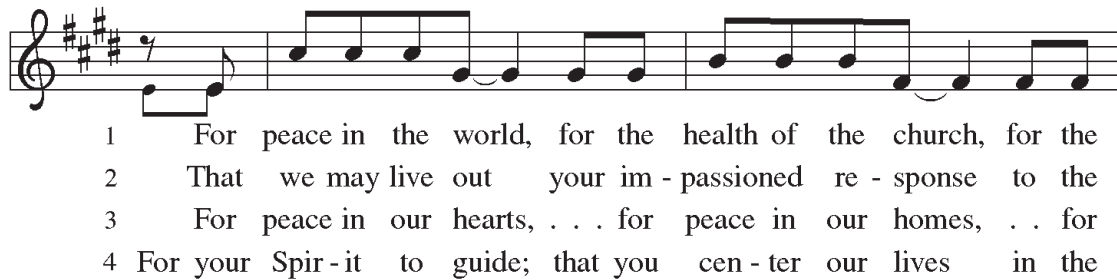
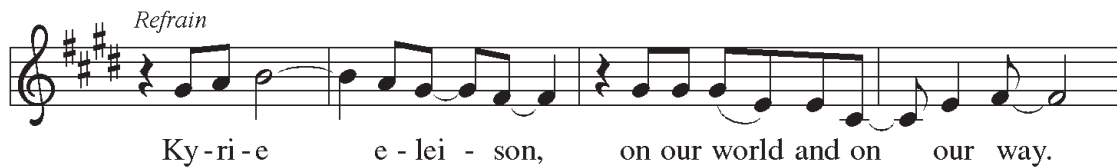
GREETING

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

And also with you.



KYRIE



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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

O Liberating God, merciless to no one and endlessly rich in mercy toward all, you meet us as the fountain from which forgiveness never runs dry. Break open our hearts of stone, and plant within us hearts that welcome one another as you have welcomed us — across every difference of conviction, practice, and identity that makes us who we are. Teach us to release the debts we hold against our siblings, as freely as you have released ours, and knit us, in all our beautiful variety, into one Body that delights in doing your will. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who welcomes all to your table, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

We follow a three year cycle of readings called a Lectionary. These are lessons being heard in congregations from many denominations throughout the world on this day.

THE READING

Romans 14:1-12

A reading from Romans.

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for God is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for God. Also those who eat, eat for God, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to Christ, and if we die, we die to Christ; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are Christ's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your sibling? Or you, why do you despise your sibling? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says YHWH, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to me."

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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

Thanks be to God.



PSALM

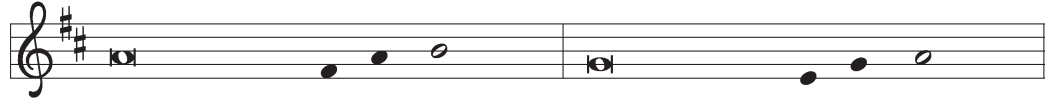
Psalm 103:1-13

Psalm
Refrain



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

Psalm
Tone

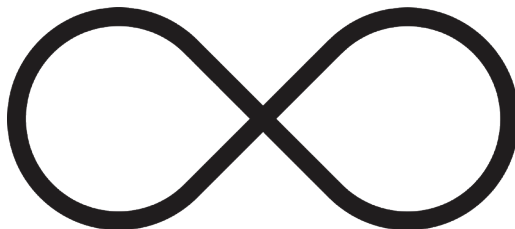


The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

- ¹ Bless the Lord, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.
- ² **Bless the Lord, | O my soul,**
and forget not | all God's benefits—
- ³ who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;
- ⁴ **who redeems your life | from the grave**
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy; R
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
- ⁶ **O Lord, you provide | vindication**
and justice for all who | are oppressed.
- ⁷ You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.
- ⁸ **Lord, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,**
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love; R
- ⁹ you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.
- ¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,**
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.
- ¹² **As far as the east is | from the west,**
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.
- ¹³ As parents have compassion | for their children,
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O Lord. **R**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Infinite Forgiveness



TEMPLE TALK

Alive with Possibility
Mark Allen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as able.



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

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel according Saint Matthew the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if my sibling sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to Peter, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seven times seventy times.

²³ "For this reason the kin-dom of heaven may be compared to a ruler who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the ruler ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees before the ruler, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'

²⁷ And out of pity for him, the ruler of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their ruler all that had taken place. ³² Then his ruler summoned the servant and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his ruler handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my Abba God will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your sibling from your heart."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.



SERMON

The Mathematics of Forgiveness

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

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,**

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.

**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.**

The Prayers of Intercession are always responsive, because everyone gives voice to the supplications. We include prayers for others throughout the world, in our Synod, and those connected to our congregation.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Bound to one another by grace beyond our reckoning, and forgiven seventy times seven, let us pray for the church, the world, and all whom God is drawing toward mercy.

A brief silence.

God of the seventy-times-seven, move your church throughout the world away from judging and despising one another. Lead us to embody the forgiveness you have shown us in Jesus, releasing the debts we are so quick to count against our neighbor. We pray especially for Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry and South Carolina Synod Bishop Wade Roof, that they might lead your church in mercy rather than reckoning. Merciful God, your love endures forever.

Receive our prayer.

Sustaining God, the endless beauty of your creation reminds us of your mercy. Protect farmworkers and ranchers across the Upstate as harvest season nears, and guard the fragile places, like the monarch butterflies now passing through South Carolina on their long migration south, growing scarcer every year. Guide those who lead us to wonder at your creation rather than exploit it. Merciful God, your love endures forever.

Receive our prayer.

God who judges rulers and nations alike, raise up leaders to hold all in authority accountable for any misuse of the power entrusted to them. Turn the hearts of those who wage war toward peace, especially in Gaza, Sudan, and Ukraine, and give courage to leaders who choose diplomacy over destruction. Merciful God, your love endures forever.

Receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, calm the fears of all in need with your promises. Free the lives of any who feel bound by their failures, unable to forgive themselves as you have already forgiven them. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Merciful God, your love endures forever.

Receive our prayer.



God of welcome, ground this congregation in the welcome you show us and those who enter these doors. As Trinity marks 117 years of ministry this month, we give thanks for the generations who have carried your gospel in this place, and we ask today for your Spirit's discernment as we continue doing your work here in Greenville, South Carolina. Continue inspiring each of us to welcome all who walk through our doors, for your honor and glory. Merciful God, your love endures forever.

Receive our prayer.

God of new beginnings, as we gather for a called meeting to consider the sale of the 429 property. Guide us in making faithful decisions in order to sustain the mission and ministry you have so generously entrusted to us. Should the sale be approved, bring about a smooth transition of that property to its new owners and continue filling this corner of Main street with the gift of your presence. Merciful God, your love endures forever.

Receive our prayer.

Eternal God, with you is found the joy and promise of eternal life. We give thanks for all the saints who have claimed their baptismal promise, especially Talbert M. Wells and the Reverend C.L. Miller who worked tirelessly to bring the dream of Trinity Lutheran Church into reality. May we keep that joy close as we remember all those who have gone before us into your nearer presence. Merciful God, your love endures forever.

Receive our prayer.

Merciful God, grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who forgives us without counting the cost. **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

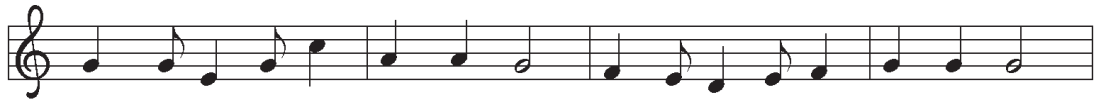
Bless the Lord, My Soul!

Music: Dan R. Edwards; Text: based on Psalm 103

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.

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.

Generous God,

You are the earth that grounds us, the rain that nourishes us, and the warmth that calls new life from the earth. We worry that there will never be enough – not enough time, not enough resources, not enough faith, not enough love. Remind us that life is not rooted in scarcity. Hold our abundance before us. Give us grace upon grace, bread enough to share, and love that keeps growing exponentially. Receive these gifts and our very lives that we may become a place where hope can take root, where welcome can grow, where justice can flourish, and where more and more people can discover welcome and belonging. Bless the gifts we bring today, not simply to sustain what has been, but to nurture what is becoming. Make us a people alive with possibility, a people who trust in your grace, your generosity, and your constant provision. 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.

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.





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:

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 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.

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.

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.

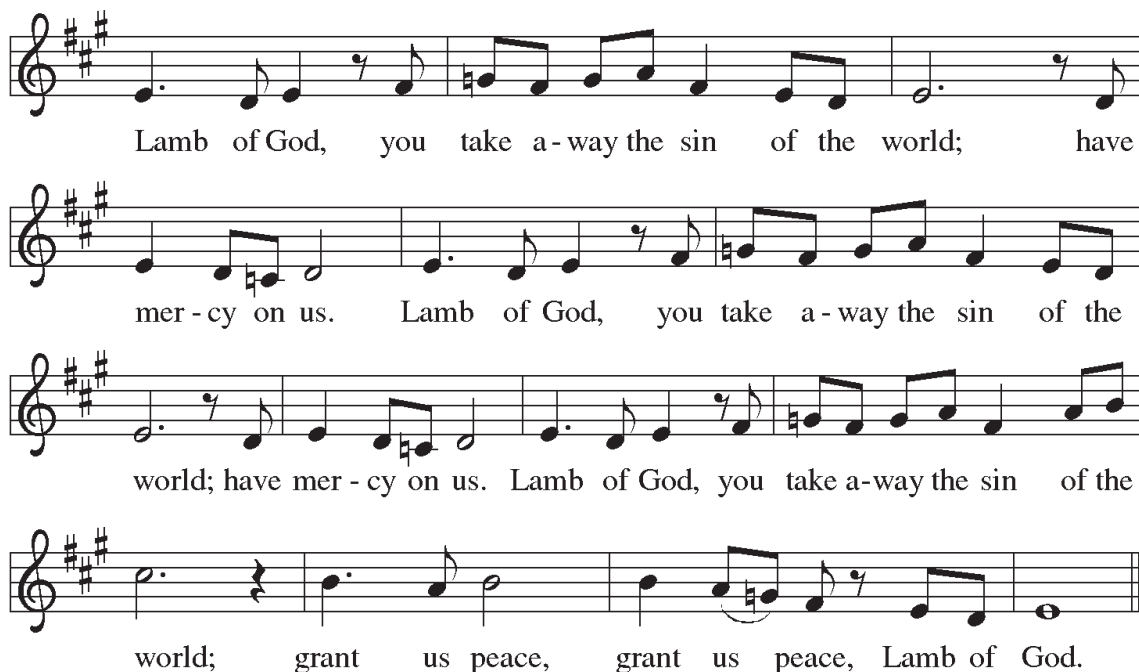
COMMUNION

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.



A Place at the Table

Music: Lori True; Text: Shirley Erena Murray and Every Arden

1. For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

2. For woman and man, a place at the table - and all those between, beyond, and besides; expanding our world, dismantling power, each valued for what their voice can provide. *Refrain*

3 For gay, bi, and straight, a place at the table, invited to wed, to baptize and preach, a rainbow of race and gender and color, for queer, trans, and ace, God's justice in reach. *Refrain*

4. For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. *Refrain*

5. For bodies di-verse, a place at the table, all manner of speech and movement and minds; enabled to lead and teach us new language, for bodies diverse, a church redesigned. *Refrain*

6. For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free. *Refrain*

Room at the Table

Piano introduction

Music and Lyrics: Carrie Newcomer



1 Let our
2 Too
3 No



hearts not be hard-ened to those liv - ing on the mar - gins. There is
long we have wan-dered bur-dened and un - done, but there is
mat-ter who you are, no mat - ter where you've been, there is



room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one. This is
room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one. This is
room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one. Here and



where it all be-gins, this is how we ga - ther in. There is
how it all be-gins. Let us sing the new world in. There is
now we can be the be - loved com-mun - i - ty. There is



room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one.
room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one.
room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one.

Chorus



There is room for us all, and no gift is too small. There is



room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one. There's e -



nough if we share. Come on pull up a chair. There is



room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one.



Finale ending

ev - 'ry-one. There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry-one, for

ev - 'ry - one.

Canticle of the Turning



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

Gracious God,
Nourished by this table, make us good soil, a fertile place for your love to grow.
Free us from scarcity and fear.
Root us in abundance, so that what we have received may become sustenance,
hope, and welcome for others.
Keep us alive with possibility –
imagining a future that exceeds all our hopes, dreams, and desires.

Amen.

God Sends Us to Love and Serve the World

BLESSING

Nourished by this table, strengthened in this community, and rooted in the abundance of God, may you be good soil where love takes root, hope grows, justice thrives, welcome flourishes, and generosity is our calling. Trust that God is still creating, still calling, still making all things new. Alive with possibility, may the blessing of God – Creator, Christ, and Spirit -- go with you to tend, cultivate, and encourage all of God's beloveds.

Amen.

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



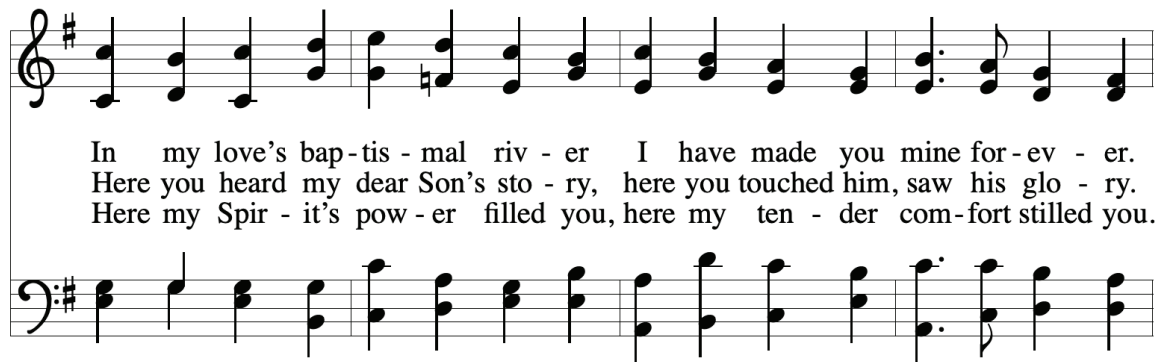
Go, My Children, with My Blessing



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



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



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



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

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace:
Christ has torn up the ledger
of every debt you carry,
and every debt you're owed.
Go as one Body woven from many threads —
some frayed, some vibrant,
none dispensable, all beloved.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The congregation is invited to be seated for the called meeting of the Congregation.

Following the meeting, everyone is invited to gather at the back of the Gym for refreshments and fellowship, followed by a God's Work, Our Hands congregation lunch and service projects.

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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

Congregational Meeting. The Congregation Council has called a meeting of the Congregation to act on a two-part motion regarding the sale of the 429 Property. The meeting will be held in the Gym at 11:30 this morning.

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.

Candlelight Yoga. Feeling weary, anxious, or stressed by the demands of life? Join Pastor Crowell and yoga teacher Jill McBurney for a gentle, relaxing candlelight yoga experience in the Gym on Mondays, September 14 and 28 at 6:30 p.m. Yoga newcomers and all bodies and abilities are welcome. Bring a mat, pillow, and blanket; a few extra mats will be available. Participants may also enjoy the session from a chair. Childcare will be provided. Come stretch, breathe deeply, rest in the glow of candlelight, and enjoy an hour of restoration. Questions? Contact Pastor Crowell 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 on Friday, Sept. 18. 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.

Love Wins Group. Love Wins will meet in the Parlor on Thursday, September 17, at 6:30 pm to discuss the book Kasher in the Rye by Moshe Kasher. All are welcome to join in the conversation and fellowship. Contact Angie McCormack at ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws for more information or to sign up.

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Grief Support Group. Trinity will host a grief support group on Monday, September 21 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Jerry Wesley, LMFTA, Trinity's Mental Health Wellness Advocate, will guide a safe and respectful discussion where participants can ask questions, share experiences, and find support and healing. Grief may result from the loss of a loved one, the end of a relationship, or major life changes. Come join the conversation and begin moving toward healing. Contact Jerry at jrwesley@trinitylutheran.ws for more information.

The Mahjong Group is expanding! The Friday Mahjong Group is moving their weekly gathering time from Friday mornings to Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, beginning on Wednesday, September 23. Mahjong will still be played and new Mahjong players and learners will still be welcomed. Other card games and board games will also be included in this fun afternoon of fellowship, laughter, and community building that meets in the Parlor. If you are interested or have questions please reach out to Lani Ludian at 864-419-9574 or Suzanne Rudisill at 864-905-4119.

Happy Mail Gathering. Do you enjoy writing notes, fun stationery, gel pens, and sending love and care through the mail? If your answer is yes, make plans together with Renee Heiliger and Pastor Crowell on Thursday, September 24 at 2:00 pm in the Meeting Room across from the Parlor to write notes, send cards, and extend encouragement to members of the Trinity community who could benefit from some extra love and care. Reach out to Renee Heiliger at rch719@gmail.com or Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws with questions or to register for the event.

Life Together this Week: Come and Connect with Us!

TODAY	MON, SEPT 14	WED, SEPT 16	THURS, SEPT. 17	FRI, SEPT 19	SUN, SEPT 20
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 in the Gym 12:30 pm God's Work, Our Hands lunch and program 1:30 pm Congregation Council	6:30 pm Candlelight Yoga in the Gym	6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	6:30 pm Love Wins Group	10:00 am Mahjong Group 6:00 pm Sustaining Ministry's Las Vegas Games and Bingo Night	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 New Member Class and Lunch 11:30 am Trinity Children 11:30 am History Reading Group

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.