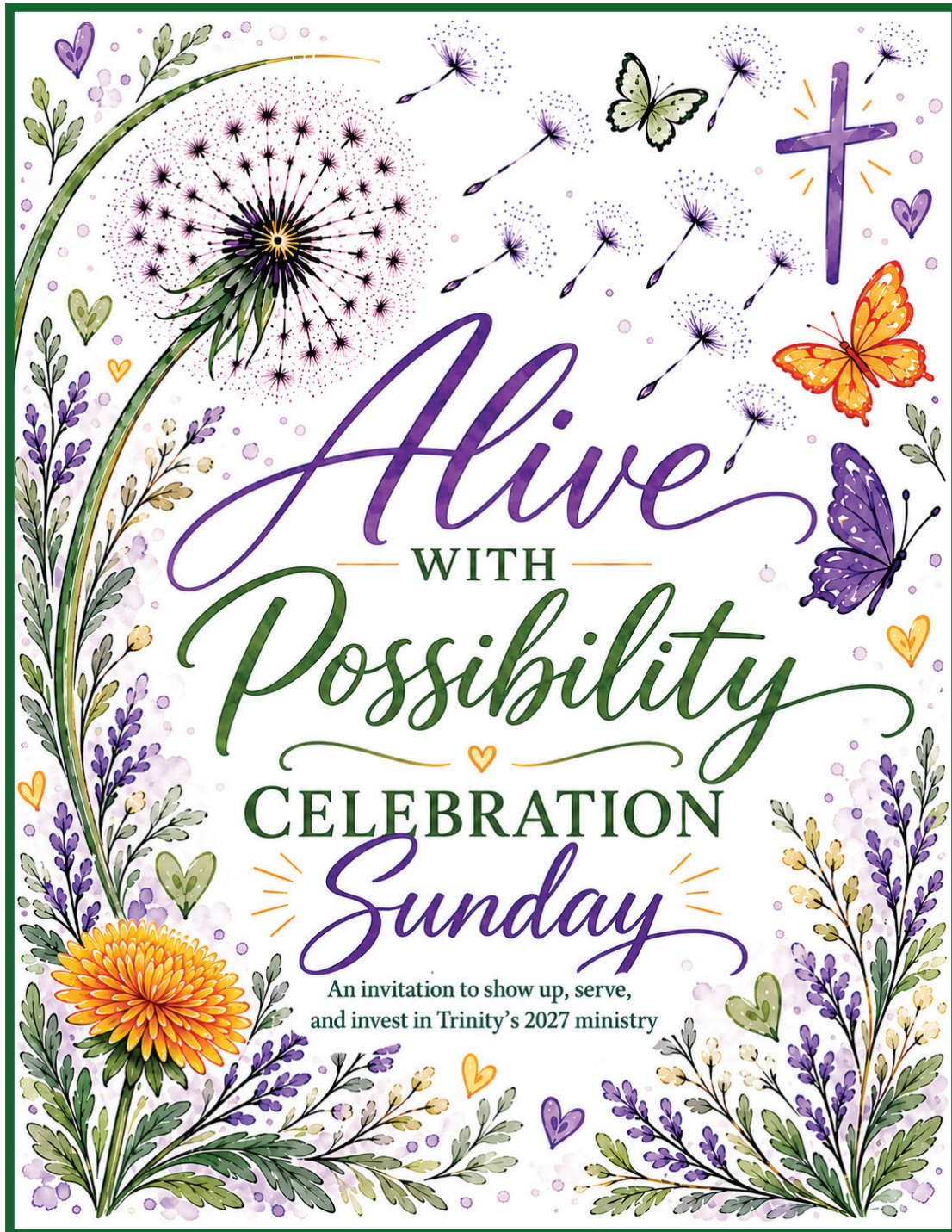




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Alive With Possibility Celebration Sunday
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Welcome to Trinity!

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 and in memory of her mother, Mary Anna Glass Ridenhour, by Mary Beth Ridenhour.

Serving Today

Dexter Brecht
Preaching

Susan Crowell, Patrick Preacher
Presiding Ministers

Jim Parham
Organist and Choir Director

Lector
Brian Goodlett

Prayers
Carolyn Wehle

Cantor
Amanda Cook

Percussion
John Beckford

Communion Assistants
Toni Blank, Frank Griffin

Acolytes
Dovie Dykes, Madelyn Fagala

Children's Worship Opportunity
Chris Barsody, Lara Wannemacher

Nursery
Beth Oswald, Melissa Kolb

Greeters
Mark Allen, Chris Barsody,
Sharron Goodlett, Sherry Cochran,
Pattimarie Janssen

Ushers
Richard Delap, Danny Fagala,
Dale Hamann, Franklin Sease

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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 ☩ 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:
especially 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

Gather Us In



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



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



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



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



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



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

GREETING

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

And also with you.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

Refrain

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

Refrain

God; to make all things new.

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.

Let us pray.

Extravagant Sower, you fling the seed of your word recklessly and everywhere, on paths and rocks and thorny ground, never counting the cost and never giving up on any soil. The earth is yours and all that is in it. Every gift we hold is grace you have planted in us. Make us good soil, alive with possibility, that your love may take root in us and grow into a harvest of generosity, hospitality, and justice beyond anything we could imagine; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

THE READING

1 Peter 4:8-11

A reading from First Peter.

⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To whom belongs the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 24

Psalm Refrain

The earth is God's and all that
fills it the world and ev-ery-one who lives here.

Psalm Tone

The earth is God's, and | all that fills it,
the world and everyone | who lives here.

**God founded it up - | on the seas
and made it firm a - | bove the waters. R**

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.



Come, let us climb the | hill of God;
come, let us draw near | to the Holy One.

Who may stand with - | in God's presence?

Who will join the people | gathered there?

Come with hands ready | to do justice,
with hearts open to | truth and love.

Come seeking more than | your own gain
come making room for | all God's children. R

As we ascend, re - | ceive God's blessing:
grace is given, | never earned.

Together we seek the | Holy One,
whose welcome draws the | whole world in. R

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brother Sun and Sister Moon

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as able.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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

GOSPEL

Mark 4:1-9

The Holy Gospel according Saint Mark the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Again Jesus began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. ² He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³ "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as they sowed, some seed fell on a path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶ And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root it withered away. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸ Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." ⁹ And Jesus said, "If you have ears to hear, then hear!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Alive with Love

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able. This hymn will be sung twice.

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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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.**

BRINGING FORTH COMMITMENTS

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
Holy God—Generous, Compassionate, and Ever-Faithful, we lift our hearts in gratitude for the river of blessings you have poured upon us. For more than a century, your Holy Spirit has walked with Trinity Lutheran, guiding, sheltering, calling us to rise as co-workers in your gospel. Through Christ, we have glimpsed the boundless depth of your generosity and abundant love. Now, receive the offerings we bring—our ways of returning what you have so lovingly entrusted to us back to you for the sake of your mission in this place. Use these gifts as seeds for the ministries of this church and for the sake of the world. Let these be sparks for the work you are kindling among us.

In the holy name of Jesus we pray,
Amen.

Please be seated.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers come forward as able to place their Show Up and Serve Sheets and Investment Cards in the Alms Basin before returning to their seats.

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.

Musical Offering: Improvisation on *Lord I lift Your Name on High*

Once all gifts have been brought forth, the congregation is invited to stand as able at the direction of the ministers.

Let us pray. God of Great Gifts, your blessings overflow far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine. Now we return to you portions of what you have so graciously entrusted to us. We lift these to you in thanksgiving and praise. Every good gift comes from you: every breath, every heartbeat, every opportunity to serve. Sanctify what we offer, Holy God. Let it build your kin-dom among us, bring light into darkened places, and carry your inclusive love and grace to all people in all places. Grant wisdom to those who guide and steward, that these offerings may be used faithfully, always to your glory and honor, to continue creating Trinity into a place of belonging that lives out the beauty of your inclusive gospel. Through Jesus Christ, whose very cross and life was gift and grace for us all, we pray.

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

Following the Sower who flings seed on every kind of ground and dares to expect a harvest, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Face-seeking God, you call forth a generation of people who long to see you and receive your blessing. Tend your church across the ELCA, with Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry and Bishop Wade Roof of the South Carolina Synod, and tend us here at Trinity as we consider what we offer back from all you have given. Make us good stewards of your abundant grace, practicing hospitality without grumbling at a table so wide that Trans, nonbinary, and cisgender people, Queer and not, all find their gifts welcomed and needed. Sower of abundance,

make us alive with possibility.

Earth-founding God, the world and all its fullness are yours, and you set it firm upon the seas and the rivers. Guard the fragile places where life takes root, especially the mountain bogs of the Upstate where the bog turtle hides among sedge and moss, few in number and easily lost. Gift us with the dream of the falling leaf, which trades the empty air of clinging to what has always been for the comfort of the earth that catches it, and there becomes soil for new life. Sower of abundance,

make us alive with possibility.

Justice-seeking God, confront every leader whose hands are stained with violence, and bring peace to Sudan, Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti, and eastern Congo, where homes and harvests are trampled and children go hungry. Shelter displaced people and refugees, and strengthen Lutheran Services Carolinas as they welcome new neighbors among us. Sower of abundance,

make us alive with possibility.

Gift-giving God, you have placed a gift in every one of your children, even those the world has trampled like seed on the path. Draw close to neighbors whose gifts go unseen: those without housing and all who yearn to be seen as their authentic selves. Bless elders whose wisdom is too often overlooked. Let our love for one another be constant, covering a multitude of wounds, until we discover the possibilities you have already sown in each other. Sower of abundance,

make us alive with possibility.



Healing God, you know the seed that springs up quickly among the rocks and withers in the heat, and the seedling choked among thorns. Tend all whose strength is scorched by illness, grief, anxiety, loneliness, or the weight of too many worries. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ...Sower of abundance,
make us alive with possibility.

God who always makes a way, through many decades you have kept your promise to the people of Trinity, and you will not leave us, forsake us, or forget us now. As we bring back to you what was always yours, loosen the grip of budgetary fear on our hearts and root us in your abundance. Keep us steady and courageous in ministry with and for those on the margins, even when that faithfulness costs us something. Sower of abundance,
make us alive with possibility.

God of the harvest, we give thanks for all the saints who have claimed their baptismal promise and now rest in you. We remember Francis of Assisi, who set aside wealth to embrace poverty and called sun, moon, and every creature his kin, knowing the whole earth belongs to you. Let his life, like seed fallen into good soil, keep yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold in us. Sower of abundance,
make us alive with possibility.

Sower of seed, you do not hoard your grace or measure out your love. Receive these spoken prayers and those still waiting in our hearts, and make our lives, our gifts, and this congregation alive with the possibility of your kin-dom; through Jesus Christ, the grain that fell into the earth and rose to bear much fruit. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.
And also with you.

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

Please be seated.

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

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



Light of the World

Music and text: Cathy Pino

Text based on Matthew 5:13-16

Amanda Cook, soloist; John Beckford, percussion

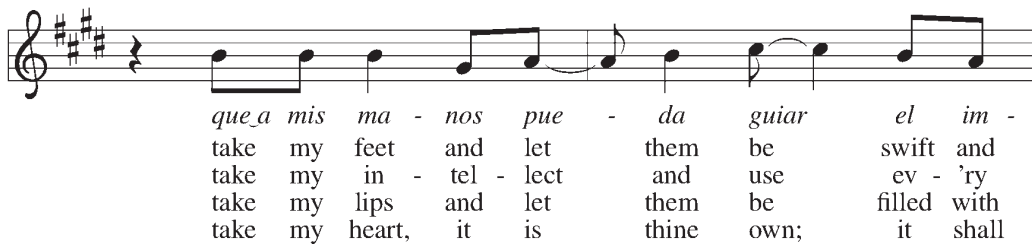
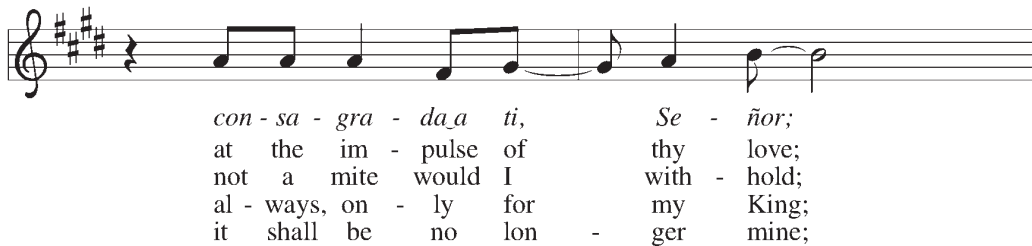
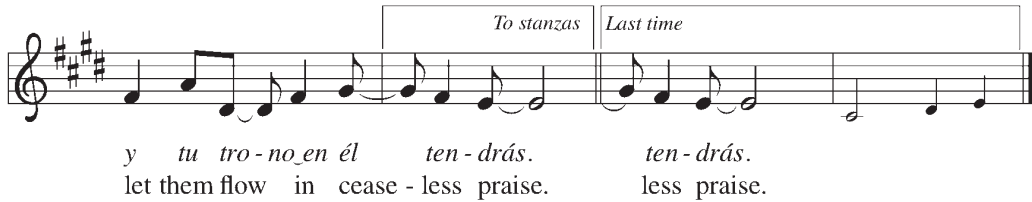
*You are the light of the world. You are the light of the world.
So shine, shine, shine where you are. You are the light of the world.
You are a city on a hill. You are a city on a hill
So shine, shine, shine where you are. You are a city on a hill.
You are a candle in the dark. You are a candle in the dark.
So shine, shine, shine where you are. You are a candle in the dark.
You are a star in the night. You are a star in the night.
So shine, shine, shine where you are. You are a star in the night.
You are the light of the world. You are the light of the world.
So shine, shine, shine where you are. You are the light of the world.
You are the light of the world!*



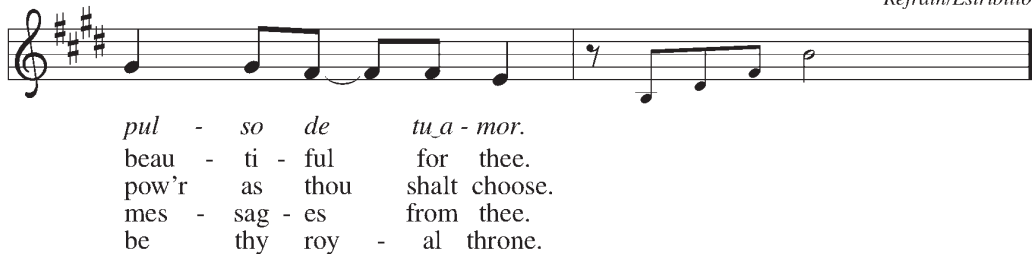
OFFERTORY HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be
Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Refrain/Estrillo



Refrain/Estrillo



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 right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, Extravagant Sower, Holy One of wild and reckless grace.

You scatter your life with open hands. You fling hope onto hard-packed paths and red-clay ground, among rocks and choking thorns, into places no careful farmer would dare to plant. You don't save your love for the tended rows. You throw it wide, to the overlooked and the written-off, to every heart the world has trampled flat, knowing that even those places are alive with possibility.

In Jesus, your Word took root in the soil of our flesh. He was buried in the dark earth of the tomb, broke open like a seed, and rose alive with possibility. He bears a harvest thirtyfold, sixtyfold, a hundredfold, more than our fear can measure and more than our scarcity can imagine.

By your Spirit you work in us while we sleep and while we rise, growing your kingdom in ways we do not understand. At this table, grain once scattered on the hillsides becomes one bread, and the fruit of the vine becomes a cup poured out for all. You make us good soil, and you send us out as sowers to give as freely as we have received.

And so, with all creation groaning, with the church on earth and the saints in heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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.

Holy Spirit, breath of God, come like rain on dry red clay. Fall on this bread and this cup, the gifts of seed and soil and many hands, so they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, life broken open and poured out for all.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Mother/Father, 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.

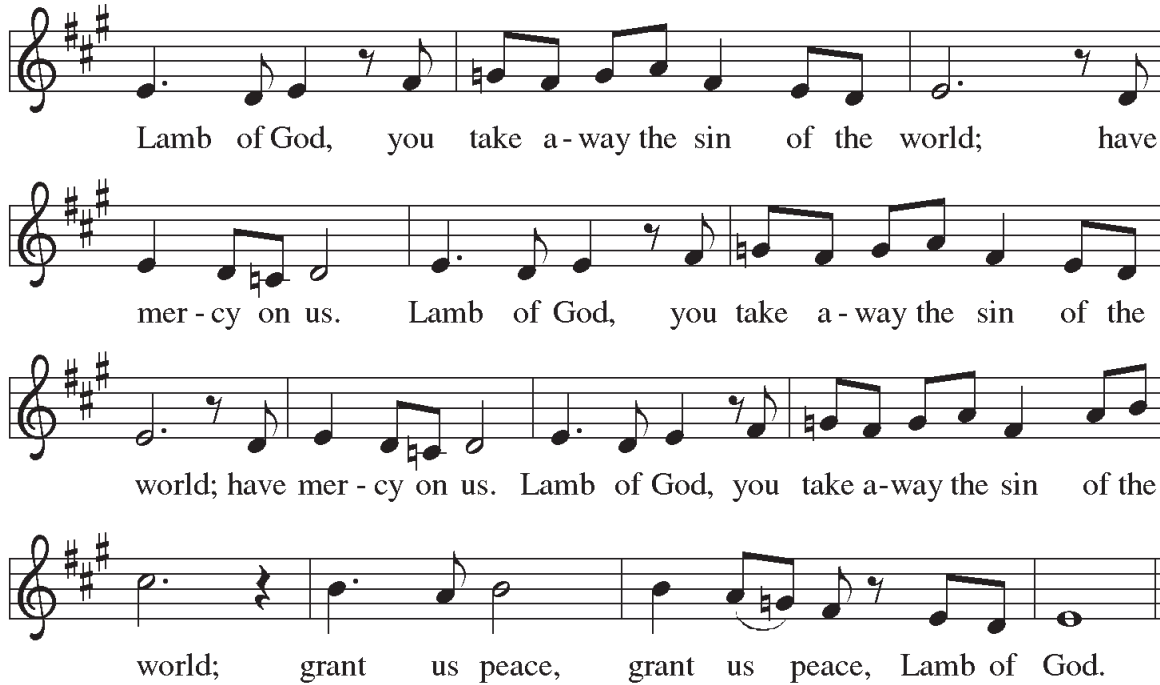
The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in Communion. When we pray Holy Mother/Father, we name what has always been true: God is not bound by gender, yet holds us with the fierce, 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



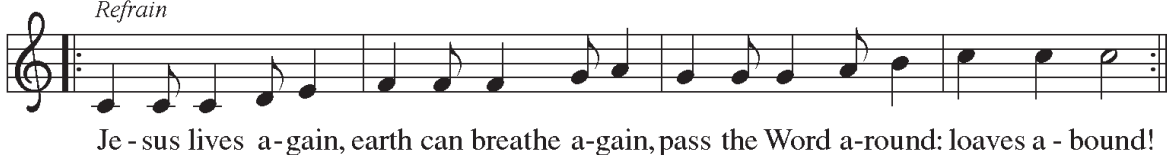
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal-ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a-ble to make us one, at the ta-ble he sets the tone,
3 Je-sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,
bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard.
teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex-press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man-u-el) ev-'ry-where!

Refrain



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

A Place at the Table



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, for
 2 For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble and
 3 For gay, bi, and straight, a place at the ta - ble, in -
 4 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, a
 5 For bod - ies di - verse, a place at the ta - ble, all
 6 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, to



ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread, a shel - ter, a
 all those be - tween, be - yond, and be - sides; ex - pand - ing our
 vit - ed to wed, to bap - tize and preach, a rain - bow of
 voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a
 man - ner of speech and move - ment and minds; en - a - bled to
 live with - out fear, and simp - ly to be, to work, to speak



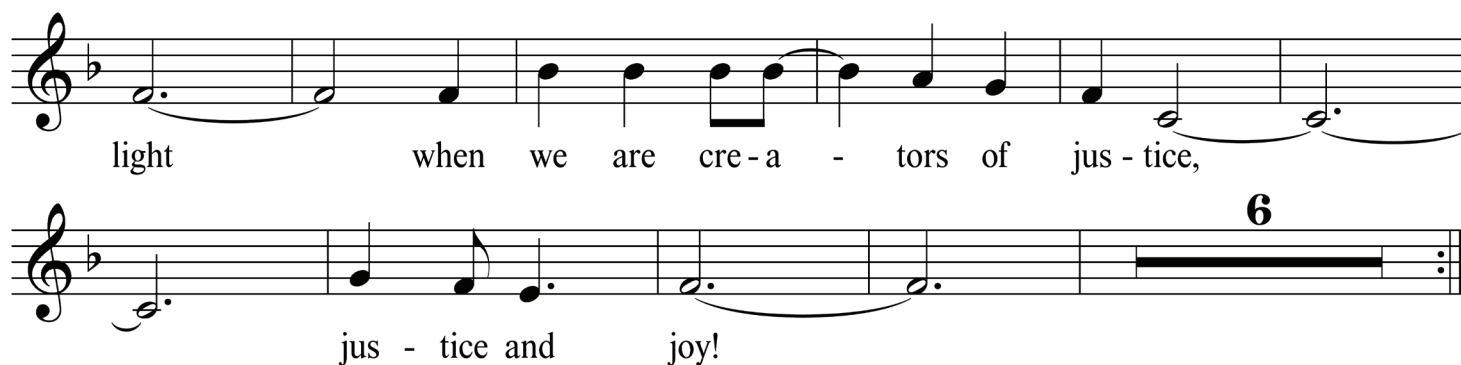
space, a safe place for grow - ing, for ev - ery - one born, a
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 race and gen - der and col - or, for queer, trans, and ace, God's
 child in hands that are wrin - kled, for young and for old, the
 lead and teach us new lan - guage, for bod - ies di - verse, a
 out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for ev - ery - one born, the



star o - ver - head. And God will de - light when
 voice can pro - vide.
 jus - tice in reach.
 right to be - long.
 church re - de - signed.
 right to be free.



we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, yes, God will de -



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.**

We Are Marching in the Light of God



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...



DISMISSAL

Go in peace, alive with possibility!
God has sown extravagant grace in you.
Now fling it everywhere, recklessly,
even as it costs you something.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Following worship everyone is invited to a Celebration Lunch in the Gym.

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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

We welcome the Rev. Dexter Brecht as our Guest Preacher this morning.

Hospital Patients: Luther Boliek & Lani Wise

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 Members Joining. Trinity will receive new members on Sunday, October 18 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. 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, October 5 and October 19 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.

Foundation Grants. The Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation is receiving grant applications from September 1 to October 15. The purpose of the foundation is to enhance the outreach ministry of the congregation by making grants to community human service agencies to which the congregation relates, institutions and agencies of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA, and members of the congregation who attend an ELCA seminary or church-related educational, leadership, or service event. Grant applications may be obtained by calling the Church Office at 864-242-5702 or emailing Kay Cook at kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws.

Book Discussion Group. Please join Pastor Crowell for a discussion of the book *Yesteryear* by Caro Claire Burke on Thursday, October 22 at 10:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building. Anyone who loves reading and discussing books and is eager to make connections and build community is encouraged to attend. Reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws with questions or to register for the event. The group will also gather on Thursday, December 10 at 10:00 am to discuss *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd.

Rediscovering the Reformation. Are you new to Lutheranism and wondering what all the joy is about this month? Or maybe you are a lifelong Lutheran looking for more ways to bask in Reformation glory?! Join Pastor Preacher for a one-hour session to learn more about the history of the Protestant Reformation and the key role Lutherans played in that historic moment. The class will take place on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 pm in Rooms 12 and 13. Please contact Pastor Preacher to sign-up at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws Reserve your space now!

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Calling All Crafters! Come gather at Trinity for a fun and relaxed evening of collaging, crafting, and good conversation! Whether you are a seasoned artist or haven't touched a glue stick since elementary school, everyone (and every age!) is welcome. No materials required but if you do have magazines, paper scraps, or even fun bits of ribbon to share, feel free to bring them. Everything else will be provided. The group will gather in Rooms 12 and 13 on Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm. Reach out to Drake McFadyen at 828-719-9955 or dmcfadyen@trinitylutheran.ws with questions or to register for the event.

Board Game Night. Ready for a little friendly competition? Come gather with Trinity friends to enjoy some classics like Uno and Jenga as well as games like Catan for the more strategic-minded players. Bring a favorite game or just bring yourself as the group gathers in the Parlor at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 20. Reach out to Drake McFadyen at 828-719-9955 or dmcfadyen@trinitylutheran.ws for more information or to register for the event.

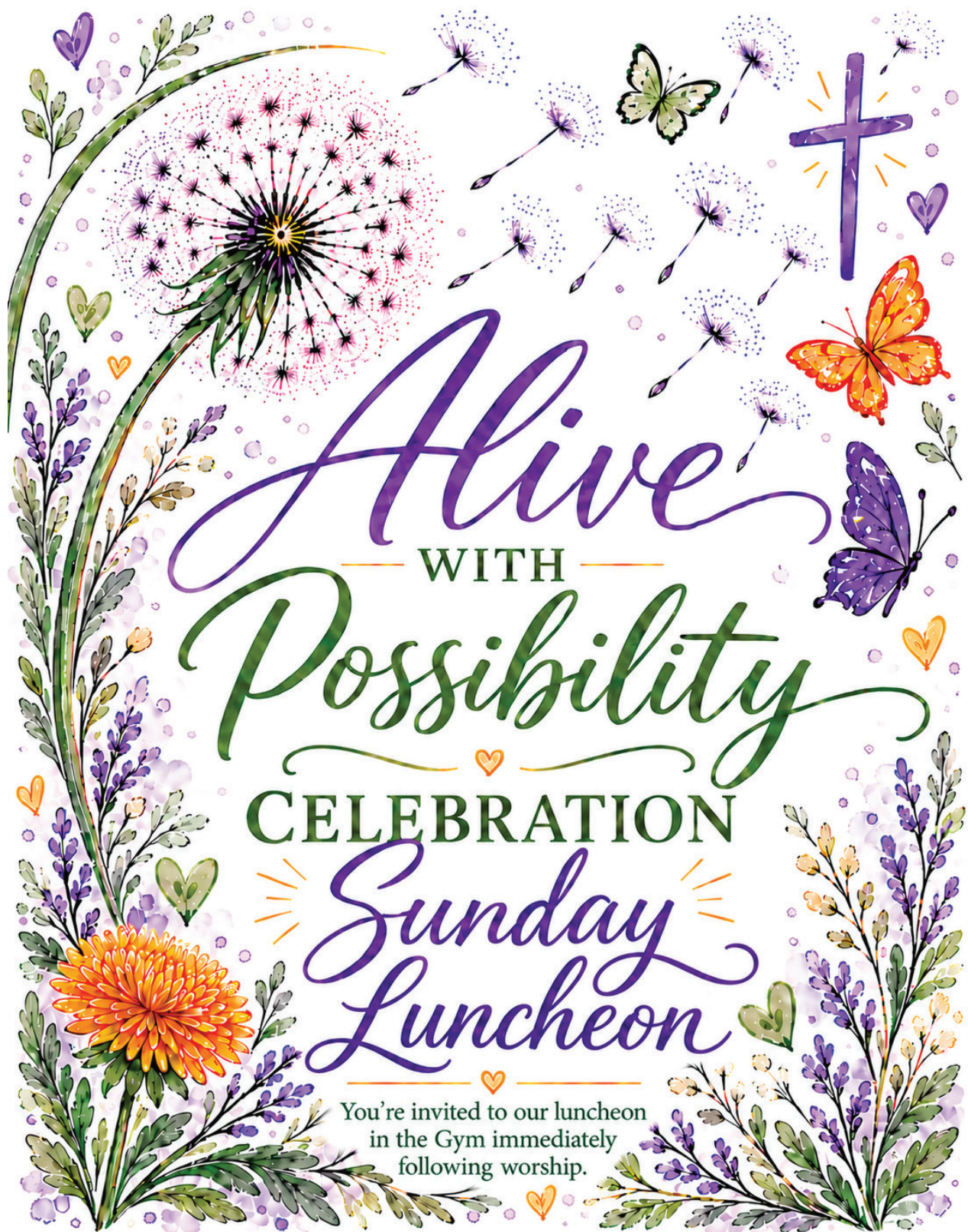
Music Moments with Pastor Parham. Children aged three to fifth grade and a parent or caregiver are invited to gather with Pastor Parham following worship in the Choir Room for twenty minutes of music-making on Sunday, October 11. Children will sing together, experiment with Trinity's vast collection of percussion instruments, and enjoy creating music as a group. Questions may be directed to Pastor Parham at jcpaham@trinitylutheran.ws.

Love Wins will gather for some social time on Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 pm. The group will meet at Group Therapy for indoor putt-putt and fellowship. Group Therapy is located at 320 Falls Street, Suite G, Greenville. More information about Group Therapy is available at <http://www.grouptherapy.fun>. Join us for this great opportunity for fun and fellowship. For more information or to sign up, contact Angie McCormack at ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws.

Women's Hygiene Product Collection. In Collaboration with the Period Project, a Women's Hygiene Product Collection will take place throughout the month of October. Items of need include tampons, pads, individually wrapped liners, individually wrapped personal hygiene wipes, and gallon and quart size zip top bags. These donations may be dropped off on Sunday morning or in the Church Office throughout the month. A Packing Party will take place later in the year. Please contact Kerrie Seymour at kerrie.seymour@gmail.com with questions.

Life Together this Week: Come and Connect with Us!

TODAY	MON, OCT 5	WED, OCT 7	SUN, OCT 11
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 Celebration Lunch 12:30 pm Mercy and Justice Team Meeting	6:00 pm Fiber Arts Group 6:30 pm Candlelight Yoga in the Gym	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Game Day (formerly Mahjong Group) 2:00 pm Worship Team Meeting 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	9:00 am Faith Exploration for Adults 9:30 am Second Sunday Food Drive 10:00 am Worship in the Gym and Live-stream; Refreshments and Fellowship to follow 11:30 am Music Moments for Children with Pastor Parham



You're invited to our luncheon
in the Gym immediately
following worship.

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