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The Good Shepherdess by Kelly Latimore



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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 their mothers, Roma C. Ewolat and Ruth F. Hamann, on their October birthdays by Dale and Sandra Hamann.

Serving Today

Jim Parham

Preaching and Presiding Minister

Angie McCormack

Assisting Minister

Frank Griffin

Pianist and Choir Director

Lector

Lyle Mortensen

Prayers

William Bryant, Jr.

Cantor

Melanie Helling

Percussion

John Beckford

Guitar

Duke Barsody

Bass Guitar

Brian Goodlett

Communion Assistants

Jaime Fivecoat,
Mary Beth Ridenhour

Acolyte

Christopher Clark

Children's Worship Opportunity

Suzanne Rudisill, Jess Bigby

Nursery

Margaret Roth, Beth Oswald

Greeters

Lani Ludian, Jane Mortensen,
Lyle Mortensen, Lisa Rehm

Ushers

Dale Hamann, Dave Potts,
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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

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet *Vamos todos al banquete*

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956
Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE, Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955
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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.



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



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



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



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



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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.

God of grace, hospitality, and love, you prepare a table to which you welcome all peoples and pour out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet and strengthen our gratitude, compassion, and faith, transforming us into a people of righteousness, welcome, and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated.

God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

THE READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹ O YHWH, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- ² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
- ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
- ⁶ On this mountain YHWH of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- ⁷ And God will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
⁸ God will swallow up death forever.
- Then YHWH Adonai will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of God's people will be taken away from all the earth,
for YHWH has spoken.
- ⁹ It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; for whom we have waited, who will save us.
This is YHWH for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation."

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

Thanks be to God.

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.



PSALM

Psalm 23

Psalm
Refrain



Psalm
Tone



- ¹The Lord | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.
- ²The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.
- ³You restore my | soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
- ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R
- ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
- ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever. R

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Now the Feast and Celebration!

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.

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

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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 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according Saint Mark the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kin-dom of heaven may be compared to a ruler who gave a wedding banquet for the family's heir. ³ When the ruler sent slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, they would not come. ⁴ Again other slaves were sent. The Ruler said to them, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But those invited made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to her business, ⁶ while the rest seized the Ruler's slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The Ruler was enraged, and sending troops, destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then the Ruler said to the slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the



wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the Ruler came in to see the guests and noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² the Ruler said, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the Ruler said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

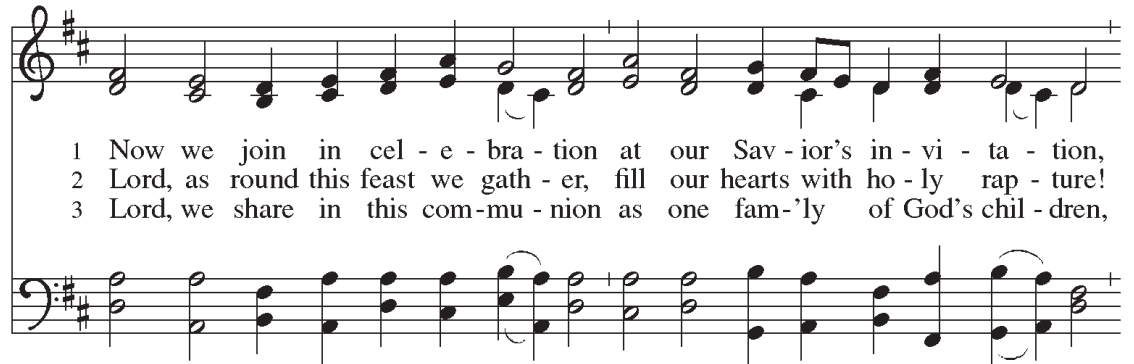
SERMON

There's a dress code?

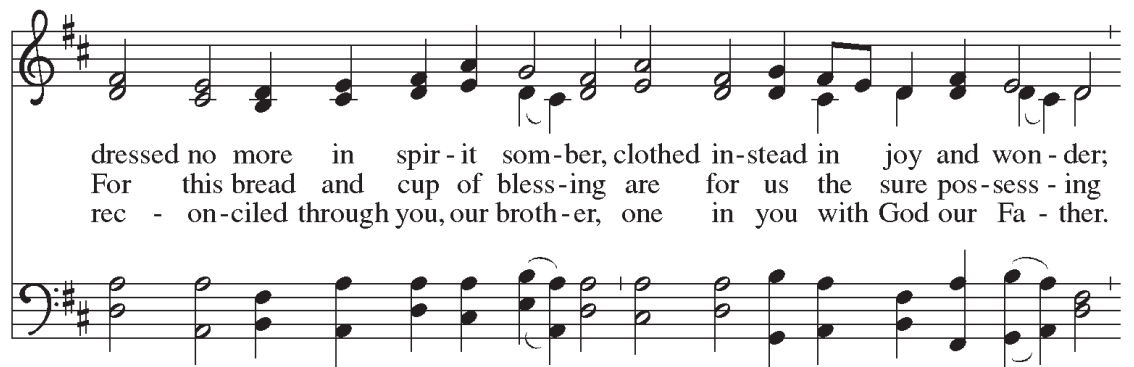
HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able.

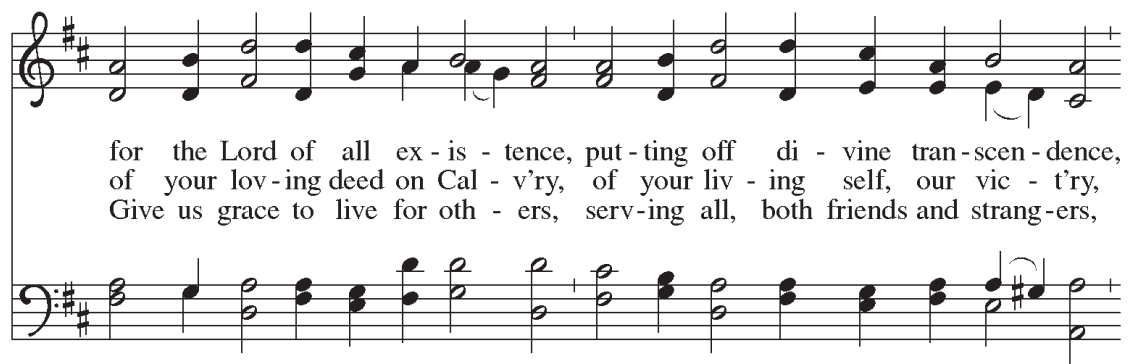
Now We Join in Celebration



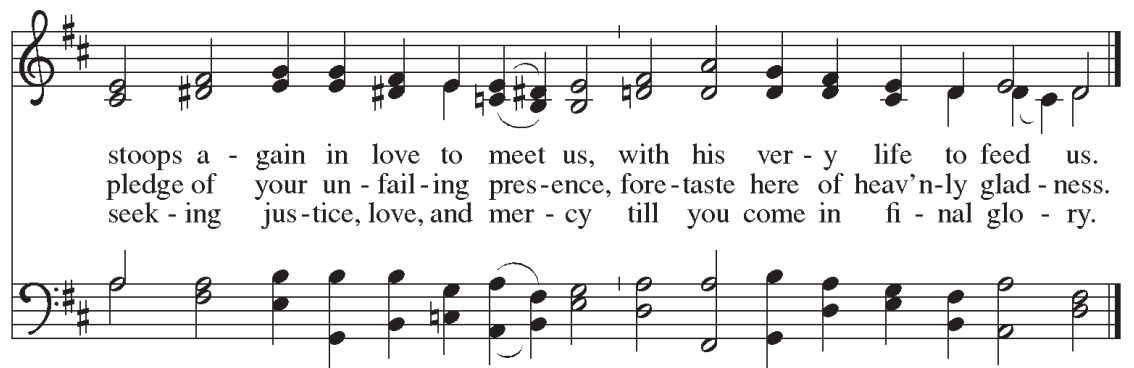
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.



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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church, the world, and all who long for a seat at the table.

A brief silence.

Mountain-gathering God, on your holy mountain you spread a feast for all peoples and tear away the shroud that divides us. Bind your church together across every line we have drawn. Strengthen the World Council of Churches, our Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry, our Bishop Wade Roof, and all who labor across religious difference, that the world may taste your undivided love. God who prepares a table, **make room for all.**

Shepherding God, you lead us to green pastures and still waters. In the cold, clear streams of the Blue Ridge, the eastern hellbender salamander keeps its hidden watch, breathing through its skin and thriving only where the water runs clean. Forgive our carelessness with the rivers that sustain us, and make us faithful guardians of the waters you call good. God who prepares a table, **make room for all.**

God of the storm-battered and the weary, you do not abandon us in the shadowy valley. Renew the communities still rebuilding after hurricanes and floods, from western North Carolina to the Gulf Coast to the Caribbean, and make them steadfast for the coming hurricane season. Bring an end to the violence in Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, Haiti, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and hold every refugee in your care. As many observe Indigenous Peoples' Day tomorrow, turn us

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.

from myths of conquest toward truth-telling and repair. God who prepares a table,
make room for all.

Tear-drying God, you anoint our heads with oil and promise to wipe away every tear. Draw near to all who are sick, grieving, lonely, or afraid, and to all who live with pain no one else can see. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts... God who prepares a table,
make room for all.

Extravagant Host, you send your servants into the streets to invite everyone they find, the good and the bad alike. On this National Coming Out Day, we give thanks for the courage of Queer and Trans people who claim their authentic selves, and we pray for those who cannot yet do so safely. Throw open the doors of Trinity, so that all who enter, Queer and not, Trans, nonbinary, and cisgender, find a place already set for them at your feast. God who prepares a table,
make room for all.

Death-swallowing God, you promise to destroy death forever. We give thanks for all the saints who have claimed their baptismal promise and now feast at your table, especially Teresa of Ávila, whom we commemorate this week and who taught that the soul is a castle where you make your home. Keep us steadfast until we join them at the banquet without end. God who prepares a table,
make room for all.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we bring these spoken prayers and those we carry in our hearts to your table, confident that there is room enough for all; through Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and our Host.
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.



God Invites Us to the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Welcome

Words: Laurie Zelman and Mark A. Miller; Music: Mark A. Miller

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace,

Singing, welcome, *Refrain*

Refrain

welcome to this place. You're invited to come and know God's grace.

All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,

Singing welcome, *Refrain*

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
a city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice!

Crying welcome!

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



OFFERTORY HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Refrain/Estrillo



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



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



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



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



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



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

Refrain/Estrillo



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



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 kin-dom 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:

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.

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.

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 in heaven,
Holy be your name,
your kin-dom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

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.



**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kin-dom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. 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.

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.

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



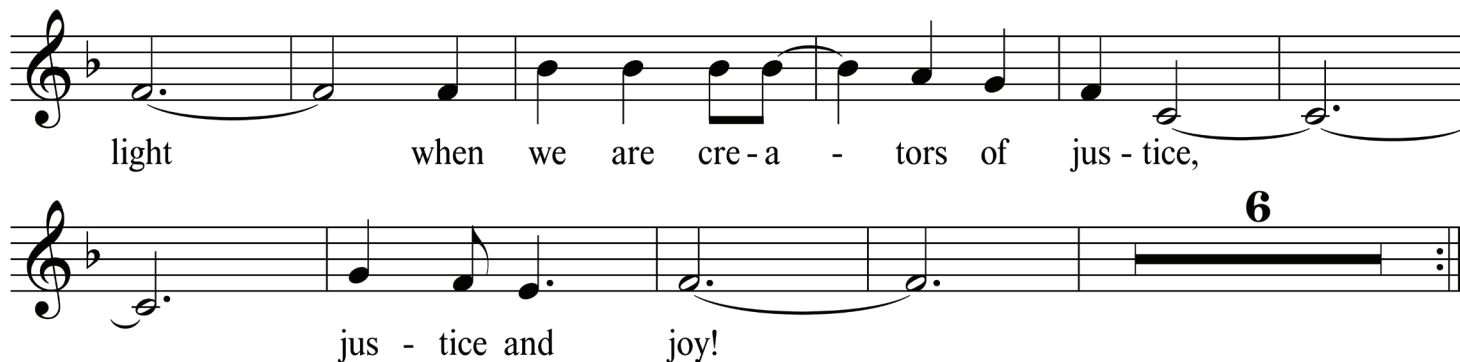
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we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, yes, God will de -



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.**

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.

We Are Marching in the Light of God



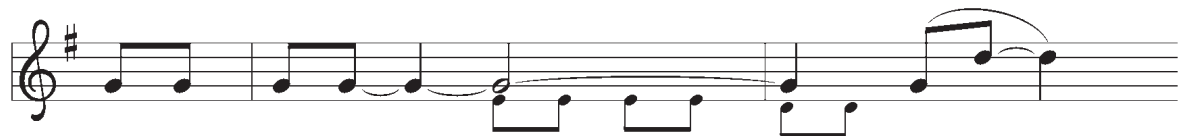
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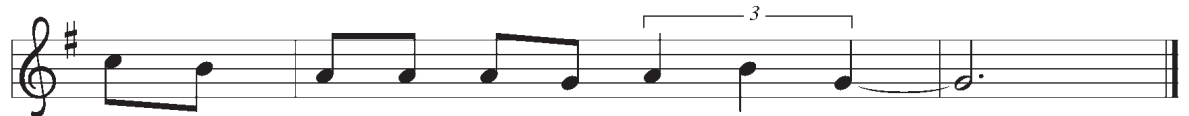
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si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

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 enjoy refreshments
and fellowship in the back corner of 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

Pastor Crowell is away today on vacation.

Pastor Preacher is away today on vacation.

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 Monday, 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 Thursday, October 22 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.

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.

Pridefest's HOWL-O-Ween. Trinity is proud to be participating again in the Pridefest Howl-O-Ween. Join us on Saturday, October 17 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm for a festive evening of vendors, face painting, drag queen performances, and food trucks. To volunteer or for more information, contact Angie McCormack ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws.

We are deeply grateful for all the **Show Up and Serve Sheets and Investment Cards** that were handed in at worship last Sunday during our Sustaining Ministry Celebration Event. If you were not able to be with us last Sunday and are able to make a commitment to Trinity's mission and ministry for 2027, we invite you to fill out a Show Up and Serve Sheet and an Investment Card and place them in the offering plate today. Commitments can also be made via realm. Thank you for helping Trinity be *Alive with Possibility!*

Life Together this Week: Come and Connect with Us!

TODAY	WED, OCT 14	THURS, OCT 15	SAT, OCT 17	SUN, OCT 18
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	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Game Day (formerly Mahjong Group) 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 6:30 pm Craft Night 7:00 pm Adult Choir	9:00 am - 3:30pm Pastoral and Program Staff Development Event 6:30pm Love Wins Group	5:00 – 8:00pm Pridefest HOWL-o-Ween	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 History Reading Group 11:30 am Out to Lunch Bunch 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