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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 Tad Boland by his family.

Serving Today

Susan Crowell
Preaching

Patrick Preacher
Presiding Minister

Jim Parham
Organist and Choir Director

Lectors
Carl Witherspoon, Philip Wessinger

Prayers
Mary Mueller

Cantor
Richard Moose

Timpani
John Beckford

Capital City Brass Quintet
Trumpet - Doug Leadbitter
Trumpet - Jason Ortiz
Horn - Holly Beeson
Trombone - Brian Wargel
Tuba - Allen Kaiser

Communion Assistants
Dovie Dykes, Madelyn Fagala

Acolytes
Christopher Clark, Ella Matson

Crucifer
Clayton Dykes

Children's Worship Opportunity
Chris Barsody, Jess Bigby

Nursery
Beth Oswald, Karen Craig

Greeters
Mark Allen, Dovie Dykes, JL Dykes,
Geoff Reid, Julie Reid

Ushers
Richard Delap, Carol Elliott, Dale
Hamann, David Potts

Refreshment Hosts
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God Welcomes All

PRELUDE

Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor (BWV 582) by J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In baptism our gracious heavenly parent frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Presentation

We present Daniel John for baptism.

Matthew and Grace, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have this child baptized in Christ?

Response:

We do.

As you bring Daniel to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Daniel grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response:

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Daniel and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Baptism is central to Lutheran theology. We believe that God in Christ loves each of us from birth, but in baptism, we go public with that love, being named and claimed as God's beloved children before the people of God. God's people make promises to the baptized as God makes promises in the water. Martin Luther famously said: "Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's promise and combined with God's word."

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Please stand as able

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. Christ sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your children, no longer slave but free, no longer lonely and isolated, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Water is poured on the baptismal candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:



Daniel John,
I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Daniel with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the pastor says:

Daniel John Wessinger, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. May you, with joy, live into the fullness of who God created you to be...brave, bold, and unapologetically you. **Amen.**

Let us welcome Daniel into our church family.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share.

Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those gathered at the font share the peace before returning to their seats.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Worshippers are invited to joyfully wave red and white streamers.

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. A might - y for - tress is — our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3. Though hordes of de - vils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4. God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes who



to - rious; who breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour — us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear — it; for God a - lone fights by — our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God a - bove e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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.

Gracious and transforming God, you are always calling us into new life, always making a way forward, always transforming us and your beloved church. When we cling to what is familiar, open our hearts to the winds of your spirit. Give us courage to question what excludes, humility to learn from one another, and imagination to envision a church where every person is welcomed, every voice matters, and every life is honored. Reform us in the generous love of Christ, that we may partner with you in creating a community of radical hospitality, abundant grace, and deep belonging, a community that questions and challenges, that changes, evolves, and transforms. Keep the spirit of reformation alive among us, today and always.

Amen.

Please be seated.

God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says YHWH, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says YHWH. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says YHWH: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know YHWH,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 46

*Psalms
Refrain*



*Psalms
Tone*



The divine name, YHWH (pronounced Yahweh), is the English transliteration of the four consonants of the original Hebrew. This is the name God spoke to Moses out of the burning bush, and is an ancient and extremely holy name for God. One of its possible meanings is "I am that I am."



¹ Elohim is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
² **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**
³ though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**
⁵ Elohim is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
Elohim shall help it at the | break of day.
⁶ **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R**
⁷ The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
⁸ **Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**
⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
¹⁰ **"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."**
¹¹ YHWH of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. R

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before God by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. God did this to demonstrate God's righteousness, because out of divine patience God had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time God's own righteousness, so that God is righteous and justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Elohim, the first name for God in Scripture is a plural word that almost always takes singular verbs. God is one, yet too abundant for any single word to hold. This same Elohim creates all of humanity in the divine image and hears the cry of Hagar's son in the wilderness, drawing near to those pushed to the edges.

Most Sundays, our readings follow the three-year Revised Common Lectionary, but Reformation Sunday has its own readings that return each year. Like the Christmas story each December, the repetition is the point. These texts proclaim the heart of the Reformation: God writes a new covenant on every heart, God is our refuge, we are made right by grace alone, and Christ's truth sets us free. As a church always reforming, we listen for how that grace is still breaking open new freedom and welcome today.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Winds of Change

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

Please stand as able.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according Saint John the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Judeans who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered Jesus, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been captive to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a captive (or one in bondage) to sin. ³⁵ The captive (or one in bondage) does not have a permanent place in the household, but the only begotten child has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Only Begotten One makes you free, you will be free indeed." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able.

Rise, Shine, You People!

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



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



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



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

Text: Ronald Klug, vs 4 adpt. JP
Music: Dale Wood

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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

Abiding in the word of the One whose truth makes us free, we pray for the church, the world, and all who long for release.

A brief silence.

Reforming Spirit, you never stop making your church new. We give thanks for the courage of Martin Luther and reformers in every generation, even as we confess the contempt he spoke against our Jewish neighbors and every harm the church has done in your name. Renew the whole church: our presiding bishop, Yehiel Curry; our synod bishop, Wade Roof; and all of us at Trinity, that we keep reforming toward your wide welcome. You are the Truth that sets us free,

make us free indeed.



Creating God, you write your covenant on every living heart. We grieve waters fouled by human greed: the Reedy River, once stained by textile dyes and spilled diesel, and the Carolina rivers where the endangered Carolina heelsplitter, a small freshwater mussel half-buried in the riverbed, quietly filters the water that sustains us all. Heal the land, water, and air, and turn us from the habits that poison them, so that every creature may thrive. You are the Truth that sets us free,
make us free indeed.

Liberating Christ, you came to proclaim release to the captives. We pray for all caught in our criminal legal system: for people held in the Greenville County Detention Center and in prisons across our state, for those returning home, and for the families who wait for them. Give police, judges, attorneys, and probation officers the wisdom to seek repair rather than punishment. You are the Truth that sets us free,
make us free indeed.

Healing God, you draw near to all the church has wounded. We pray for Queer and Trans siblings, and for everyone who was told they were too much or not enough for your love, that the truth of your welcome may set them free. Comfort all who are sick, grieving, lonely, or in pain. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts...You are the Truth that sets us free,
make us free indeed.

Welcoming God, your door stands open. We give thanks for all who are exploring or returning to a life of faith, especially those who carry wounds from other churches. Make Trinity a place where they can arrive as their authentic selves and find their hope in you. You are the Truth that sets us free,
make us free indeed.

We give you thanks for the baptism of Daniel John Wessinger. Having passed through your waters, he begins his lifelong journey as a follower of Jesus. We pray that he may never go a day without feeling the power of your radical love. As you have clothed him in Christ, so clothe him in abundant grace to share with the world. Strengthen family, chosen family, and friends who strive to raise Daniel in the faith. Bless and strengthen Grace and Matthew to be faithful parents, so that their family might bear witness to your inclusive love for all people. You are the Truth that sets us free,
make us free indeed.

Faithful God, we give thanks for all the saints who have claimed their baptismal promise, for the reformers, named and unnamed, who paved the way for us, and for all our beloved dead. We thank you especially for the lives of female reformers of the past and present whose stories often go untold. Be their mighty fortress and ours, our refuge and strength, until we are gathered together in you. You are the Truth that sets us free,
make us free indeed.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts, through Jesus Christ, whose truth makes us free indeed.
Amen.

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.

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

Be Still and Know

Music: Michael John Trotta; Text: Adapted from Psalm 46 by Michael John Trotta

*Even if the mountains were to fall into the sea,
waters were to surge upon the earth,
hope still lives in a most holy place,
a place that shall not move, for I am here.*

*Be still and know, be still and know, know that I am your God.
Be still and know that you'll find rest, a refuge for your soul.
Be still, be still and know.*

*When nations roar and kingdoms fall, still you shall not fear.
My strength and hope will keep you on your way;
wars shall cease and the shields melt with fire;
listen, then, for you will hear my voice.*

*Be still and know, be still and know, know that I am your God.
Be still and know and you'll find rest, a refuge for your soul.
Be still, be still and know.*

*Keep you mind on things above and not on earthly things;
you're hidden with me in the safest place.
Your old self has died and is risen again;
your death shall be what brings you to new life.*

*Be still and know, be still and know, know that I am your God.
Be still and know and you'll find rest, a refuge for your soul.
Be still, be still and know.*

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

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

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1. Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - joice, with
ex - ul - ta - tion spring - ing, and, with u - ni - ted
heart and voice and ho - ly rap - ture sing - ing, pro -
claim the won - ders God has done, pro-claim the vic - t'ry
God has won; how pre - cious was our ran - som!

Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH
from Etlich christliche Lieder, Wittenberg, 1524
Tune and text: Martin Luther, trans. hymnal, composite

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God,

You are always calling us into new ways of living, loving, and being the church. Receive these gifts as expressions of our gratitude and our hope for what is yet to come. Use them – and use us – to challenge what excludes, transform what harms, and nurture communities where all people can flourish. Use our giving to shape and form a community of sound theology, radical welcome, and authentic belonging. 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, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Through the work of Martin Luther and the reformers
of the past, present, and future you reveal to your people
the gifts of grace, freedom, mercy, and love and, through their witness,
you extend the boundaries of your glorious kin-dom to all people.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. 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.



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.
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

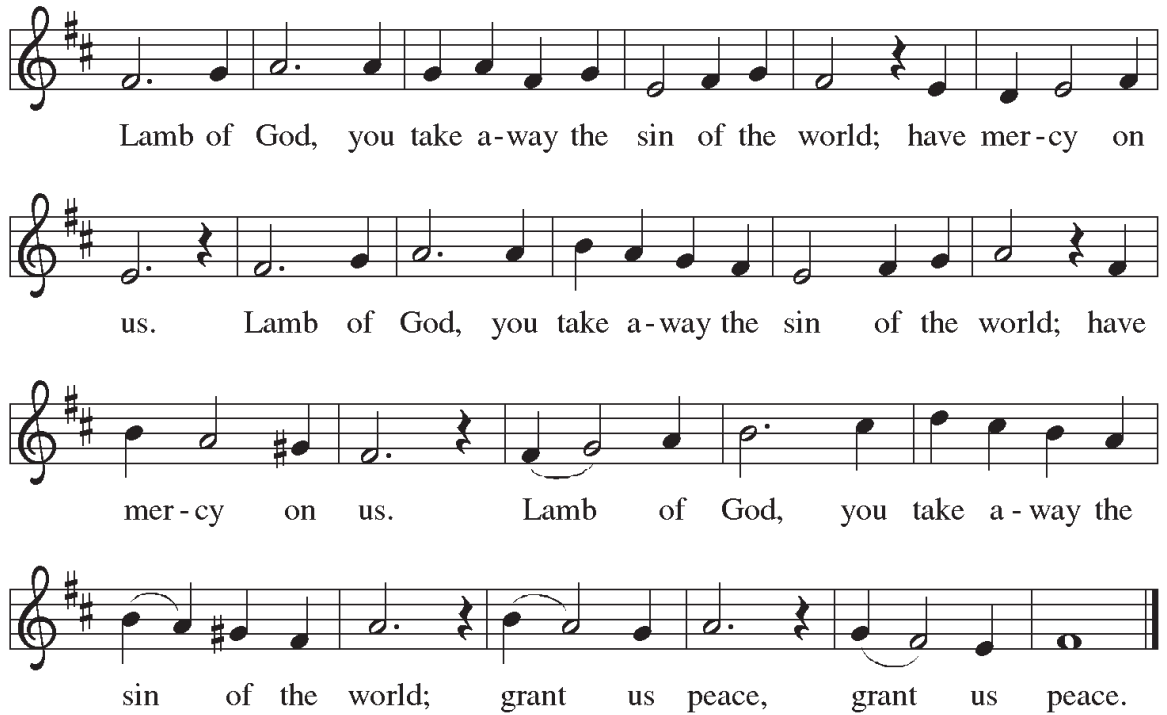
All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice. Gluten free wafers are 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.

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, 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.

Music During the Distribution

1. Instrument of Peace - Kelly-Marie Murphy, arranged for brass quintet and piano by Doug Leadbitter

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

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.



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768
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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

Transforming God, you meet us at this table with love that welcomes, grace that frees, and hope that calls us forward. Nourished by this bread and cup, may we have the courage to question what no longer serves your vision of love, the imagination to embrace new possibilities, and the humility to keep changing, growing, and reforming all for the sake of the inclusive gospel of Christ. **Amen.**

God Sends Us to Love and Serve the World

BLESSING

May the grace of ✠Christ free you, the love of God ground you, and the Spirit inspire you to change. Go forth with open hearts, courageous hope, and a willingness to keep becoming the church God dreams us to be. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

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.

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

DISMISSAL

Beloved Community,
Go in peace.
Challenge practices that exclude.
Release traditions that no longer hold meaning.
Play your part in reforming the church into a living expression of Christ's radical love for all.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We Thank You, O God! (BWV 29) – by J. S. Bach
Sinfonia from Cantata #29 arranged for Brass Quintet, Organ, and Timpani
by Mark F. Adler

*Following worship everyone is invited to enjoy
refreshments and fellowship on the front lawn.*

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Activities & Opportunities

Today's Baptism: Daniel John Wessinger, son of Matthew and Grace Wessinger.

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.

Family Fall Festival. All are invited for an evening of fall fun, a hot dog dinner, games, fellowship, and activities for the entire family on Thursday, October 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on the front lawn. Wear your costume and bring your family and friends.

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.

PeaceCycle coming to Trinity! Make plans to be at Trinity on Sunday, November 1 to experience a little taste of the Wild Goose Festival and to meet Amber "Rose" Heimann, founder of PeaceCYCLE, a social business in Haiti designed to provide dignifying and purposeful work to the unemployed while teaching about and cleaning the environment ultimately producing high quality upcycled products. Amber will speak briefly during worship and will offer more information about this ministry during a congregational lunch after worship. An opportunity to support this ministry by purchasing hand-crafted, upcycled items will be available before and after worship.

Candlelight Yoga. Because of ongoing interest in yoga at Trinity, gentle yoga classes led by Jill McBurney will continue in November and December. If you are weary, anxious, stressed-out, and burdened by the demands of life and craving some time to relax, then this may be just the event for you! Participants might enjoy bringing a pillow, blanket, and mat. Extra mats are available to borrow. Participants may choose to practice from a chair. Childcare is available. Upcoming classes will be held at 6:30 pm on Mondays, November 2, November 16, November 30, and December 14. Invite your friends and come and rest in the glow of candlelight, do some simple stretching, breathe deeply, experience restoration, and open your mind to this spiritual practice. All bodies and abilities are encouraged to participate. Reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws with questions.

October 25, 2026

Festival of All Saints

Trinity will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1 at 10:00 am in the Gym. All Saints Day is an ancient Christian feast that remembers the whole communion of saints – both those who have gone before us in faith and those living now in Christ. This festival emerged in the early church to honor martyrs but broadened to include all people of God. For Lutherans, the *saints* are not just extraordinary people, but all the baptized in Christ, living and dead. Trinity marks this holy day by remembering Trinity members who have joined the Church Triumphant during the past year to include Marilyn Boeker, Tad Boland, Jo Glymph, Herb Lembcke, Edward Templin, and Eddie Woodward. Everyone is invited to bring photos of beloved ones who have died to include on the Saints Table in the Gym.

Queer-led Worship Homecoming. We are celebrating 5 years of Queer-led Worship at Trinity this year! Please mark your calendars for this exciting milestone. Worship will take place Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 pm followed by a celebratory community meal. Please contact Pastor Preacher to assist with the meal and celebration.

Life Together this Week: Come and Connect with Us!

TODAY	WED, OCT 28	THURS, OCT 29	SUN, NOV 1
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 Trinity Youth	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Game Day 6:00 pm Sustaining Ministry Team 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	5:30 pm Family Fall Festival!	9:00 am Faith Exploration for Adults 10:00 am Worship in the Gym and Live-stream; Refreshments and Fellowship to follow 11:30 am Congregational Lunch in the Multipurpose Room

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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

