

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry

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October 18, 2026
21st Sunday of Pentecost
8:30am – Livestream & In-person
11am – In-person

We celebrate an open table for Holy Communion. Please see the back page for more information.

Please note that our 8:30am service is Livestreamed and broadcast on our YouTube channel.

Holy Trinity is “Mask-Friendly” for all activities. Whatever your preference, you are welcome here.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Eno, Lumbee, Shakori, Skaruhreh/Tuscarora peoples, and we acknowledge their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have called and continue to call this land their home.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

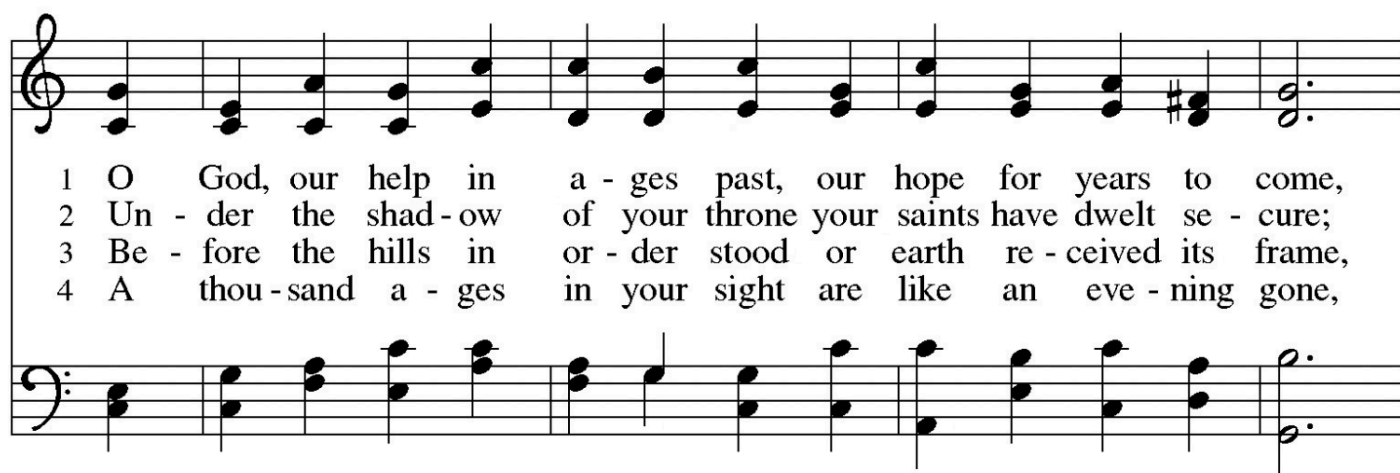
**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

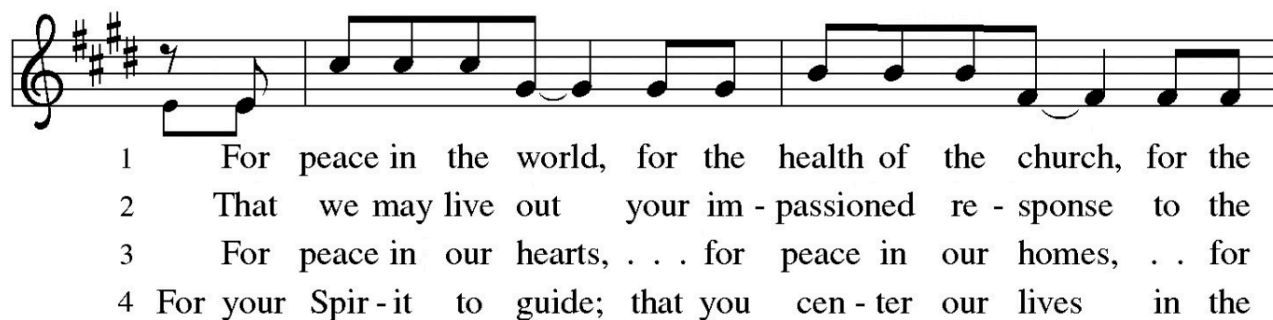
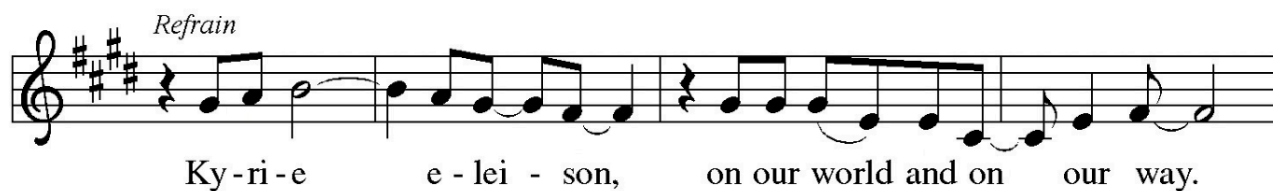
5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 we fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

GREETING

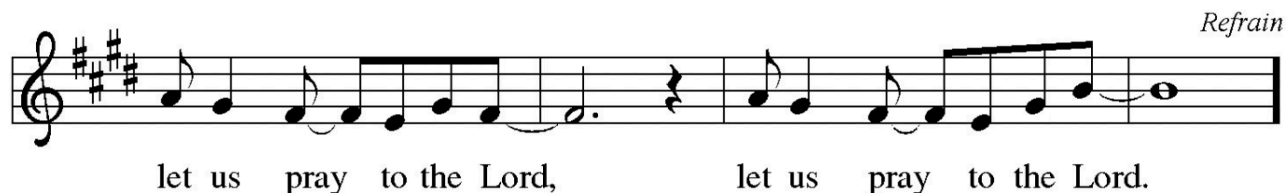
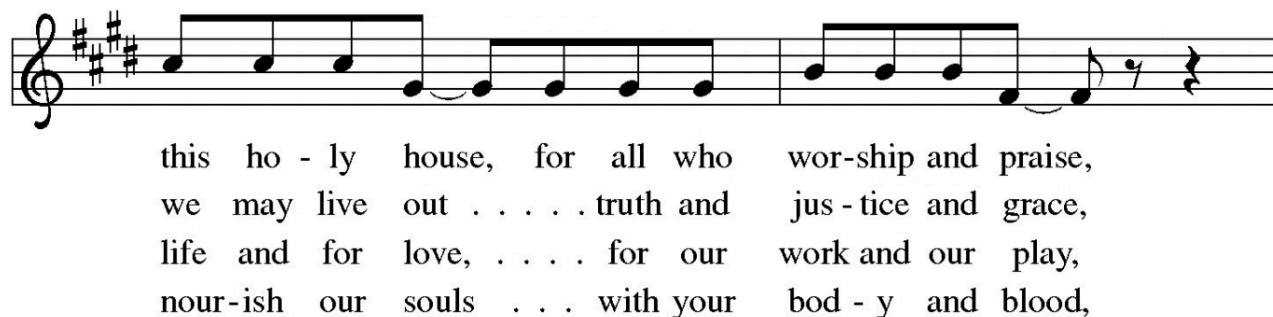
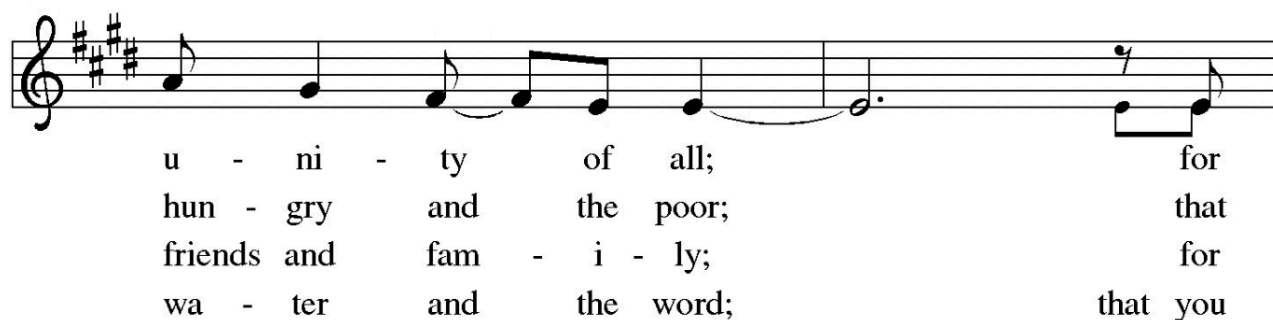
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-13

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Sing to the LORD; bless his name;**

tell of his salvation from day to day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples.

⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;**

he is to be revered above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶ **Honor and majesty are before him;**

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;**

bring an offering, and come into his courts.

⁹ Worship the LORD in holy splendor;

tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰ **Say among the nations, "The LORD is king!**

The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.

He will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar and all that fills it;

¹² **let the field exult and everything in it.**

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

¹³ before the LORD, for he is coming,

for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness

and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

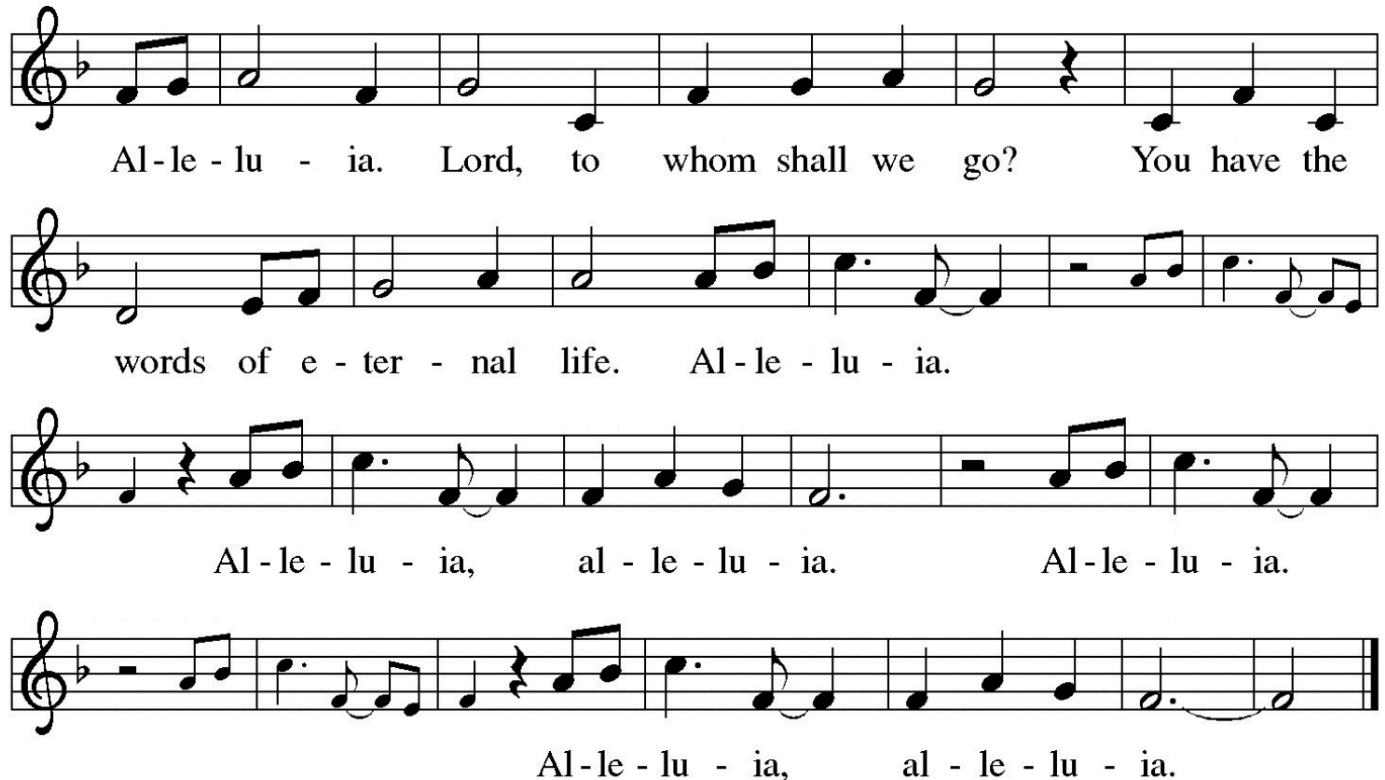
² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the

word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 188



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

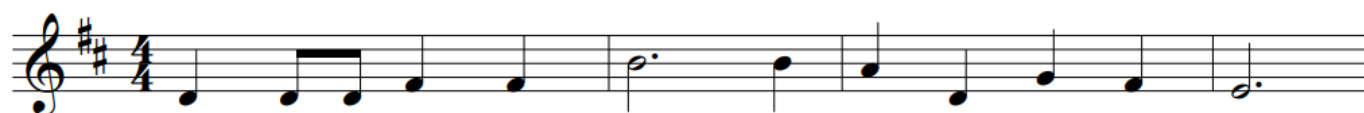
¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality.

¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

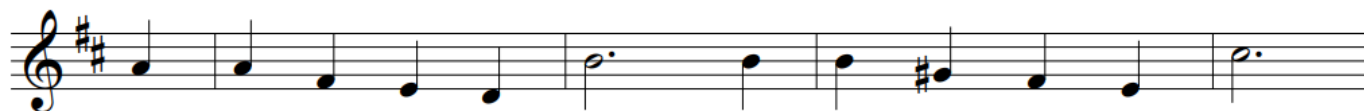
Pastor Will Rose



1. Bait - ed, the ques - tion rose from some - where in the crowd:
 2. "Whose im - age does it bear, whose name and ti - tles tell?"
 3. May we dis - cern, O God, Your dai - ly gifts of grace;



"Teach - er, you tru - ly know God's way; Is pay - ing tax al - lowed?"
 "Cae - sar's, of course," they smug - ly — said and thought they an - swered well.
 show us your im - age fresh - ly — coined in ev - 'ry heart and face.



Je - sus per - ceived their trap: "Why do you test me so?"
 "Give Cae - sar what is his; God, what is God's a - lone."
 Help us fit trib - ute yield Through prayers and hymns we raise,



Bring here the coin the tax re - quires, and see what it will show."
 Strong words, con - vinc - ing and pro - found, like truth al - read - y known.
 but most of all by deeds of love to give you thanks and praise.

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr., b. 1944, ©1996, Hope Publishing Company

Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

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APOSTLES' CREED

**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

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING SONG



*Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.*

Take My Life, That I May Be
Adult Choir

arr. Mark Sedio (8:30)

*Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.*

Oh, Sing to the Lord
Children's Choir

arr. Harriet Ilse Ziegenhals (11)

*Oh, sing to the Lord,
Oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord,
Oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord,
Oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God!*

*For God is the Lord,
and God has done wonders,
for God is the Lord,*

*and God has done wonders,
for God is the Lord,
and God has done wonders,
Oh, sing to our God,
Oh, sing to our God!*

*For Jesus is Lord! Amen, alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen, alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen, alleluia!
Oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God.*

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and the suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
And unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!
Thanks be to 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.

Refrain – All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All

1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall

al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the

Lord; for God has been so good to me.

Refrain

2 Glo-ri - fy the Lord with me. To - geth-er let us

all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who answered

me; from all my troubles I was set free. *Refrain*

3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple. You'll want for

noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is

good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God,

with this bread and cup,

you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.

Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,

following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
⌞ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW #686



1. We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2. May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3. The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4. And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, — as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace - it is — a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do — it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.
Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893
FESTAL SONG, SM

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

'Tis the Gift to be Simple

arr. Richard Proulx

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

The Altar Flowers for today's worship service have been given by Gillian and Alan Larson in honor of our 7 grandkids.

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If you see a blank below, it means we don't have anyone currently signed up for that role! Please consider it an invitation if you'd be willing to serve.

THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18:

The Altar Guild and Communion Assistants are Jan and Kirby Gottschalk (8:30) and Margie Dubnansky and Jennifer Carbrey (11).

The usher is Craig Carbrey (11).

The Assisting Ministers are Sally Bond (8:30) and Arty Bolick (11).

The lectors are Jan Gottschalk (8:30) and Jon Arnold (11).

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25:

The Altar Guild and Communion Assistants are Pam and Conrad Weiden (8:30) and Amanda Stoen and Tom Colley (11).

The usher is James Barrett (11).

The Assisting Ministers are _____ (8:30) and _____ (11).

The lectors are Pam Weiden (8:30) and James Barrett (11).

The communion bread for the month of October was baked by Dennis Pfeiffer.

This Week's Anniversaries

October 24	Jake and Kathleen Hartzell
October 25	Garry and Kristin Somers

This Week's Birthdays

October 21	Cheryl Bolick
October 22	Joshua Zawacki
October 23	Ann Stacey
	Paul Gross
	Erik Persson
October 24	Eileen Schmitz
	Linda Eads
	Sylvia Black
	Hal Mason
October 25	Barb Regan
	Troy Trygstad
	Meredith Reed

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry!

We are so glad you chose to worship with us, and we hope you experience the love and grace of God in our midst. Please fill out the “Worship Record Sheet” to record your attendance and explore ways to engage with our community of faith by using the QR code or paper sheet. Please sign up for our weekly Email Newsletter by visiting our website at www.holytrinitychapelhill.org, and subscribe to our YouTube channel at “Holy Trinity Chapel Hill”. Let us know if you have any prayer requests and how we can support you in your faith journey, either by talking to a Pastor or a Stephen Minister.



Reconciling In Christ

Jesus reached across all boundaries to make God’s love known. In our baptismal covenant, we are called to “serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth (ELW pg. 236).” As a Reconciling In Christ church, we at Holy Trinity welcome people of every age and ability, race, culture, religion, class, marital status, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation. We are committed to growing our understanding of systemic racism and its consequences, becoming anti-racist, and advocating for justice and fairness for all people.



Children and Worship

We welcome children in worship and invite them to participate throughout the service. Children are invited to check out our Exploration Station in the Narthex and fill up a Busy Bag for activities during worship. If your child needs some time away from the service, there is a “Cry Room” (glass room near the Sanctuary, towards the Rosemary Street entrance) that’s staffed during the academic year. The service is able to be heard through speakers in the Cry Room. There is also a Nursery room in the back hallway (behind the organ) where children can play with parental supervision.

Holy Communion

At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Believing in the real presence of Christ, HTLC practices Eucharistic hospitality: The Risen Christ welcomes all, therefore all are welcome to commune here. Receive the bread first, then the individual glasses containing (red) wine or (white) apple juice. Allergen-free communion wafers are available at the station in front of the altar. Those desiring not to commune may fold their hands to receive a blessing. Please let an usher or pastor know if you need communion brought to you at your seat.

Offering

In response to God’s unconditional love, we offer “what God has first given us; ourselves, our time and our possessions... in feeding the world with God’s love (ELW pg. 107).” There are many ways to give at Holy Trinity: online through our **website**, **mailing in** your offering, placing your offering in our **offering plates** in our Worship Center, automatic **bank withdraws**, through the **QR code** in this worship bulletin, **text to give** at (833) 309-0136, or by **Venmo**, our handle is **@htlclcm** (Charity - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church). All contributions via text or Venmo will go to the HTLC general budget fund. Thank You!

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Holy Trinity

LCM is a community where ALL are welcome. We seek to accompany students as they encounter increased complexities in life, faith, relationships, and academics here at UNC. If you are (or you know) a student who is interested in getting connected with Campus Ministry, please get in touch with Pastor Katie by emailing her directly, or by using the QR code above to fill out the Worship Record Sheet. Mark “student” and/or “grad student,” leave an email/phone number, and Pastor Katie will reach out!