Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry

300 E. Rosemary St., Chapel Hill, NC 919-942-2678 | holytrinitychapelhill.org



12th Sunday after Pentecost August 31, 2025 8:30am – Livestream & In-person 11:00am – In-person

Holy Trinity is "Mask-Friendly" for all in-person activities.

Whichever your preference regarding mask usage, you are welcome here.

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 Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministries 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.

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS In the name of the Father, and of the ⊕ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

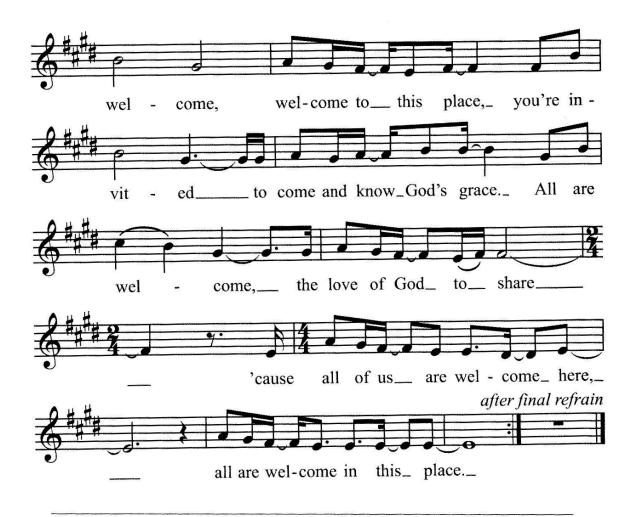
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of \oplus Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**





From: *Roll Down, Justice!* (CGBK72). Text: Laurie Zelman and Mark A. Miller.

Music: Welcome, by Mark A. Miller.

© 2007 Abingdon Press. International copyright secured.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

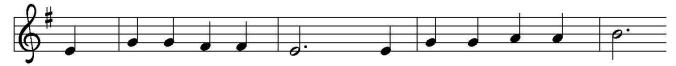
Arrangement copyright © 2015 Choristers Guild. All rights reserved.

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.

KYRIE ELW pg. 203



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

GLORIA ELW pg. 204



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a
A reading from Proverbs.

6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,

7 for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

PSALM: Psalm 112

¹ Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fe

Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

- ² Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- ³ Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- ⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.
- ⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.
- ⁸ Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
- ⁹ They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.
- The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 205



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

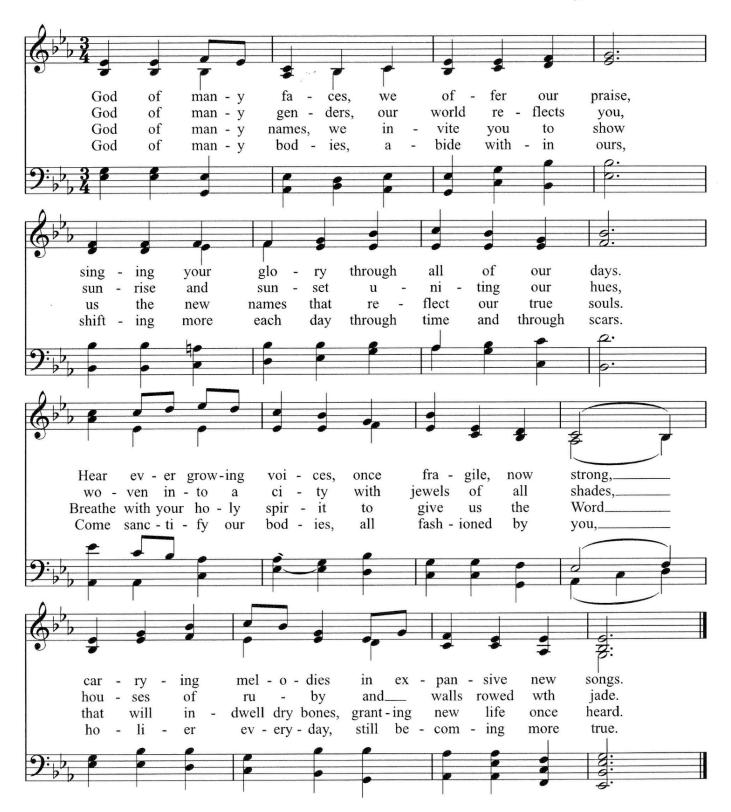
¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

SERMON Pastor Katie Elkin Ziehr

Amy Cerniglia

SLANE Irish Melody, harm. Jack Schrader



Text ©2019 Amy Cerniglia Harmonization ©1989 Hope Publishing Co. Used with permission.

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,

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING SONG I Shall Not Want by Audrey Assad (8:30)

From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me O God

From the need to be understood
And from a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me O God
Deliver me O God

And I shall not want, no, I shall not want When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want

From the fear of serving others
Oh, and from the fear of death or trial
And from the fear of humility
Deliver me O God
Yes, deliver me O God

As We Gather at Your Table Adult Choir

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your Word, Help us know, O God, your presence: let our hearts and minds be stirred.

Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it for our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn out worship into witness in the sacrament of life; Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.

There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

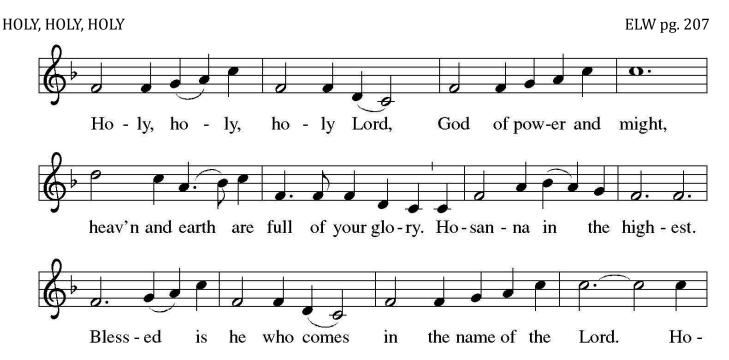
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

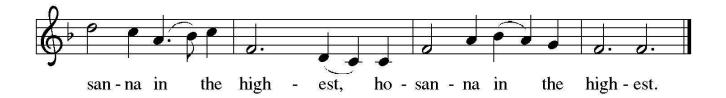
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

In the beginning,
your Spirit moved over the face of the waters.
You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.
Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers,
anointing them to speak your Word.

And so, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Holy and Merciful God, the universe declares your praise: beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell, with every breath.

Throughout the ages and generations, your faithfulness shines through night and day, through the wilderness, in the past, in the present, into the future.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

At the heart of life, near to those who suffer, beside the marginalized, among the poor, with us now.

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.

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your church has continued in the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup.

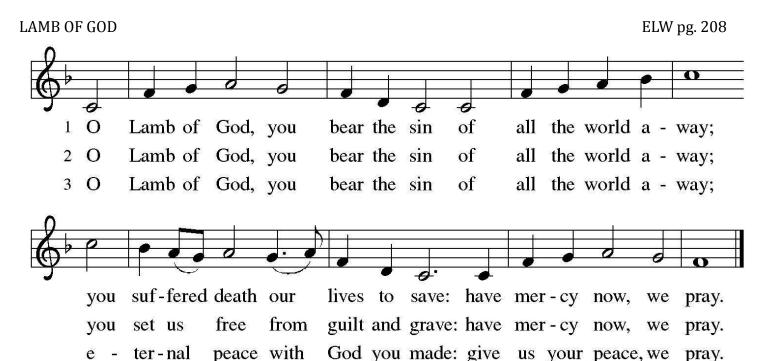
With this bread and cup we remember Christ's life among us; his association with outcasts, his eating with sinners, his healing of the sick, his care for the poor. Send, now we pray, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that we who share this meal may become a holy communion, the body of Christ in the world.

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

Come to the table of grace, all are welcome. **Thanks be to God.**



Come to the Table of Grace



*Additional stanzas: 2 peace; 3 love; 4 joy; 5 hope

Suggested use: communion
WORDS and MUSIC: Barbara Hamm

Words and Music © 2008 Hope Publishing Company

TABLE OF GRACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.

Amen.



Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

Text © 2018 GIA Publications, Inc., giamusic.com. All rights reserved.

Duplication in any form prohibited without securing permission from copyright administrator or reporting usage under valid license.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Jubilation by Jason D. Payne

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

The Altar Flowers for today's worship service have been given by Vicki Koontz in remembrance of Mabel Koontz.

Permission to reprint/stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #A-712812. All rights reserved. Permission to stream liturgy and hymnody under Augsburg Fortress copyright or administration is granted by Sundaysandseasons.com subscription. CCLI License # 2001465. Permission to stream songs under the SongSelect® is granted by CCLI Streaming License # 20670071. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition. Copyright © 2021 National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

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 WEEK, AUGUST 31st:

The Altar Guild and Communion Assistants are Pam and Conrad Weiden (8:30) and Sue Kirkman (11).

The usher is Craig Carbrey (11).

The Assisting Minister is Sally Bond (8:30) and Beth Evans (11). The lectors are Pam Weiden (8:30) and Tom Colley (11).

NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 7th:

The Altar Guild and Communion Assistants are Anna Chao & Barry Bayus (8:30) and Roselyn Tolo (11).

The usher is James Barrett (11).

The Assisting Minister is Nathan Penny (8:30) and Arty Bolick (11). The lectors are Sylvia Black (8:30) and Sarah Zink (11).

This Week's Anniversaries

September 3	Katarina and Keith Karczewski
	Angela and Daniel Hill
September 4	Phyllis Taylor and Frank Taylor Jr.
September 5	Devin and Katie Buell
September 7	Carol and Scott Johnson

This Week's Birthdays

September 1	Marian Lane	September 5	Jennifer Bishop
September 2	Will Rose		Travis Wherry
September 3	Ava Krier	September 6	Sharon Barrett
	Henry Brodey	September 7	Cassie Beth Cleary
September 4	Kevin Schneider		
	Georganne Sebastian		
	Sandra Svoboda		
	Carson Buell		

Parish Pastor	Rev. William N. Rose III	(803) 237-6356
	prwill@holytrinitychapelhill.org	
Campus Pastor	Rev. Katie Elkin Ziehr	(704) 773-6557
	prkatie@holytrinitychapelhill.org	
Minister of Discipleship	Deacon Holly Shipley	(859) 433-5102
	hshipley@holytrinitychapelhill.org	
Director of Worship and Music	Megan Mash	(816) 223-1953
	mmash@holytrinitychapelhill.org	
Operations Coordinator	Grace French	(919) 942-2678
	htlc@holytrinitychapelhill.org	
Financial Records Assistant	Toni Lehman	(919) 942-2678
Pastor Emeritus in Chaplaincy	Rev. Claude Deal	
Ministry Center & Mailing Address	300 E. Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	
Worship Center	227 E. Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	
	Office: (919) 942-2678	
Office Hours		
	Monday – Thursday, 9:00am – 3:00pm Friday 9:00am- 1:00pm	
	1	

In case of emergency, please call either Pastor directly.

www.holytrinitychapelhill.org

Instagram: @unc_lcm @htlc_youth @holytrinitychapelhill

Facebook: Holy Trinity Lutheran – Chapel Hill

YouTube: Holy Trinity Chapel Hill

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, and 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, and sexual orientation.

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!