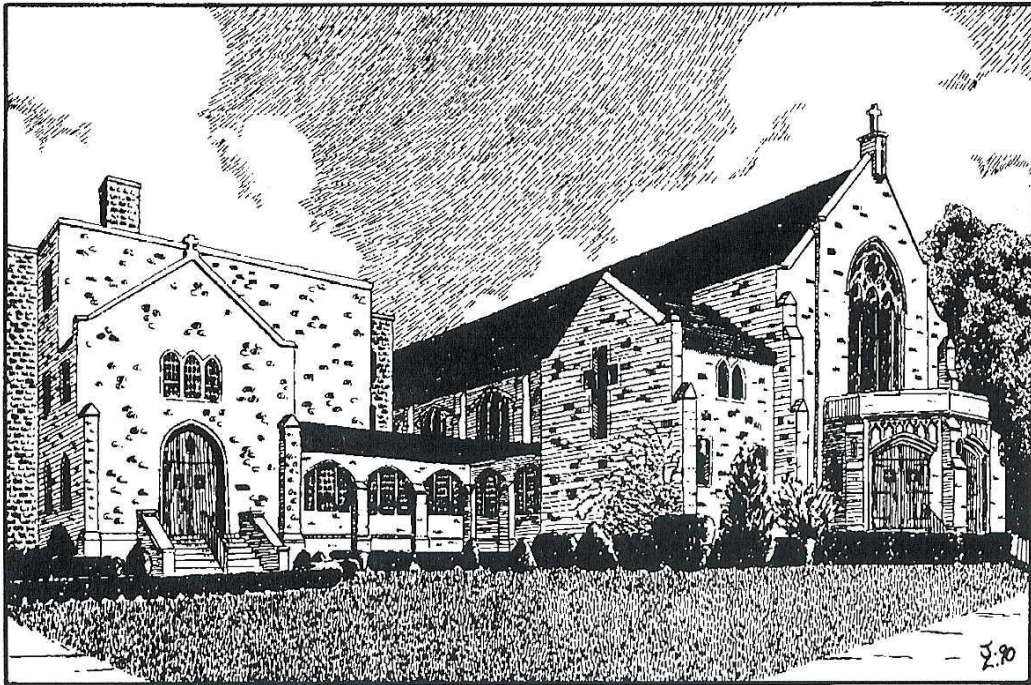




*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of the Holy Trinity
Greenville, Pennsylvania*

*The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19 and 20, 2026*

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship. For children who are present in worship, there are a variety of games, toys, puzzles, coloring supplies and snacks in the Kids' Playground cabinet in the narthex near the coat rack. If children need a break, there is a TV set up downstairs in the nursery so parents can watch the worship live-stream. If you are visiting, an usher can help direct you to the nursery.

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

Procedure for Communing: We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available; let the pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Liturgy of Holy Communion, Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

The assembly's responses are in bold type.

We prepare in prayer and holy silence.

Significance of the Day: Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

Gathering

Prelude

Shall we gather at the river?

Dale Wood

Greeting and Announcements

Please stand as able when the ministers enter.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

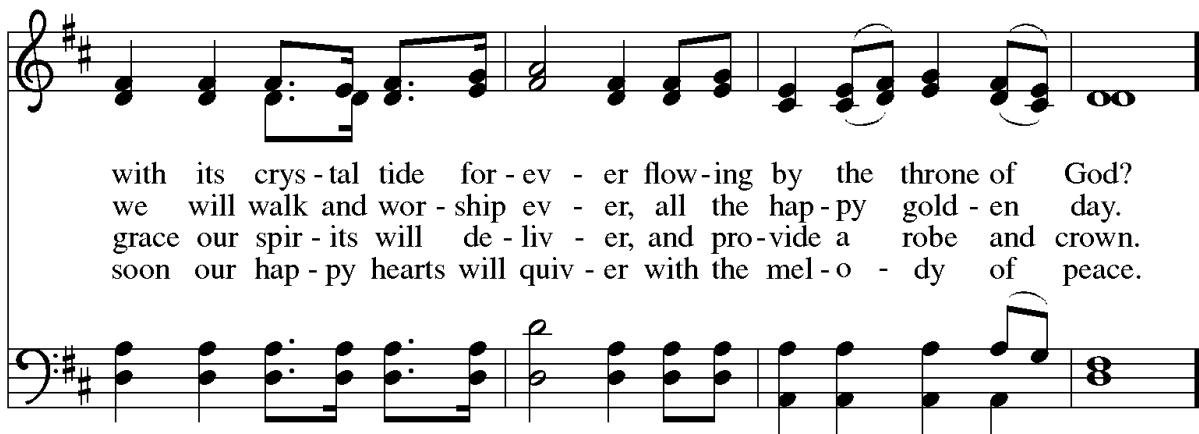
**Do not give up on us.
 Heal us, break our bonds,
 and show us the path of life. Amen.**
 You belong to Christ Jesus
 and you are God's children through faith.
 In the cross of ✠ Christ,
 and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
 your sins are forgiven.
 Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

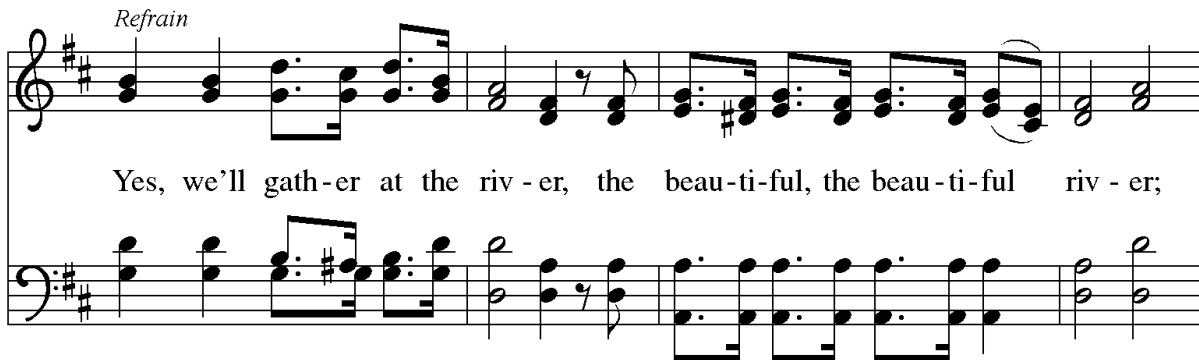


1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Apostolic 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.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Word

First Reading

Jonah 3:10--4:11

A reading from Jonah:

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

4:1 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. 2 He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and

abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. 3 And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” 4 And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” 5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

6 The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

9 But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” 10 Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8 The Psalm will be spoken in responsively.

1 I will exalt you, my | God and king,
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

**2 Every day | will I bless you
and praise your name forev- | er and ever.**

3 Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised!
There is no end | to your greatness.

**4 One generation shall praise your works | to another
and shall de- | clare your power.**

5 I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty
and all your | marvelous works.

**6 They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts,
and I will re- | count your greatness.**

7 They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully | of your righteousness.

**8 The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

A reading from Philippians:

21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. 23 I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; 24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. 25 Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, 26 so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, 28 and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. 29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— 30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands as able.

Gospel Acclamation



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

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

Repeat alleluia

**Open our | hearts, O Lord,
to give heed to what is said | by your Son.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4 and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So, they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” 7 They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” 9 When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” 13 But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me

for the usual daily wage? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

The assembly is seated.

The Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

As the organ sounds the assembly stands as able.

Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Hold your church accountable for our unwillingness to share your good news and our anger at your generosity to others. Nourish us by your grace to be witnesses to your love. We pray for our bishops, Yehiel and Kristen; our pastors, musicians, staff members, council members and volunteers. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guide scientists and researchers studying responses to the climate crisis so that all your creation may inspire us to give thanks for your great goodness. We thank you for this good creation as we experience the change in seasons and your abundant harvest. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Show employers the benefits of equal pay standards for all their employees. Reconcile conflicts between employees. Fill places of employment with camaraderie, and bring an end to employment disparity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Encourage any who cannot work or who cannot work a full day with the truth that their value comes from your everlasting love for them. Provide for those who are injured, ill, and for all in any need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Strengthen all those in this congregation whose labor serves the needs of others in the community. Inspire all in this congregation to support community endeavors with our time and talents. We pray for our partners in ministry: St. John's Lutheran Church in Johnsonburg, and pastors Owen Rhodes and Nancy Schwanke. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Comfort us with the promise of the resurrection as we remember all our loved ones whose desire to be with Jesus is fulfilled. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Peace

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

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying,
"Peace be with you. And also with you."*

The assembly is seated.

Meal

Choir anthem:

Down to the river to pray
Southern gospel song

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way.

O sisters, let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray.
Com on brothers, let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray.
O fathers, let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray.
O mothers, let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray.
O sinners, let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown?
Good Lord show me the way

-- George H. Allan

Offertory Response: Here I am Lord

All

v. 1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Chorus

S A T B

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

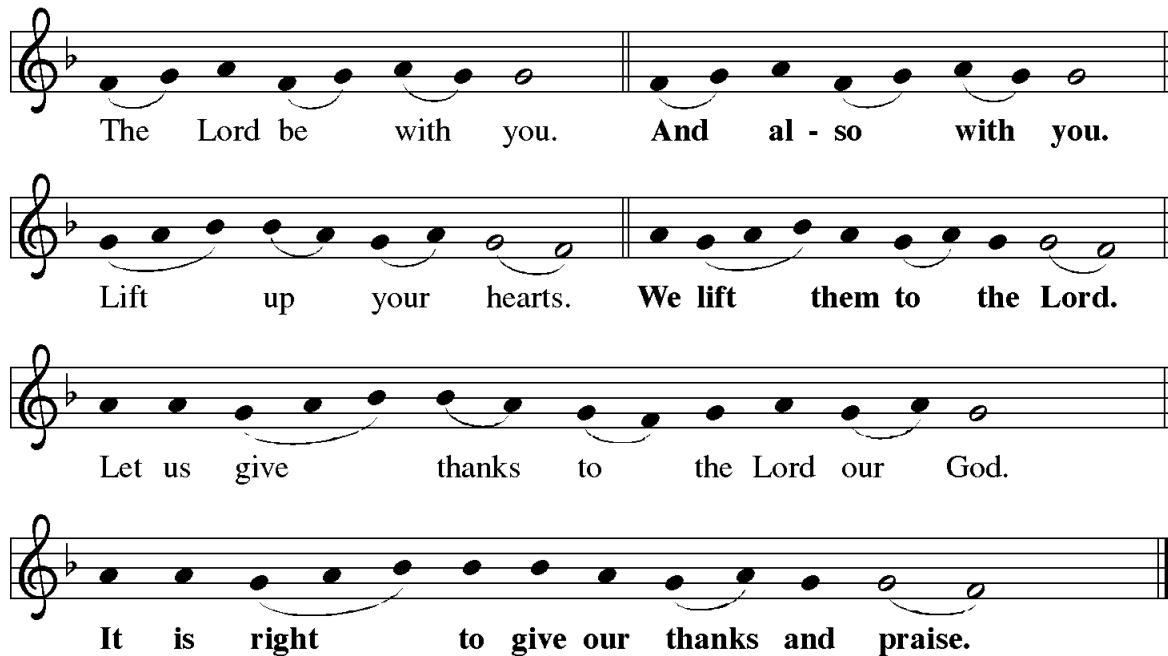
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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:

Holy, holy, holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in this feast now,
a foretaste of the feast to come.

Assembly is seated

Lamb of God

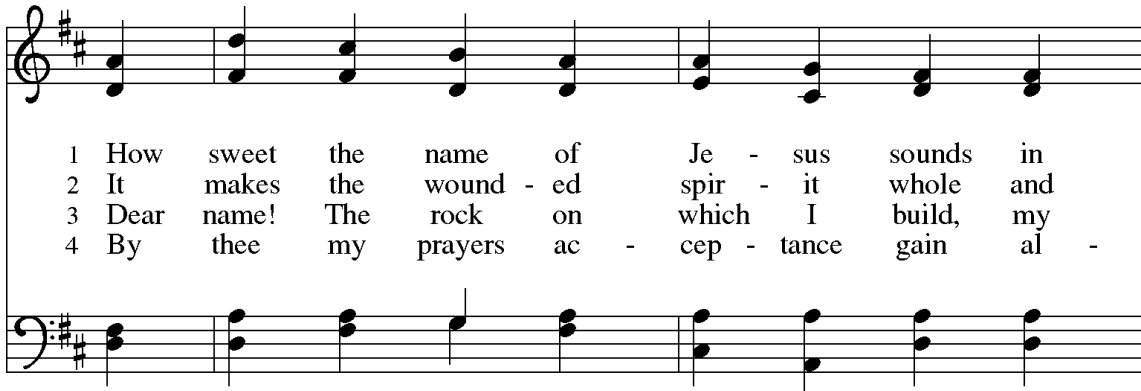
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion of the Faithful

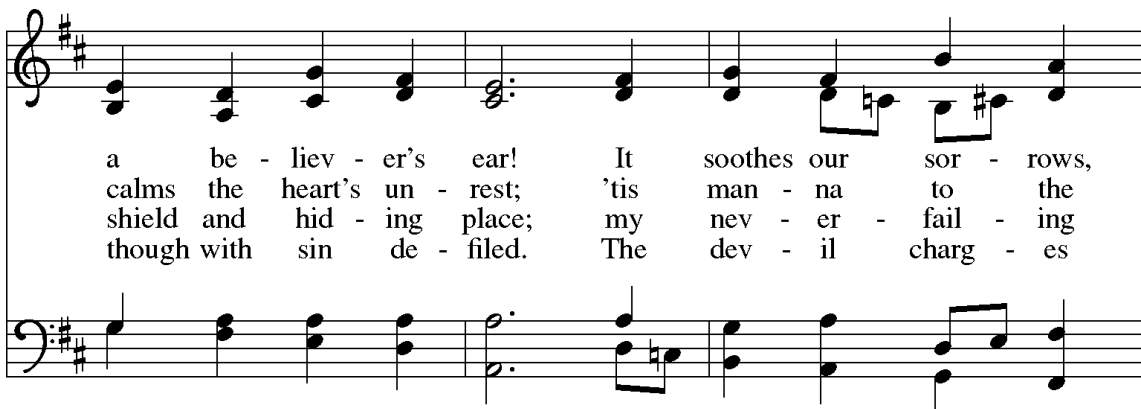
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Hymn

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
 4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
 though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
 me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
 my prophet, priest, and king,
 my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
 accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,
 how cold my warmest thought;
 but when I see thee as thou art,
 I'll praise thee as I ought.

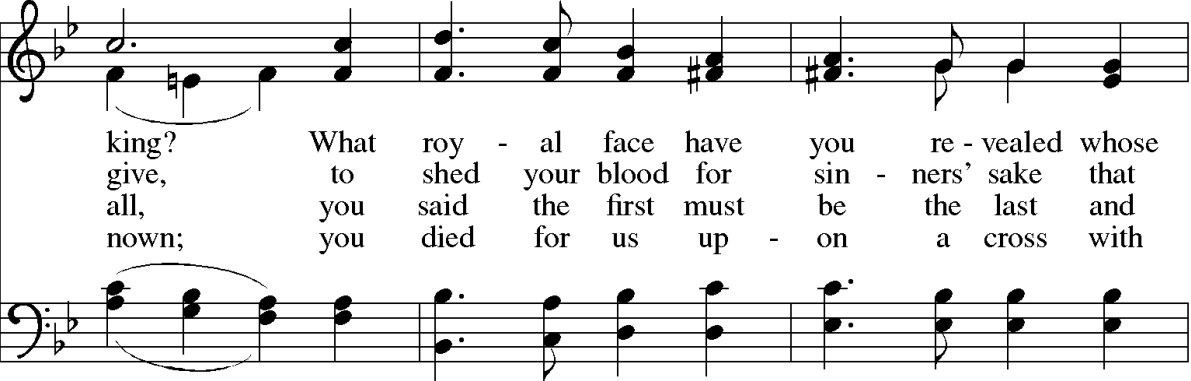
7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
 with every fleeting breath;
 and may the music of thy name
 refresh my soul in death!

Hymn

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us?



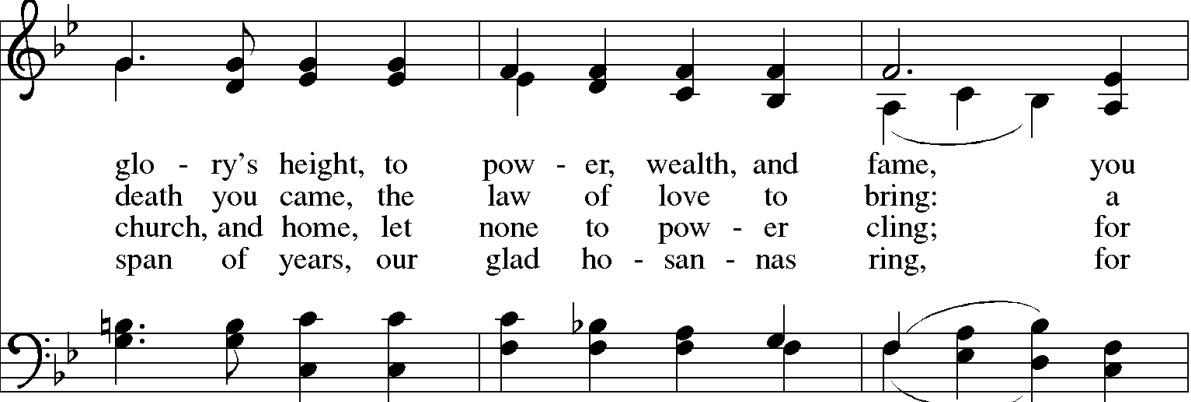
1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our
 2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -
 3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver
 4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



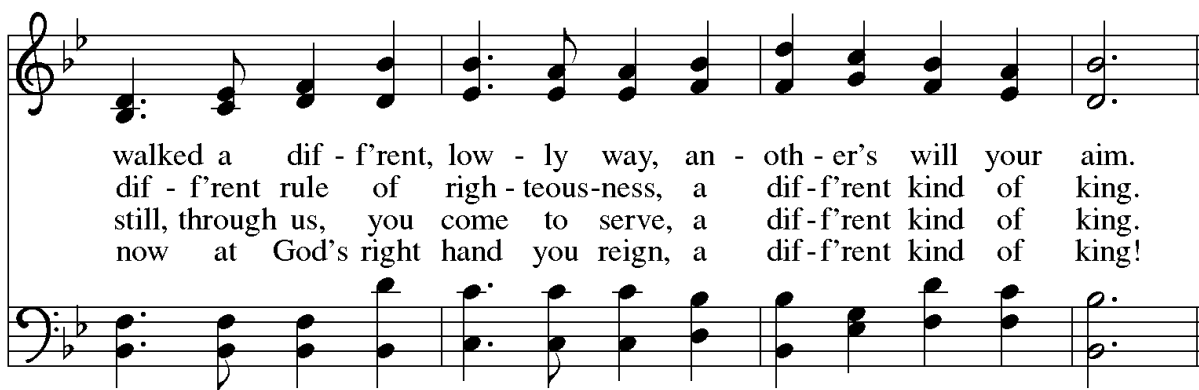
king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose
 give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that
 all, you said the first must be the last and
 nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to
 we might rise and live. To break the law of
 ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,
 thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you
 death you came, the law of love to bring: a
 church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for
 span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.
 dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous-ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
 still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
 now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824–1902

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The assembly stands as able.

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Compassionate God,
 through the gifts of bread and wine
 our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
 Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
 may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

Let us pray together, Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen. *Sung*

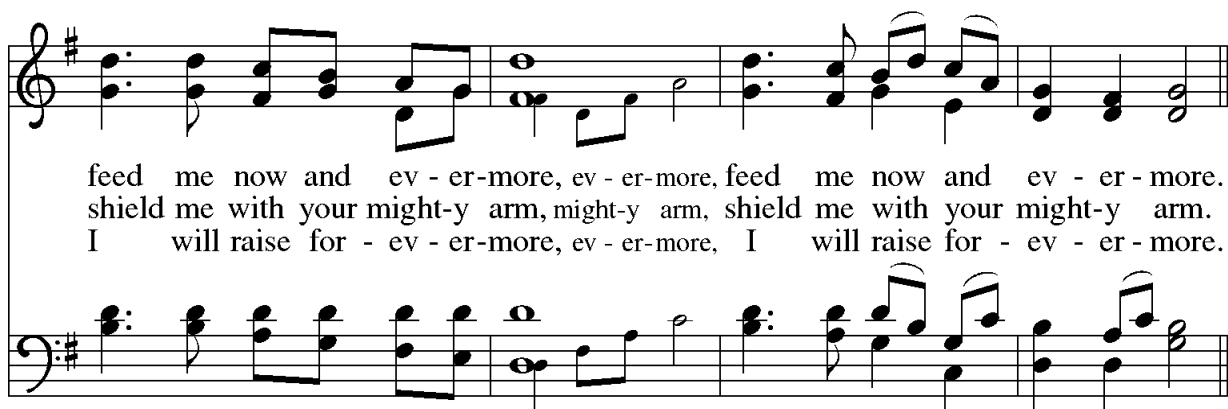
Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Shall we gather at the river?

Charles Ives

Wyatt Ingstrom, Trumpet

Serving Saturday

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Organist Andy Joos

Liturgical Deacon Marie Riley

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Director of Music Steve Repasky

Liturgical Deacon Catherine Mott

Lector Olivia Martin-Call

Head Usher Barry Oman

Live Stream Technician Tyler Martin-Call

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This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday Sept 20, 2026 *The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion at **RIVERSIDE PARK**

10:45 a.m. Church Picnic

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Tuesday Sept 22, 2026

9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

Wednesday Sept 23, 2026

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

Thursday Sept 24, 2026

6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

Saturday Sept 26, 2026

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Upcoming Events

Sunday Sept 27, 2026 *The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation Classes
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Tuesday Sept 29, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

Wednesday Sept 30, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

Thursday Oct 1, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

Saturday Oct 3, 2026

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
With prayers for healing

Altar and Columbarium Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bruce by Georgia Perkins.

Good Shepherd September Request

The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **September is pancake mix and syrup and one pound bags of rice.** Donations may be taken direct to the Food Pantry or placed in the marked box in the cloister or the table in the administrative hallway.

Second Mile Giving for September – Youth Gathering 2027

All Second Mile contributions received during the month of September will be given to the designated cause. Please use the envelopes marked for second mile that are in the narthex and the administrative hallway.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Emily (friend of Rich and Denice Hall)	Lyn Higgins (nephew of Bonnie Long)
Beth Hall (sister in law of Rich and Denice Hall)	Jayne Hart (friend of Rich and Denice Hall)
Sherry (friend of Rich and Denice Hall)	Carolyn Fritz (friend of Fran Black)
Charlene (friend of Rich and Denice Hall)	Joyce Harris (sister of Judi Moinet)
Steve Repasky	Peggy Wise (sister in law of Judi Moinet)
Marjory Luckock (sister in law of Darla Swift)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Cheryl Davern	Mary Rose Jones (friend of Jill Murrin)
Marie Eaves	Sheila Kretser (friend of Jill Murrin)
Phillip Schell	Lori Scotta (friend of Jill Murrin)
Tris Hall	Stephen Call (brother of Tyler Martin-Call)
	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Michael McLaughlin (brother of Nancy McLaughlin)
Greg Nanz (son of Ed and Cathy Nanz)

Music Notes

Once again, we gather at the river for our annual outdoor service and church picnic at Riverside Park. Today we hear two settings of the gospel hymn, *Shall we gather at the river?*, which we sing as our first hymn. This hymn is based on Revelation 22 and was written in 1864 by Robert Lowry during a hot summer in Brooklyn. During the heavy suffering during the Civil War, Lowry wrote this hymn text to offer comfort and hope about the afterlife. It paints a reassuring picture of eternal life where people walk and worship without pain or earthly struggles.

The first setting of this hymn, heard as the prelude, is by the San Francisco composer, arranger, and organist Dale Wood. The second setting is by the avant-garde and prolific New England composer Charles Ives. Ives wrote over 600 compositions, most of which are based on Protestant hymn tunes, patriotic songs, town band marches, and popular ballads of his day. Ives' profoundly perplexing setting of this hymn musically asks the question, Shall we gather at the river?

During the Offertory, our choir sings *Down to the river to pray*. You may recognize this Southern gospel song as it was featured in the 2000 film, *O Brother Where Art Thou?* It is also interesting to note that the hymn, *Shall we gather at the river?*, was used in several films, namely: *Stagecoach* - 1939, *Tobacco Road* - 1941, *My Darling Clementine* - 1946, *The Oregon Trail* - 1959, and *Jeremiah Johnson* - 1972.

Joining us this morning is Wyatt Ingstrom playing trumpet. He has played for us in the past. Mr. Ingstrom is currently the band director at Sebring McKinley High School.

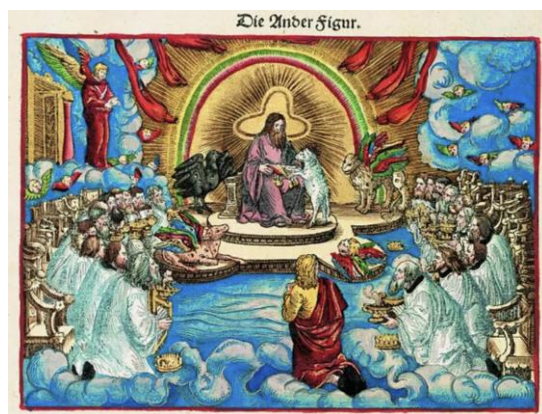


Illustration of "Lamb takes the book from Christ", with seraphims, from the Luther Bible, 1534.

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall. Grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)

Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)

Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)

Holy Trinity member, SGT Garrett Daniello, PA Army National Guard (son of Todd and Tammy Daniello, grandson of Georgia Perkins, grandnephew of Bonnie Long)

Holy Trinity member, SrA Stephanie Kovack, Air Force Reserve, 910th Youngstown Air Reserve Station

Lt., Junior Aviator, Nathaniel J. Hammond, San Diego, California (son of Brian and Rebecca Bittel Hammond, grandson of Nancy and James Bittel)

Cadet Riley Armstrong, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Duquesne University, ROTC (granddaughter of Linda Armstrong)

Holy Trinity Member, Private Jackson Weaver, Army National Guard, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas