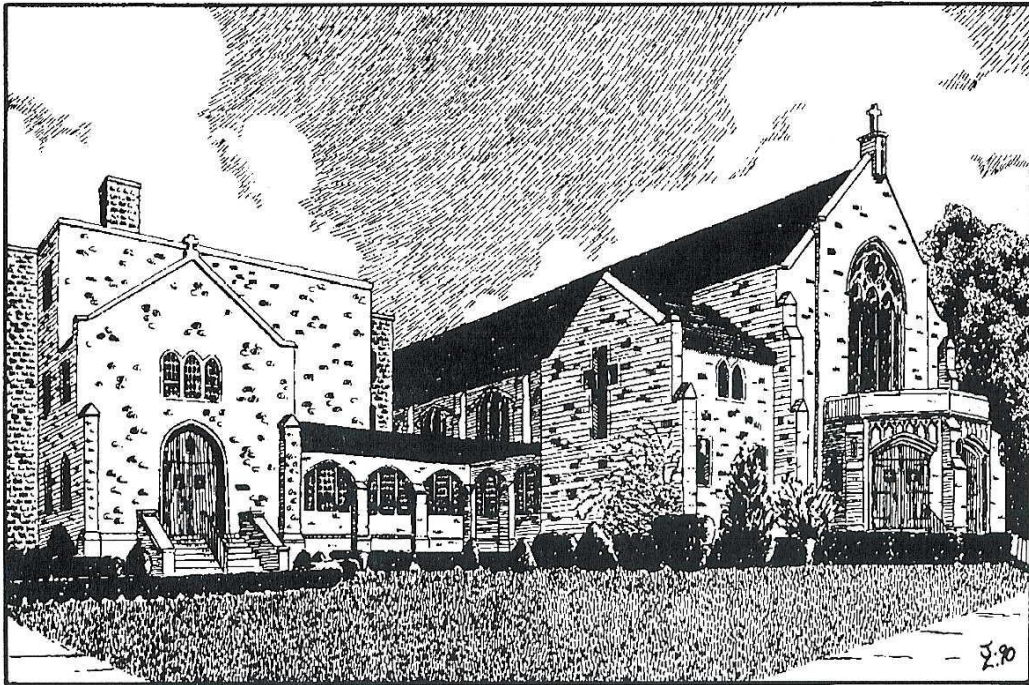




*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of the Holy Trinity
Greenville, Pennsylvania*

*The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Harvest Weekend
October 3 and 4, 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: In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Gathering

Prelude

Hymn to the Moon

Richard Purvis

Greeting and Announcements

Please stand as able when the ministers enter.

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.

Hymn

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -
2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



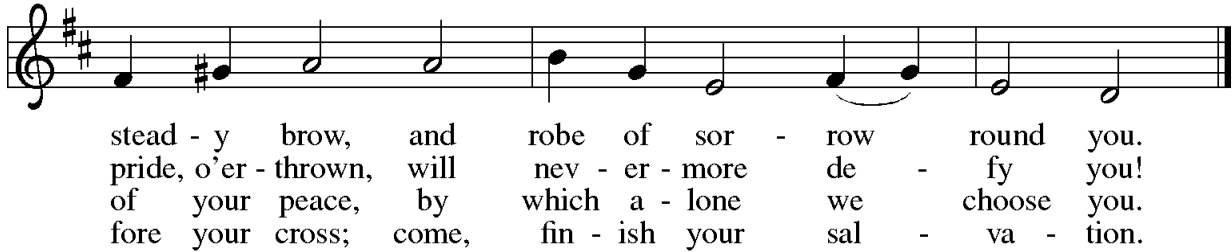
on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing
life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall
we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of
us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And
bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till
hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From
vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that
not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'
an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom
Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



Text: W. Russell Bowie, 1882–1969, alt.
 Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune

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

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from Isaiah:

1 Let me sing for my beloved
 my love-song concerning his vineyard:
 My beloved had a vineyard
 on a very fertile hill.
 2 He dug it and cleared it of stones,
 and planted it with choice vines;
 he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
 and hewed out a wine vat in it;
 he expected it to yield grapes,

but it yielded wild grapes.
3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
4 What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
5 And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
6 I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-15 *The Psalm will be spoken responsively on Saturday and sung responsively on Sunday.*



⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸**You have brought a vine out of Egypt;**
you cast out the nations and planted it.

⁹You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰**The mountains were covered by its shadow**
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken down its wall,**
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴**Turn now, O God of hosts,**
look down from heaven;

¹⁵behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians:

Paul writes:

4b If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

**Jesus says, I chose you and ap- | pointed you
to go and bear fruit | that will last.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

33 “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” 39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” 41 They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

As the organ sounds the assembly stands as able.

Hymn

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



- 1 All crea-tures, wor - ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia.

- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
 Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church, especially our bishops, Yehiel and Kristen; our pastors, musicians, staff members, council members and volunteers. Inspire us to follow their example. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for the harvest of the summer and the harvest yet come, and the gifts that have been given today for the Good Shepherd feeding ministry. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation, especially Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, especially Ukraine, Iran and Israel, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. We pray for our partners in ministry: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, and Zion Lutheran Church, Mayport, and pastors Lee Penvose and David Pflieger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

The lone, wild bird
arr. by Thomas Sommerville

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
Is still with Thee, nor leaves Thy sight.
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee.
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in Thy hand,
The sea's dark deep and far off land.
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee.
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

-- Henry Richard McFadyen
Prospect from The Southern Harmony, 1835

Offertory Response: For the fruit of all creation



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.

For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep - ing, thanks be to God.

Words: F. Pratt Green

Music: *East Acklan*, Francis Jackson

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of creation,

you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you;

make us generous with what we have.

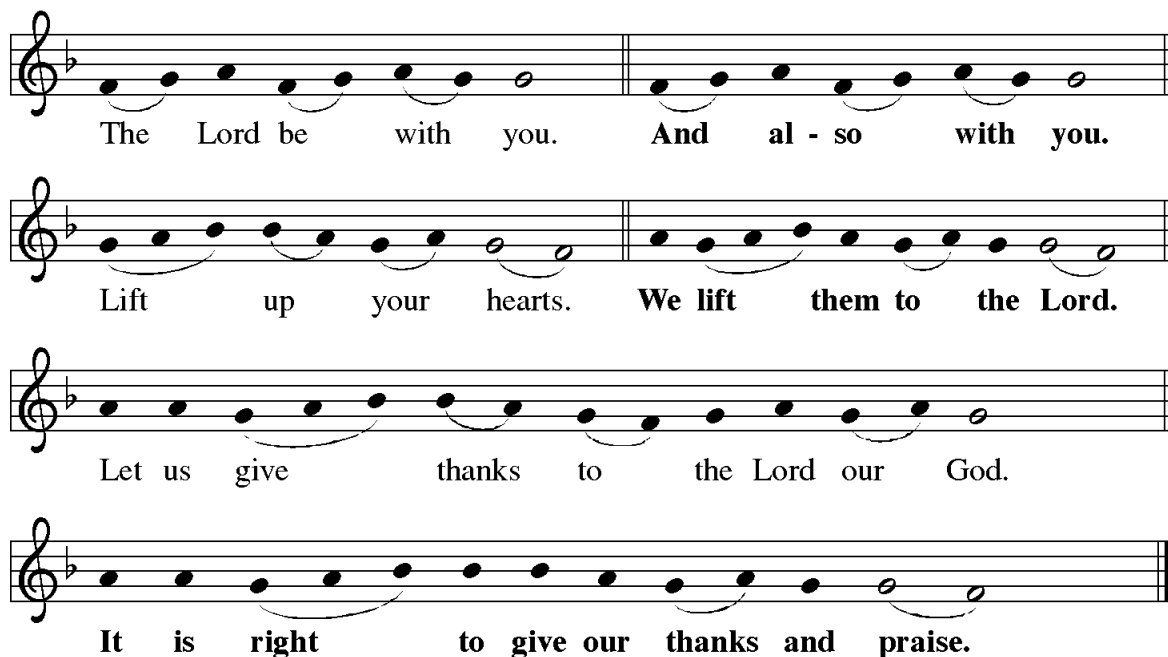
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts

in service to you and in love to our neighbors,

today and always.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And 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.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and'. The second staff continues with 'might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff has 'san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff says 'Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The fifth staff concludes with 'san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

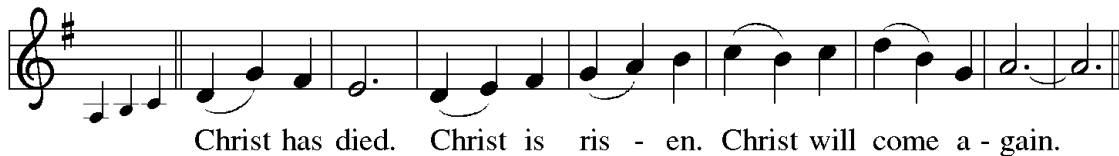
Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

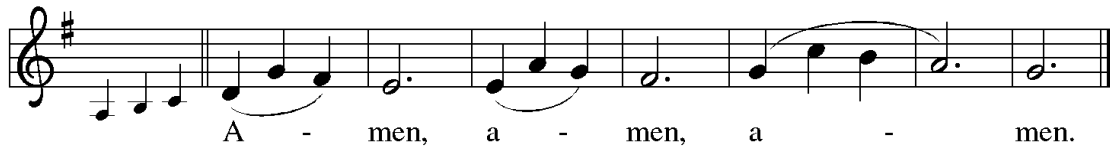


Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.
Through him, with him, in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, 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

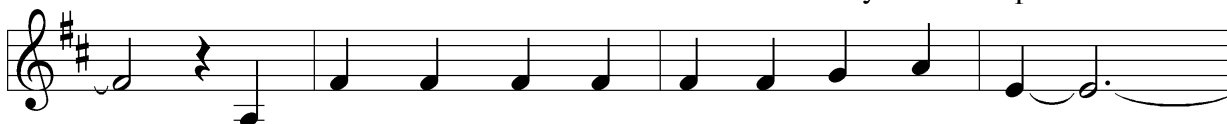
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Hymn

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
 2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
 4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
 Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
 It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,

Last time to coda



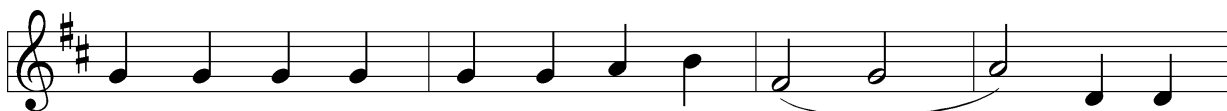
where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
 where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
 in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

D.C. (stanza 4) al coda

D.C. (stanza 4) al coda

loved as to love with all my soul.

Coda

ceive, and in dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

Text: Sebastian Temple
 Music: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS, Sebastian Temple

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Hymn My Lord of Light

1 My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wis-dom you have spo-ken;
 2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sin-ner's death en-dur-ing:
 3 My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high as-cend-ed:
 4 My Lord of lords, one Trin-i-ty, to your pure name be giv-en

but those who heard your wise com-mands your ho-ly law have bro-ken.
 for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life se-cur-ing.
 your burn-ing love is now re-leased, our days of fear are end-ed.
 all glo-ry now and ev-er-more, all praise in earth and heav-en.

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 Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925
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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

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.

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.

Blessing of the Prayer Garden

God of creation, we thank you that in this time and place you have granted us a special prayer garden where we can find an inspirational word and a way to connect to mental health resources. Bless the footsteps that will walk upon this holy ground. Bless our hands as we continue to create rocks for people to receive. Pour out your Spirit upon this garden, that it might be a place of devotion and care; of reconciliation; of growth and flourishing within our lives. **Amen.**

Sending

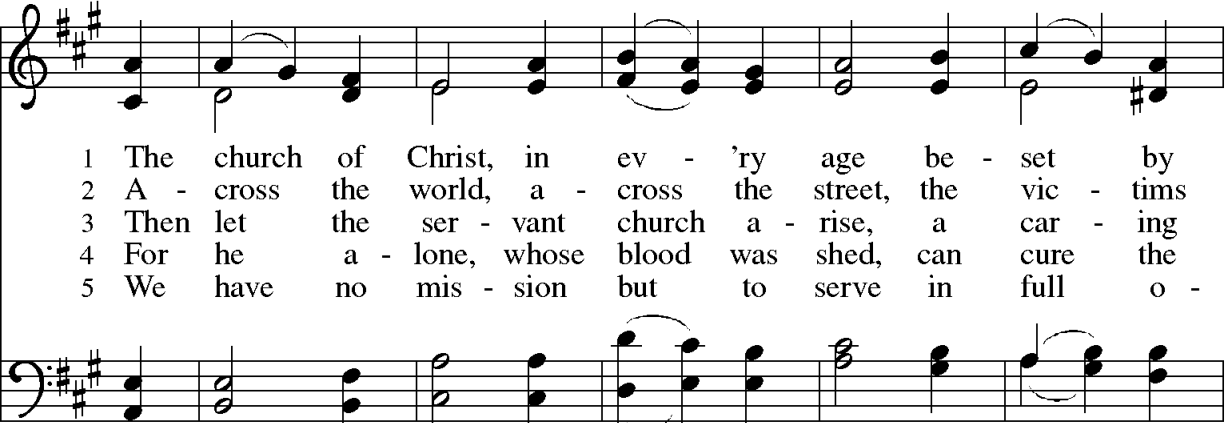
Blessing

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

Amen. Sung

Hymn

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 -



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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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Festival setting on All creatures, worship God most high! Dan Miller

Serving Saturday

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Organist Andy Joos

Liturgical Deacon Jamin Wentling

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

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This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday Oct 4, 2026 *The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Harvest Weekend*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation Classes
- 2:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Monday Oct 5, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Property Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Ed

Wednesday Oct 7, 2026

- 1:00 p.m. Grief Support Group
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

Thursday Oct 8, 2026

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

Saturday Oct 10, 2026

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Upcoming Events

Sunday Oct 11, 2026 *The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Tuesday Oct 13, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts
- 6:30 p.m. Worship and Music

Wednesday Oct 14, 2026

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

Thursday Oct 15, 2026

- 5:30 p.m. Officers Planning Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 6:30 p.m. Finance
- 8:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

Saturday Oct 17, 2026

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Altar and Columbarium Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Ralph and Gladys Sibley by their children.

The flowers in the columbarium have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my son Rob, by Linda Broadbent.

Good Shepherd October Request

The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **October is boxed mac and cheese**. 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 October – ELCA Good Gifts

All Second Mile contributions received during the month of October 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:

Gaye Gargasz	Jayme Hart (friend of Rich and Denice Hall)
Emily (friend of Rich and Denice Hall)	Carolyn Fritz (friend of Fran Black)
Beth Hall (sister in law of Rich and Denice Hall)	Joyce Harris (sister of Judi Moinet)
Sherry (friend of Rich and Denice Hall)	Peggy Wise (sister in law of Judi Moinet)
Steve Repasky	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Marjory Luckock (sister in law of Darla Swift)	Mary Rose Jones (friend of Jill Murrin)
Cheryl Davern	Sheila Kretser (friend of Jill Murrin)
Marie Eaves	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:

Lyn Higgins (nephew of Bonnie Long)

Charlene (friend of Rich and Denice Hall)

Music Notes

St. Francis of Assisi lived from c. 1181 to 1226. He was a contemporary of St. Dominic and the two meet in Rome in 1216. Francis was noted for being in tune with his surroundings, the animals around him, and the cosmos. Today's music investigates these connections.

Our service opens with a *Hymn to the Moon*, which is movement from Richard Purvis' *St. Francis Suite for Organ: Impressions on the Writings of St. Francis*, 1964. From 1941 until 1971, Purvis was organist and director of the choirs at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. From the words of St. Francis, "Praised be our Lord for our sister the moon...which he has set clear and lovely in the heavens." is the caption that accompanies Purvis' *Hymn to the Moon*.

Our hymn of the day, *All Creatures, worship God most high!* is a paraphrase of the words initially written by St. Francis of Assisi in 1225 in his *Canticle of the Sun*, a poem which in turn is based on Psalm 148. The organ postlude by Dan Miller is based on this hymn tune.

During the offertory our choir sings an alluring setting of *The lone wild bird* as arranged by the Northern California composer, Thomas Summerville. The hymn tune, *Prospect*, is from W. Walker's *Southern Harmony* of 1835 with a 1925 text by Henry R. McFadyen. Summerville's accompaniment to this arrangement for choir makes use of bird calls.

The text to *The Lone Wild Bird* expresses devotion to God, comparing the poet's soul to a lone bird seeking refuge with the "Great Spirit". The lyrics draw on biblical themes of omnipresence, such as Psalm 139, and suggest that the poet's innermost thoughts and life are completely known and held by God. The hymn conveys a profound sense of surrender, symbolized by the desire for the "Great Spirit" to also "rest in me, too."



a fresco of the oldest depiction of St. Francis at the Benedictine Abbey of Subiaco.

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

Mental Health Prayer Garden



Kris Balas created her mental health garden to earn her Girl Scout Silver Award, the second highest award in Girl Scouting. Her project was an effort of more than 50 hours of work including rock painting sessions, clearing and setting up the garden, and the research and creation of a mental health resource that includes links to aid for a variety of mental health concerns.



Holy Trinity was so happy to host this garden and we hope those walking past our church will take a rock for inspiration. This will be a continuing ministry of our congregation. We will paint rocks to replenish the garden as needed.