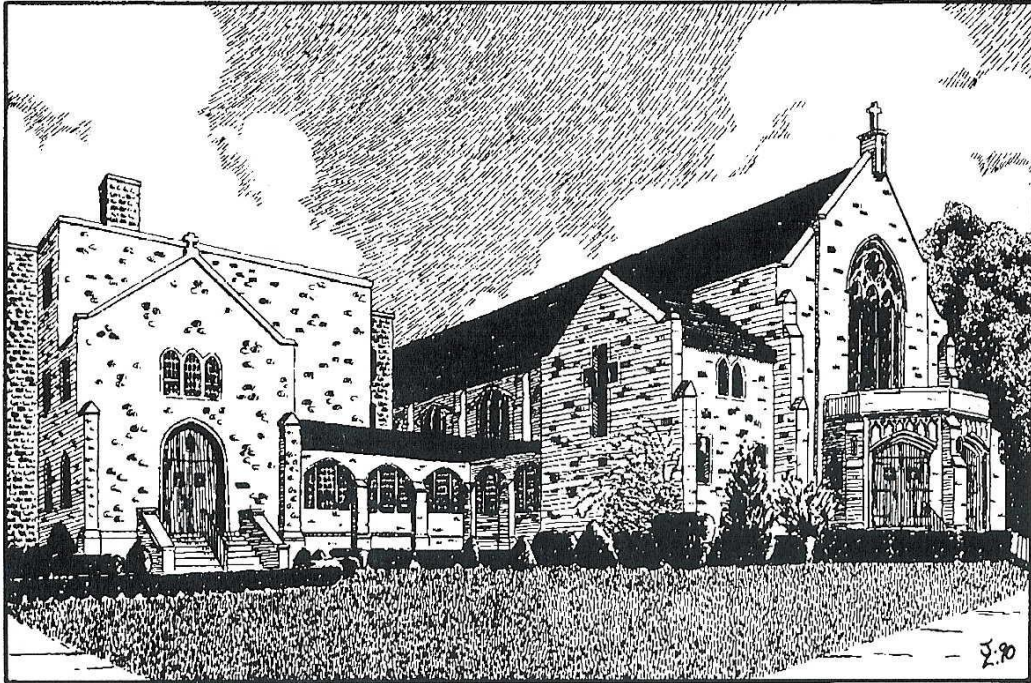




*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of the Holy Trinity
Greenville, Pennsylvania*

*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 10 and 11, 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 Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Gathering

Prelude Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654 Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from Isaiah:

¹ O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

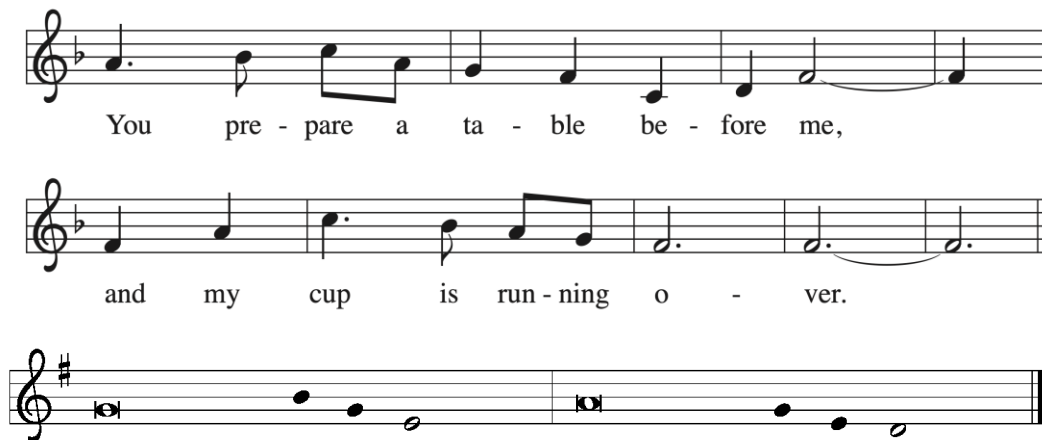
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *The Psalm will be spoken responsively on Saturday and sung
responsively on Sunday.*



¹ The LORD [|] is my shepherd;
I shall not [|] be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down [|] in green pastures
and leads me be- [|] side still waters.**

³ You restore my [|] soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways [|] for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall [|] fear no
evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they¹ comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.
⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days¹ of my life,**
and I will dwell in the house of the¹ LORD forever. R

Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from Philippians:

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands as able.

Gospel Acclamation



**This is the LORD for whom ¹ we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in ¹ God's salvation.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e-nough for ev-'ry-one in - side.

For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -

long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961
 Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman
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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.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. We pray for our bishops, Yehiel and Kristen; our pastors, musicians, staff members, worship leaders and church council and committee members. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. End war in Ukraine, Israel, Palestine and Iran. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. We give thanks for the quilting ministry and those who labor on behalf of the neighbors we do not know. We pray for our partners in ministry: St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Waterford, and Bethany Outreach Ministries in Erie.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. 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: Brother James' Air
 arr. by Gordon Jacob

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie in pastures green.
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the Paths of Blessedness,
E'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, thought I pass through shadowed vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou are with me,
And Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head with oil Thou dost anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days
Will surely follow me;
And in my Father's heart always
My dwelling place shall be.
And in my heart for evermore
Thy dwelling place shall be.

-- Psalm 23

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are as follows: Staff 1: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4-G4 (half). Staff 2: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4-G4 (half). Staff 3: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4-G4 (half). Staff 4: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4-G4 (half). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold.

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

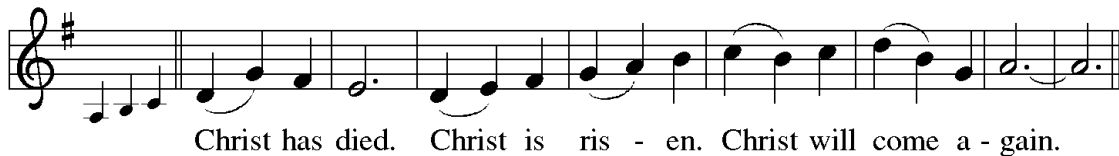
Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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.

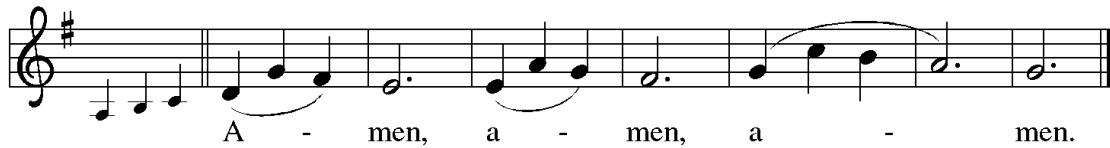


Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - nly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918-1990
 Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662
 Text © Joel W. Lundeen, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

1. As we gath - er at your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to
3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us

ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word, help us
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us
sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast where tri -

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is
um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
strive. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -
least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your
pride our peace de - stroy, as we join with saints and

ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
im - age in the world you died to save.
an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr., b. 1944
Music: Skinner Chávez-Mélo, 1944-1942

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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 quilts

PASTOR: Imagine the comfort and care you feel when you snuggle under a comforter or wear a piece of clothing made or worn by a loved one. That's the feeling you share through a Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilt. Useful for shielding against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding, quilts can also be purposed as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. In a simple combination of fabric and thread, you reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope – you are not alone.

Today we bless all of these quilts made here in Greenville, Pennsylvania, to be sent around the world to provide that warmth and that message of hope.

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many gifts — a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the quilts we have made, to you.

We dedicate these quilts to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each quilt is sent, making it more than just a piece of material — making each piece we have created an expression of love.

There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life — how you can use something as small as a quilt to radiate your

love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.

Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. **Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

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

Amen. *Sung*

Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



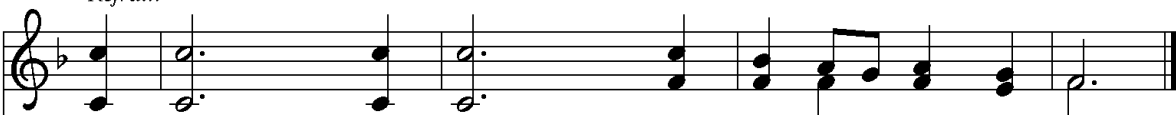
1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.



Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
 the Lord whom we adore:
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.
 Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fugue in F major, BWV 556

J. S. Bach

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 Sheryl Lanning

Lector Judi Moinet

Head Usher Barbara Swartz

Live Stream Technician Tyler Martin-Call

Altar Guild Melissa Archambeau

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This Week at Holy Trinity

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday Oct 18, 2026 *The Feast of St. Luke/The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Monday October 19, 2026

- 7:00 p.m. GSO Executive board meeting (Library)

Tuesday Oct 20, 2026

- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Council

Wednesday Oct 21, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 7:00 p.m. GSO Board Meeting

Thursday Oct 22, 2026

- 5:30 p.m. Ladies Night Out at Bridgeworks
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

Saturday Oct 24, 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 Herbert and Janet Gebert by their family.

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	Jayne 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)
Phillip Schell	Stephen Call (brother of Tyler Martin-Call)
Tris Hall	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

From the prayer of the day for the 29th Sunday after Pentecost, "Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord." The hymns today focus on the table that God has set before us.

Our first hymn during Communion is, *Now, we join in celebration*, sung to the tune *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* (Adorn yourself, O dear soul). In German, the word "Schmücke" means decoration or jewelry. In Bach's chorale prelude on this hymn, Bach makes extensive use of ornamenting the hymn melody. This chorale prelude is one of the *Eighteen Great Chorale Preludes* composed by Bach during the last decade of his life in Leipzig.

Psalm 23 is the appointed psalm for this day. During the Offertory the choir sings Gordon Jacob's arrangement of this psalm sung to the hymn tune, *Brother James' Air*. The text is a version of Psalm 23 from the *Psalms of David in Metre*, which is a Scottish Psalter published in Edinburgh in 1650. The 150 Psalms in the Bible are written in lyric poetry without meter. Translating psalms into rhymed, rhythmic verse are designed to be sung to standard hymn tunes. This hymn tune is named after James Leith Macbeth Bain who was a Scottish hymn writer of the early 20th-century, religious minister, and the composer of this hymn tune. It is said that this tune came to Bain spontaneously.



Bach's manuscript of his chorale prelude on *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*.

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