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PRELUDE *Summer Celebration #19, #14 v. 1, ELW 853 vs. 1,3*

GATHERING SONG *Give Thanks sing twice*

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS. Henry Smith

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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.





1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
 source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.
 on us all have mer - cy.
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite
 Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

Jessica Patterson

A reading from Isaiah.

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

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

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

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

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

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

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

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9



¹Sing to the LORD¹ a new song;
sing to the LORD,¹ all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name¹ of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from¹ day to day.**

³Declare God's glory a-¹ mong the nations
and God's wonders a-¹ mong all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly¹ to be praised,
more to be feared¹ than all gods. R**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they¹ are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have¹ made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are¹ in your presence;
power and splendor are in your¹ sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families¹ of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon-¹ or and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the¹ holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts¹ of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beau-¹ ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD,¹ all the earth. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

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

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172



Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift Every Voice and Sing

ELW 841

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,
ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty,
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,
let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;
sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;
fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,
let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938
Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

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

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants: our Governor, our President, our state and federal Congress. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering pray especially for Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Earl, Jay, Nancy, Pam, Denny, Joe, Stephen and others we name now (*worshippers may add names silently or aloud*). Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Other prayers may be added now.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

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



OFFERING *Taste and See* Choir sings verses, congregation joins on refrain ELW 493

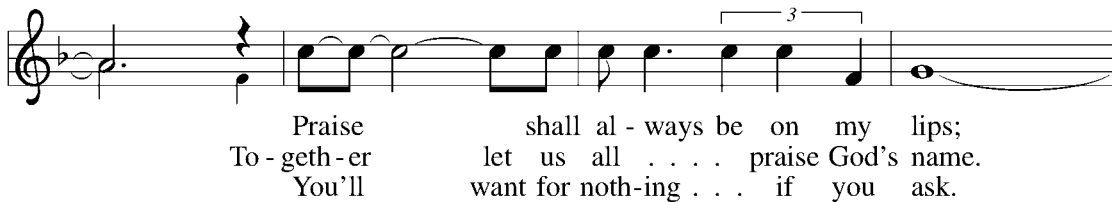
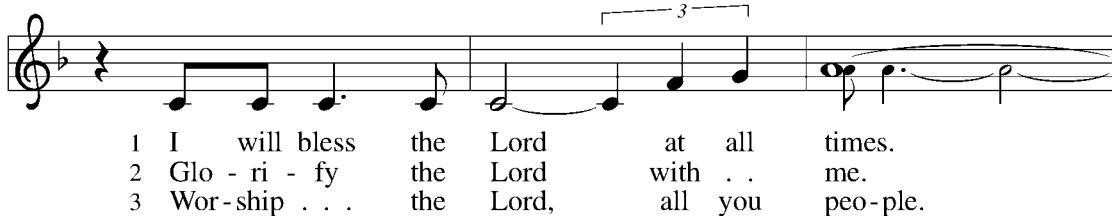
Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail.

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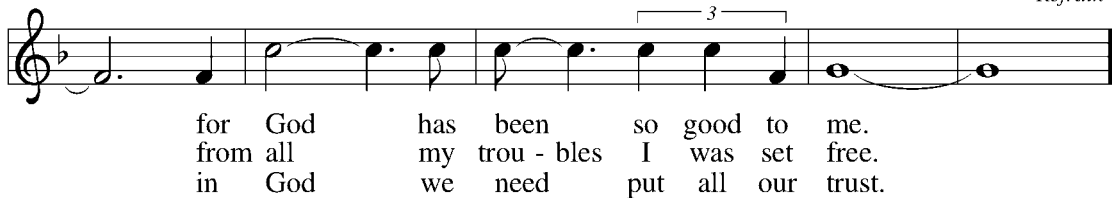
Refrain – All



Leader or All



Refrain



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

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

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Refrain

Praise ye the Lord, hal-le-lu-jah! Ev-'ry-bod-y, praise the Lord.

4 Praise God on top of the moun-tains;

praise God both day and night;

praise God down in the low val-leys;

Refrain

praise God be-cause it's all right.

Text: J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1937–1986, based on Psalm 150
 Music: CLEVELAND, J. Jefferson Cleveland
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Those communing from home, have your package ready to open, but do not consume the elements until the pastor acknowledges those at home and says: "Take and eat. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given and shed for you." Then you may partake.

COMMUNION SONG

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were

gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from

all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv-en as a liv-ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds in ☩ Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

God of Grace and God of Glory vs. 1, 4

ELW 705



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Now Rejoice

Johann Rembt (1749-1810)

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This week: Greeter: Beverly Scheulen, Reader: Jessica Patterson: Comm. Asst. Emily Patterson

Next week: Greeter: Maxine Rogers; Reader: Marcie Stern; Comm. Asst.: Bob Lowden

TRENDING @ TRINITY

Next Sunday, October 29th we will celebrate Reformation Sunday. In addition to a special worship, there will be a German potluck meal following the service. You do not have to bring a German dish for your potluck, but for those that do, if you need a little help finding a recipe or two we have provided some in a brochure rack in the narthex on the name tag table. Help yourself.

Sewing for the Savior will meet at 9:30 Tuesday Oct. 24 in room 204. Anyone with an interest in hand sewing quilts is most welcome.

The Community Meal is the 25th. There is a sign-up list in the parish list for those wishing to participate in this important ministry of the church. The menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas and dessert.

Your congregation council is looking for people willing to serve on council. There will be three vacancies at the end of the year. Terms are 3 years. If you think this is a way you are able to minister to Trinity, please speak to any council member: Roger Wickboldt, Diann Dailey, Mistie McPadalin, Mike Pyne, Carol Pfisterer, Dan Painter, Jim Hall or Dorrie Greene.

Trinity will always accept your food donations of canned and boxed items. This food is used every month when requests come in from people in the community. The black donation bin is in the Narthex stairwell. Soon you will be seeing requests for specific food items that will be used in the holiday gift boxes.

Church Pictorial Directory! Members can sign up now to have their picture taken on 11/27 or 11/28. They can sign up themselves at www.ucdir.com (church code va233; password: photos) or see Mistie McPadalin or Sue Scheulen before or after services to sign up.

Every member who has their picture taken will receive a free 8 X 10 portrait and a free directory. Everyone will receive their images right away and will have the opportunity to purchase family portraits for themselves or for gifts.

Plus, you may invite family and friends to participate by signing up to have their portraits taken. This is a great way to reach out to the community. They can have their photo taken and can purchase photos. Family and friends that are not members just will not be in the directory.

This is also a great opportunity for portraits including extended families, recent graduates, those serving in the military, or those who recently had a baby! People can bring their cat or dog to be in the photo too! Want to have your photo taken in different outfits...you can do that too...just sign up for multiple spots and let them know which one you want in the directory. Lots of fun to be had for everyone!

If you have six or more people in your photo, please sign up for two spots!

If you prefer to use a digital photo you already have, you can send that to Mistie at msmcpadalin@gmail.com and she will be sure to include this in the directory. Please note, there will be a \$15 cost for the use of the digital photo. Individuals using their own digital photo will receive a directory.

We need volunteers for this project, too! Please, volunteer to help with the photo sign up before and after church services and with the photo shoot in November by talking to Mistie or Sue.