

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider, help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. **Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

## 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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



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2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of  
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are  
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
*Refrain*  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
 3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.  
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 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Susan Scheulen

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor

shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

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

**PSALM: Psalm 23**

*My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*

ELW 782



1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., based on Psalm 23  
Music: RESIGNATION, North American traditional

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22**

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—

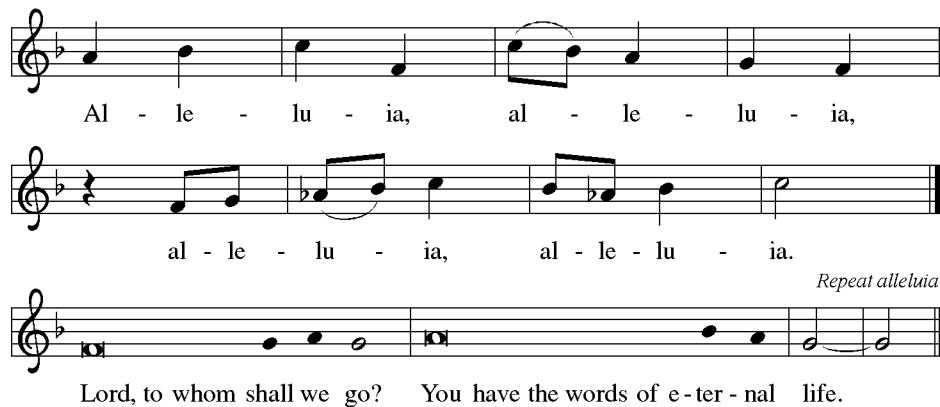
<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the

blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through

the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

<sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

## SERMON

Pastor JMe Lowden

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come  
2 With pit - y - ing eyes the Prince of Peace be -



un - to me and rest, and rest; lay down, thou wea - ry  
held our help - less grief, our grief; he saw, and oh, a -



one, lay down thy head up - on my breast."  
maz - ing love! He came to our re - lief.



Shine on me, shine on me, let the light from the



light-house shine on me. Oh, shine on me, shine on



me, let the light from the light-house shine on me.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, adapt.  
Music: SHINE ON ME, traditional

## 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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heal those who are sick especially for Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Stephen, Barb, Keith, Hadley, Juanita, and others we name now (*worshippers may add names silently or aloud*). Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for those who have died: Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Other prayers may be offered now.

Holy God, holy and merciful into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## PEACE

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



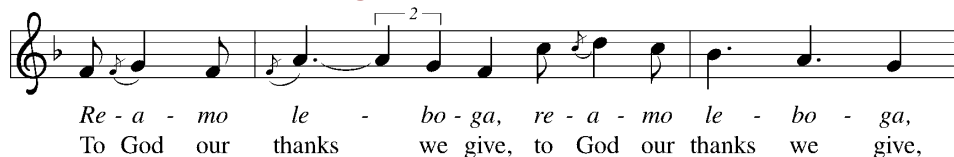
## OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING (benefits Laurel Center)

*Promised Land* arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Trinity Chimes

*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. We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.*

## OFFERING PRESENTATION *sing twice* To God Our Thanks We Give: Reamo leboga ELW 682

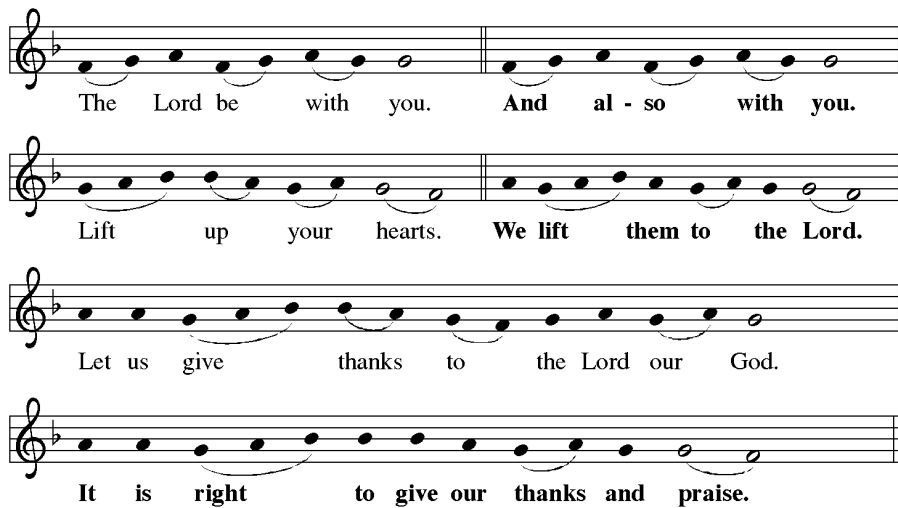


Text: Botswanan traditional, as taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936  
Music: REAMO LEBOGA, Botswanan traditional, as taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: **Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

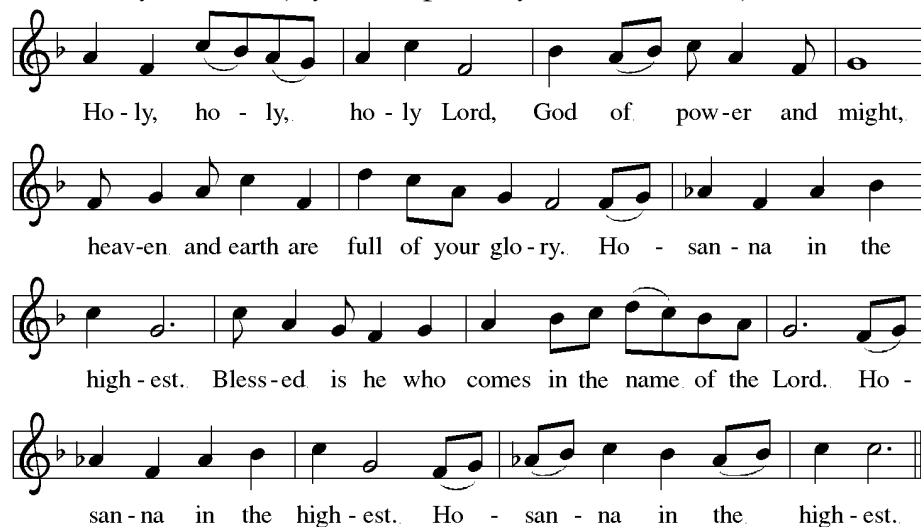
## DIALOGUE



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.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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. 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 130)

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.**

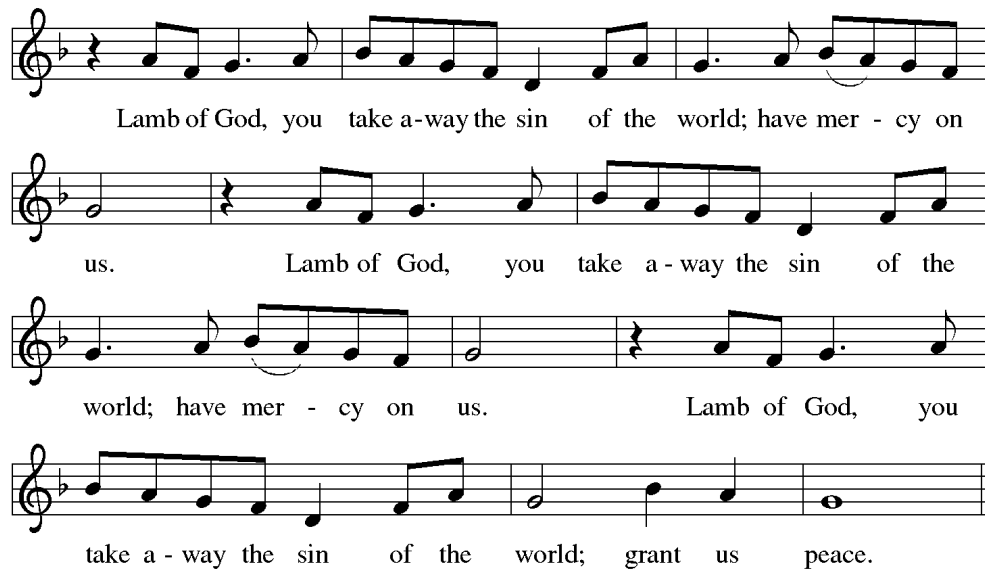
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## 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



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.

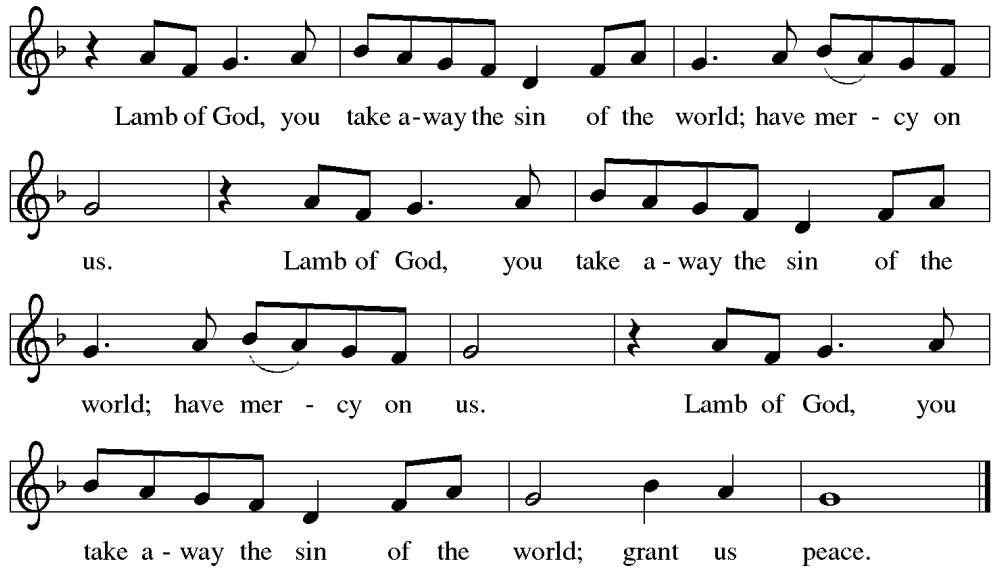
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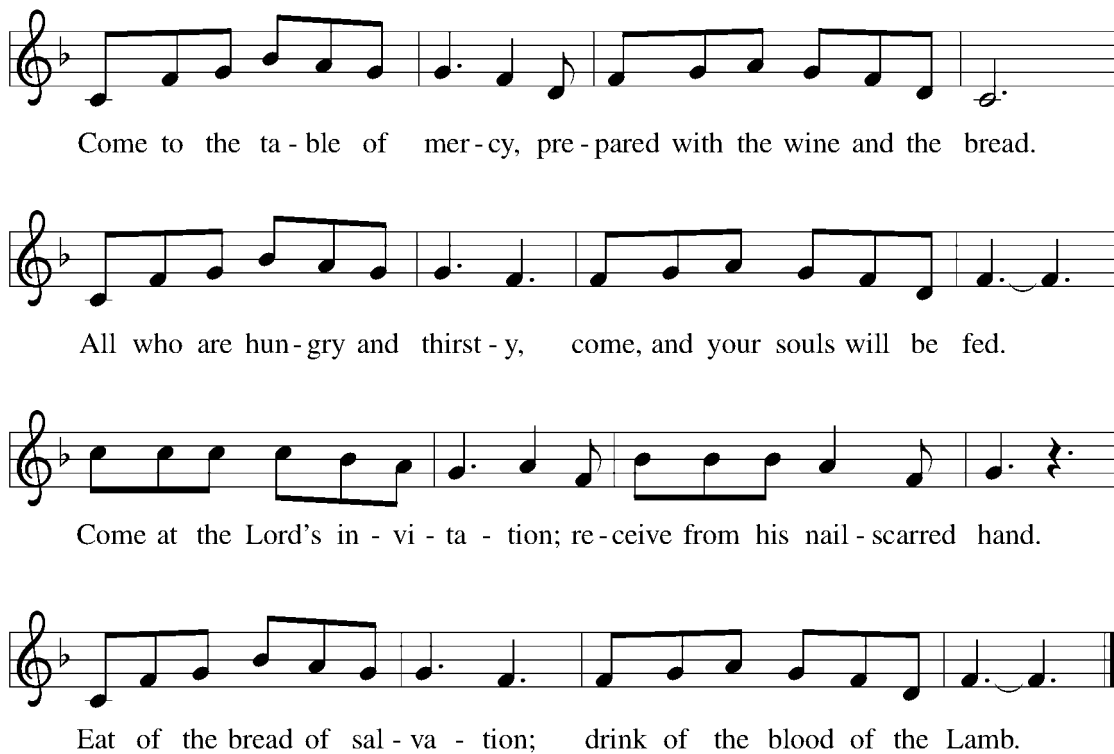
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## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

*Come to the Table*



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.  
All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.  
Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.  
Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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## Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984  
Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol  
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## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

The blessings of God, who chooses, calls and sends us;

The blessings of God who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us;

The blessings of God, ✝ Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900  
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*A Joyous Alleluia*

Tom Birchwood

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The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Bernetta Jenkin's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday which was July 17, by her family.

This week: Greeter: Diann Dailey, Reader & Comm. Asst.: Susan Scheulen

Next week: Greeters: Deb Wickboldt; Reader: Marcie Stern; Comm. Asst.: Carole Pfisterer

# TRENDING @ TRINITY

This morning's Noisy Offering benefits the Laurel Center, which offers: emergency shelter and a 24/7 hotline; Free therapy and psychoeducational counseling; a children's program for children ages 5 -17 who have witnessed domestic violence; sexual assault services including hospital response and crisis intervention; court advocacy services; an empowerment program that provides workforce training and job placement services.

Trinity's men's group will meet in the parish hall following coffee time on Sunday July 21st for a Bible study the Kingdom parables led by Pastor JMe. Lunch will follow. All men are welcome.

**Colaw Trust for Education** Trinity is blessed to be the trustee and administrator of the Daniel A. Colaw Jr. Charitable Trust which can provide money toward higher education for Trinity members. We are seeking three members of Trinity to be a committee to set up guidelines for trust awards and to administer those trust awards. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact Roger Wickboldt at rogerwickboldt@gmail.com or 614.477.2431.

The community meal is Wednesday, the 31st. This is the summer cookout with hot dogs, hamburgers., cold salads and dessert. There is a sign-up list posted in the parish hall for those willing to help. Financial donations are always welcome.

Food pantry donation request for July is spaghetti noodles. The black bin for donations is in the Narthex. Please remember to check expiration dates.

If you haven't already completed your Congregational Growth Survey, please take time to do it this morning. Your feedback is needed on the activities currently performed by church members and recommendations on where and how you feel the church should grow. The survey has been included in your weekly e-newsletter and there are extra copies in the Narthex. Please complete your survey (every individual, preferably not as a couple) and place it in the special tray in the Narthex. Or mail it back to the church. Surveys will be tabulated at the August 6 council meeting, so please complete yours and return it before that date.

**Because there are questions about how you would like to participate in certain events, it is important that you include your contact information at the end of the survey.**

Plan ahead now for Trinity's Yard Sale. When: Saturday, September 14, 2024; Time: 8 am-2 pm Please start saving items for the upcoming yard sale. Here are some particulars to keep in mind: ~ all clothing MUST be clean and in good condition ~ if you want to bring books, that's fine, BUT you must be willing to come back and take back any that haven't sold ~ NO electronics (such as TV's, stereos, computers) ~ NO big furniture items.

Mark your calendar to bring your donations of items to the Parish Hall Monday, September 9 through Friday, September 13 between 9 am and noon. Members of the LCW will be on hand in the Parish Hall to take your donations and will then sort them and put on appropriate tables that have been set up. If you happen to have any extra hangers, please bring them during the drop off week. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Wickboldt, Hilda Painter or any member of LCW. Thanks so much!!