



Holy Trinity

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Growing in Faith - Making a Difference - Open to All

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You are a child of God and you are welcome here: whatever your faith commitment, experience, or level of doubt, mental or emotional health, physical abilities, financial or employment status, race, ethnicity, or primary language; whatever your gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. We welcome you whether you are a parent or caregiver; whether you are a fussy baby, an energetic toddler, a 'tween, or a teen; whether you are an inquisitive young adult, exhausted adult, or wise senior citizen; whether you are single, in a relationship, married, divorced, or widowed; whether you struggle with an addiction to drugs, alcohol, or anything else. We welcome you however you found us: on the internet, from your neighbor or friend, or passing by our Giving Garden. We welcome those who hurt and those who celebrate, those who worship every week or just this once, and in whatever you choose to wear. We extend a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now. We welcome you to join us as we grow in faith through worship, study, and friendship. We welcome you as we seek to make a difference through combating food insecurity, ministering with those in need, and committing to racial equity. And we welcome you to help us be fully open to all. Whoever you are and wherever you are from, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

+ GATHERING +

Prelude:

“Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness:

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God, our provider,

C: **help us.**

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

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 help us to share your good news with others.

Amen.

L: 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, always.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Lift High the Cross (ELW 660)



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Greeting:

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Canticle of Praise

Assisting minister



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

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



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



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.



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.

Prayer of the Day:

L: Let us pray together...

C: **O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+ WORD +

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

L: The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah, the 50th chapter.

⁴The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹alt is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38

L: The Gospel this day according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor Dan Smith

Hymn of the Day: The Summons (ELW 798)



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Apostles' Creed:

L: Let us make public profession of our faith together, reflecting on the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

The Prayers:

L: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire, and guard those in the path of hurricanes. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace of Christ:

L: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us share a sign of peace with one another, as you are comfortable.

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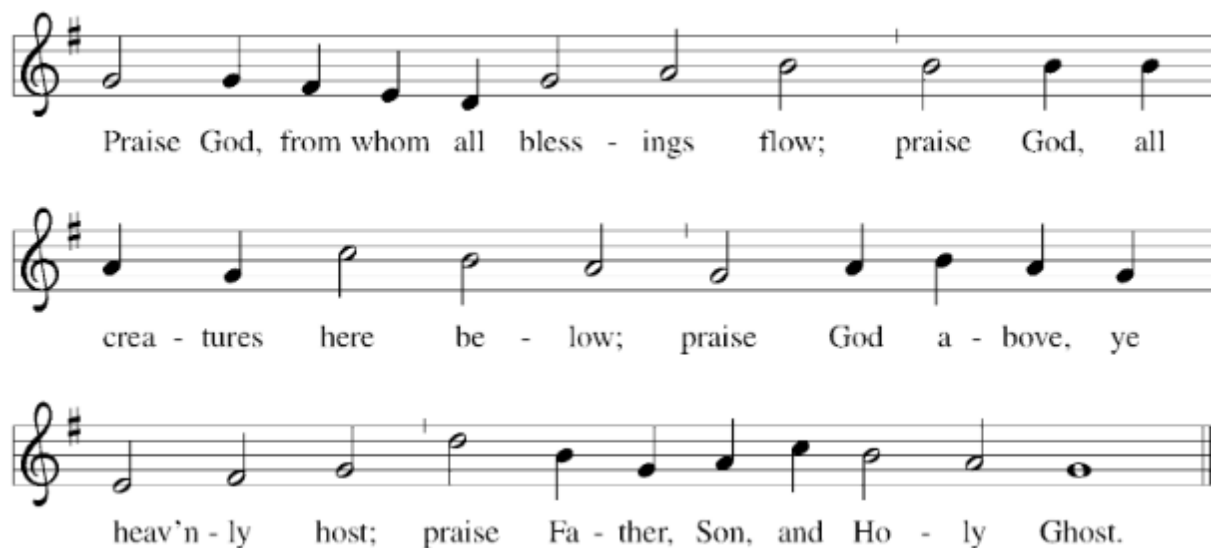
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

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Doxology & Offertory Prayer:



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Offertory Prayer:

- L: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

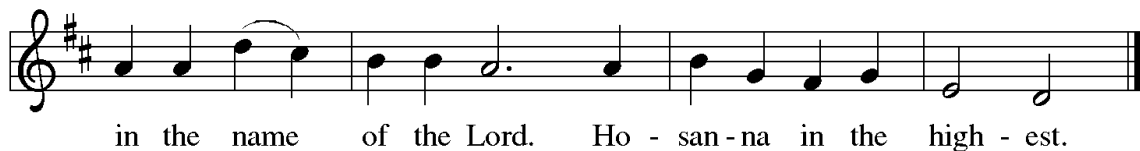
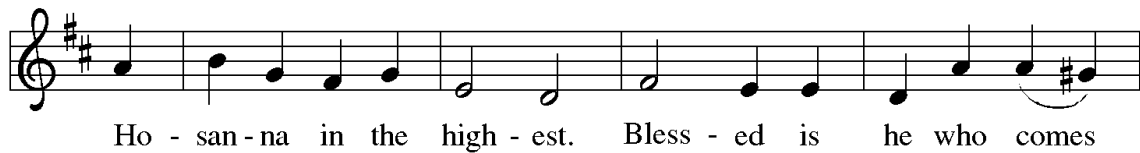
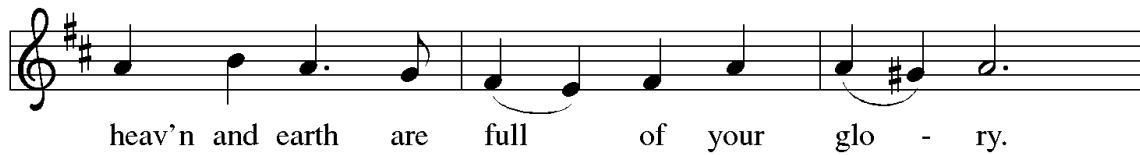
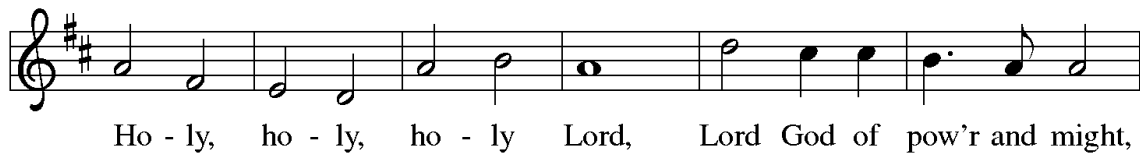
+MEAL+

The Great Thanksgiving:

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Proper Preface:

L: 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, sent his Spirit to be with us always. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



L: In the night in which he was betrayed, when he gave himself up for the life of the world, 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.

L: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

- L: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer:

- L: 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.**

Invitation to Communion:

- L: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!
- C: **Amen.**

Communion Song:

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

music: William J. Kirkpatrick
words: Louisa M. R. Stead

Post-Communion Prayer:

- L: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: **Amen.**
- L: Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

Announcements

Reception & Blessing of New Member

+ SENDING +

Benediction:

L: God almighty, God most merciful, ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: Rooted in Christ (The Centennial Hymn)



1. Root - ed in Christ, we pause in prayer be - fore you,
2. Strength - ened in Christ, we pause in prayer be - fore you,
3. In - spired by Christ, we pause in prayer be - fore you,



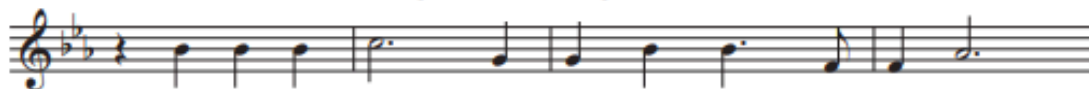
Who are our Lord, our Wis - dom, our De - light.
Who are our help, our rock when we des - pair.
Who are our rock, our fort - ress strong and tall.



We are your seeds, so plant us in your good soil,
Our branch - es curve and stretch to all our neigh - bors,
Our leaves can strive to shel - ter all who wan - der,



You are our Sun, so show'r us in your light.
Whose grief and loss and hun - ger, Lord, you bear.
To be a hope, a place for those who fall.



Help us, we pray, at la - bor or at rest, Lord,
Teach us to make a diff' - rence where we're called to,
Spi - rit of God, O let us be a re - fuge,



To grow in faith and ser - vice in your sight.
Send us to sow your mer - cy and your care.
Your tree of life, your Church, a home for all.

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude:

Praeludium in G minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

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Happy birthday to: Owen DelMonte (9/19).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible 101 on September 19 at Noon

We are hoping to expand the group that attends our Thursday Bible studies a bit! On the 19th, we'll be gathering for lunch and fellowship while exploring the book of Revelation. Come join us for some learning and lunch! If you'd like to come, let Pastor Dan know.

Barb Grimaldi Meal Packaging Event

Mark your calendars for our annual Barb Grimaldi Meal Packaging Event to be held at Grace Lutheran on **Saturday, October 5th at 9:30am**. We will be packaging over 15,000 packs of oatmeal and apples mix to be used as emergency breakfast food for those in need at the Grace Food Bank.

As the costs continue to rise for this event, please consider donating. Checks can be made out to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with "Meal Packaging Event" noted in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the church office or dropped in the offering plate on Sundays. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the church office at 610-664-5503 or email holytrinitynarberth@gmail.com. Thank you!

Seeking Members for an "Outreach" Committee

We are trying to get some members for an "Outreach" Committee during this summer, to start enacting ideas in the fall. This team will help us to discern as a congregation how best to be visible and known in our wider communities, to encourage and equip our members to share about our congregation and invite others, and more. In other words, we'll be sharing our mission of growing in faith, making a difference, and being open to all, and welcoming others into that mission. We need your help! If you are interested in forming a team like this, please reach out to Pastor Dan.

Holy Trinity's Prayer List

Sue Steiger

Dee Jaye Frye

Carter Williamson

Friends and Relatives

Bettina Chavanne (friend of the McCluskeys)

Vincent Sangmeister (Mary Williamson's brother)

Fran Gebhart

Sharon Neall (Hall family member)

Beth Brady (Kristine DelMonte's co-worker)

Norma DelMonte (Tom's mother)

The Houghs (friends of Pat Brubaker)

Linda Baldi-Boyd

Georgette, her daughter Kara, and Chuck

Marbury Hooey

John & Rosemary (friends of Pat Brubaker)

Annette Steiger (Dave Steiger's sister)

Margie (Jan Doan's friend)

Joseph Davis

Danelle VanInstendal (friend of the Steigers)

Heinrich Mengel (cousin of the Hoffmann Family)

Louise Jackson (cousin of Julie Ackerman)

Mary Fran (friend of Dorothy McCluskey)

Tara Echelmeier Dolan (friend of Julie Ackerman)

Mary Ann & Deed Dixon (friends of the Hoffmans)

Darby Rinkel (great-niece of the Steigers)

David Segermark (Kristine DelMonte's father)

Erin Borden (friend of Anne Hoffman)

Jane S. (friend of Pat Brubaker)

Ken Ackerman (Carl Ackerman's father)

Barb McCluskey (sister in law of Bruce & Dorothy McCluskey)

Heather DePauli (cousin of the Hoffmans)

Sandy (friend of Pat Brubaker)

Colleen (A family friend of Pat Brubaker)

Katy (niece of Pat Brubaker)