

WELCOME TO TRINITY

FAITH. LIFE. COMMUNITY.

8:45am

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We are glad you are here at one of our THREE WORSHIP SERVICES this weekend, each centered around the same scriptures but with three different musical styles. THIS BULLETIN contains information for the 8:45 a.m. Sunday service

A SEPARATE BULLETIN lists the 5:30 p.m. Saturday service here in the sanctuary. The other service we offer is Praise worship in Jack's Place.

We invite you to turn to ***pages 15 and following in this bulletin*** for HELPFUL INFORMATION for visitors and members alike, such as service participants.

For directions or help with special needs, just ask an usher.

- DIAPER CHANGING AREA - in Gathering Space restroom
- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS for the Sanctuary services
- AURACAST AUDIO is available for hearing impaired for use in the Sanctuary and Jack's Place
- HANDICAPPED-ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM - Gathering Space
- WHEELCHAIR available - Gathering Space
- HANDICAPPED PARKING - near Worship entrances
- PAST SERMONS on the web - visit www.trinityashland.org

SUNDAY MORNING 8:45 COMMUNION
November 15, 2026
25th Sunday After Pentecost

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS of this service are available from the ushers.

✝ ✝ ✝ GATHERING ✝ ✝ ✝

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* - arr. Henry Coleman
Mark Koehler, organ

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** pg. 94

**Please stand, as able.*

✢The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

S*ilence for reflection*

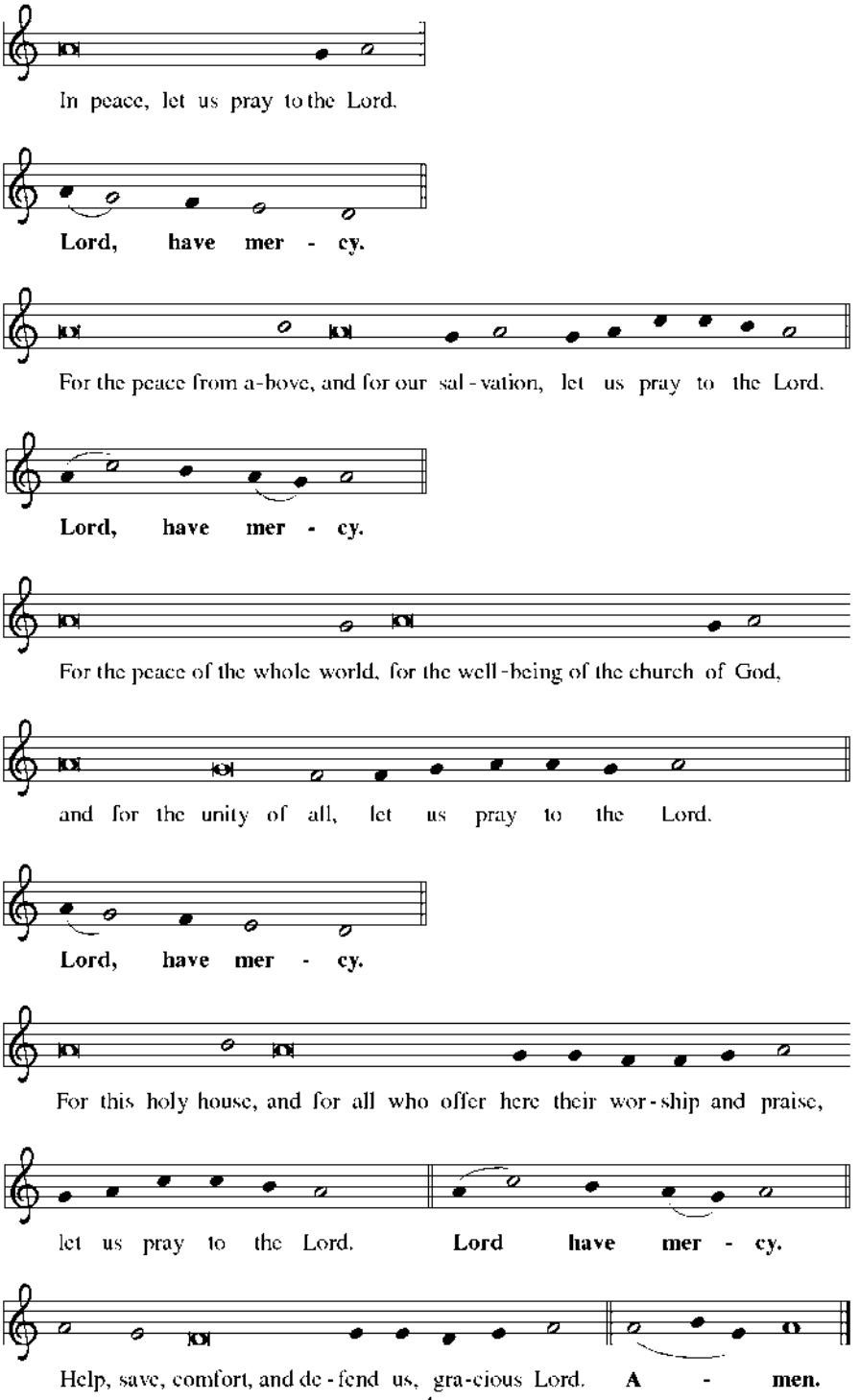
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.
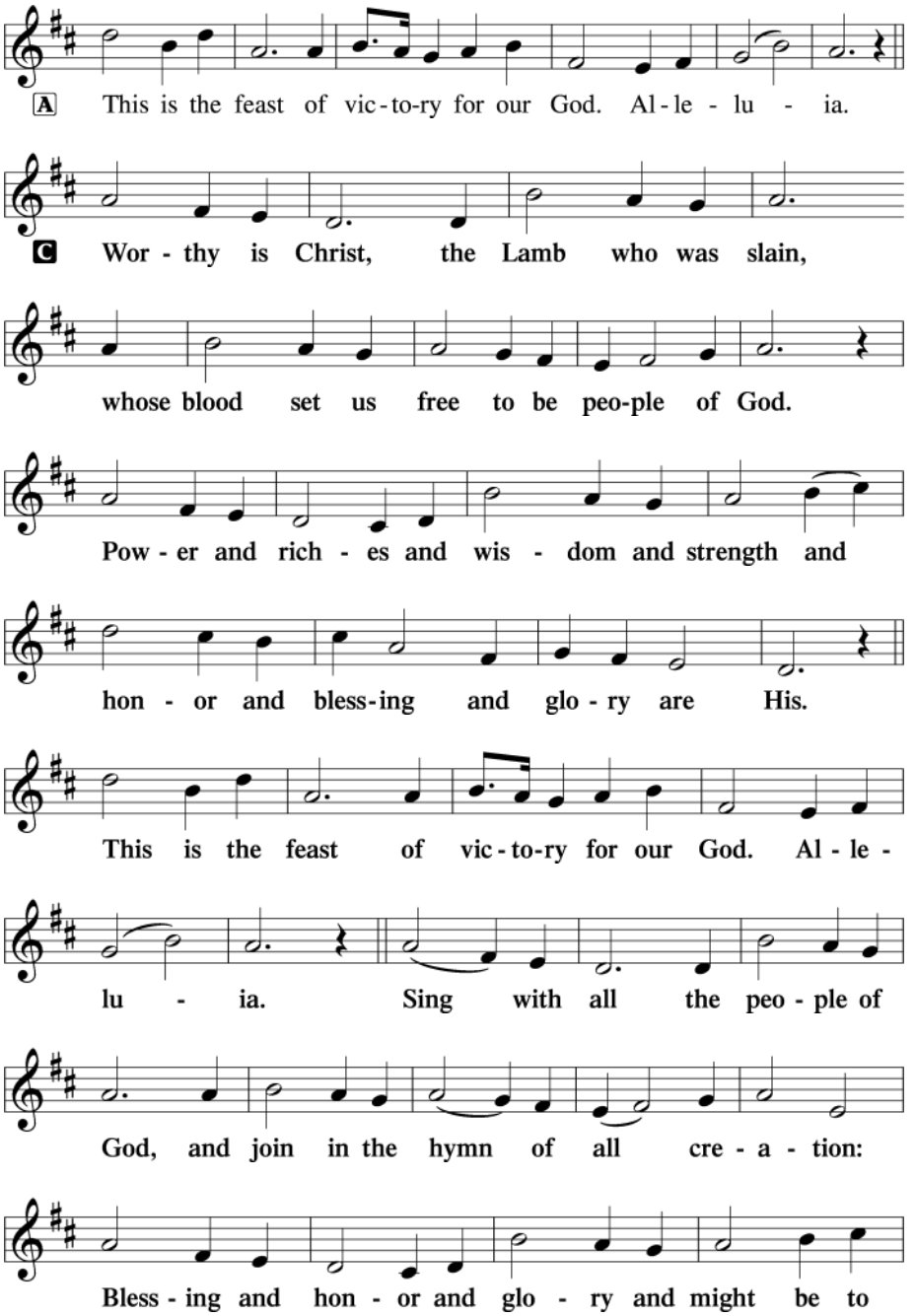
Almighty God, in his mercy,
has given his Son to die for you,
and for his sake, forgives you all your sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
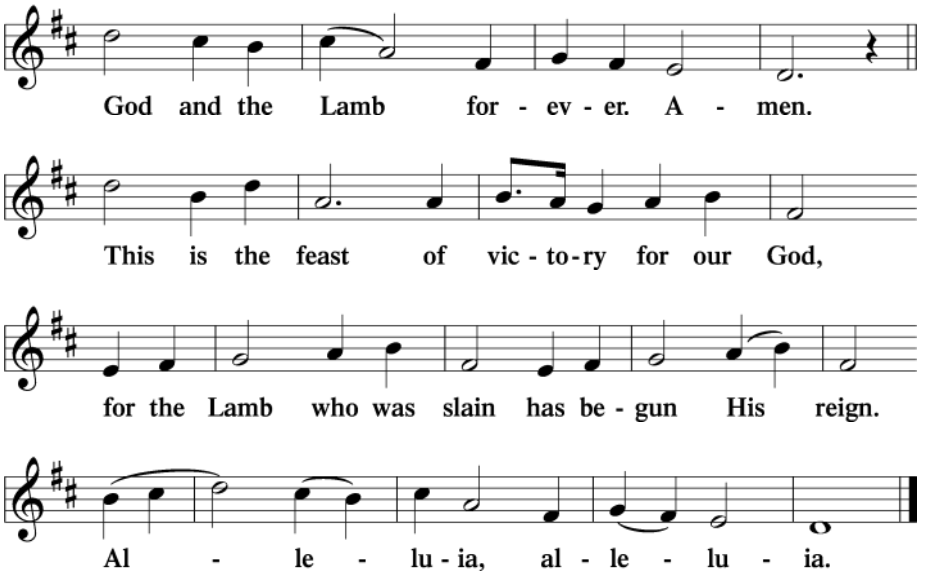
***ENTRANCE HYMN** *O God Our Help in Ages Past* **ELW 632**

***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.


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.


A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.
C Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength and
hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are His.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-
lu-ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:
Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to



***SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

✢ ✢ ✢ **WORD** ✢ ✢ ✢

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song
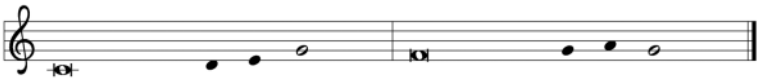
FIRST READING *Zephaniah 1:7-16*

7 Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is near;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
10 "On that day," declares the Lord,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.

[11]Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
[12]At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
[13]Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."
[14]The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
[15]A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
[16]a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-12 *Sung responsively* - Tone 4



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[1]Lord, you have been our | dwelling place
in all gener- | ations.
[2]Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.
[3]You return | man to dust
and say, "Return, O chil- | dren of man!"
[4]For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when | it is past,
or as a watch | in the night.
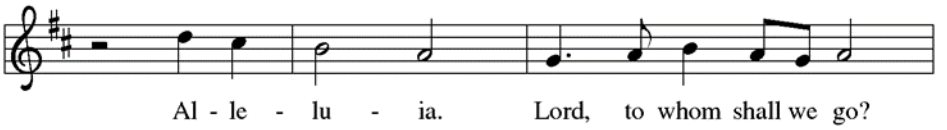
[5]You sweep them away as | with a flood;
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the | morning:
[6]in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;
in the evening it fades and | withers.
[7]For we are brought to an end by your | anger;
by your wrath we | are dismayed.
[8]You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.
[9]For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
[10]The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength | eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we | fly away.
[11]Who considers the power of your | anger,
and your wrath according to the | fear of you?
[12]So teach us to number | our days
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit.
As it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever.| Amen.
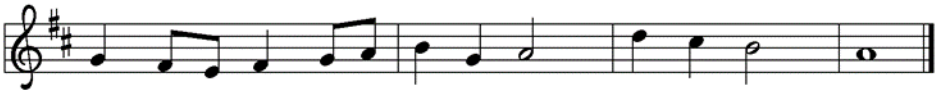
SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia, Alleluia* pg. 151





***GOSPEL** *Matthew 25:14-30*

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[14][Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them
his property. [15]To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.
Then he went away. [16]He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made
five talents more. [17]So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18]But he who had received the
one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]Now after a long time the master of
those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20]And he who had received the five talents came for-
ward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five tal-
ents more.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a
little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [22]And he also who had the two talents came
forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' [23]His master
said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over
much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [24]He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying,
'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no
seed, [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26]But his
master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and
gather where I scattered no seed? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my
coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him and give it to
him who has the ten talents. [29]For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance.
But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the
outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON Pastor Ben Mollohan

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of Light* **ELW 688**

***APOSTLES' CREED**

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
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 Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each portion of the prayers:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

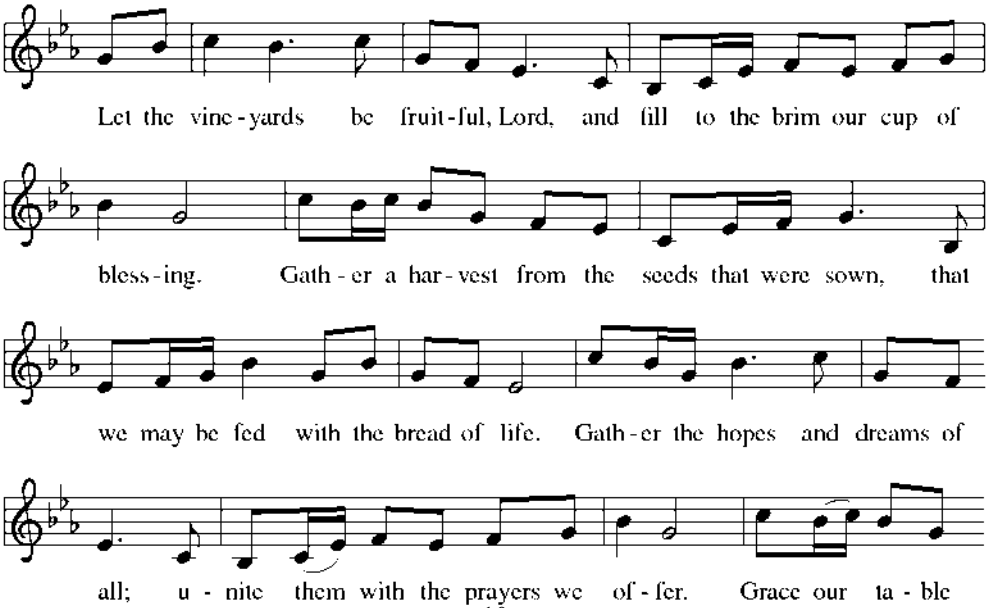
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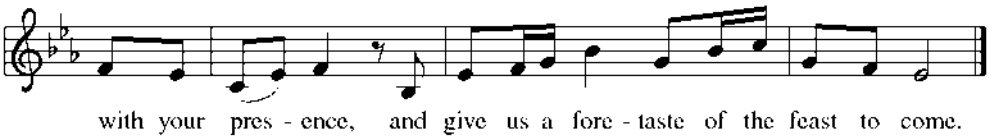
OFFERING *Built on a Rock* - Ludvig Lindeman (1812-87), arr. John Behnke
Trinity Bells
Ron Marenchin, director

Behnke has arranged ELW Hymn 652 to sound as if it were being played from a majestic Cathedral carillon.

Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling-
calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting. - Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig (1783-1872)

*CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* **ELW 184**





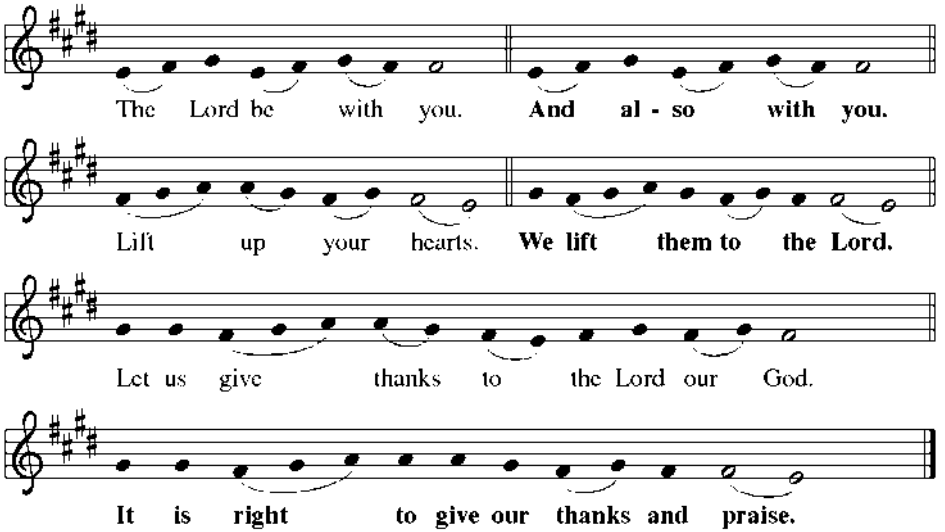
***OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✝ ✝ ✝ MEAL ✝ ✝ ✝

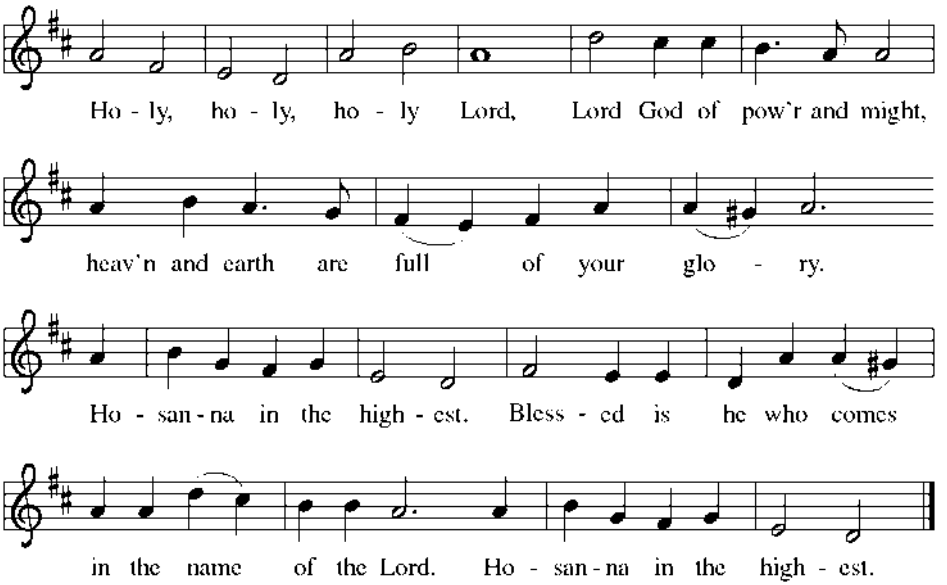
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** *The Lord Be with You* pg. 152



***PREFACE AND SANCTUS** *Holy, Holy, Holy* pg. 153

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (I)**

During the minister's prayer, the congregation responds with several phrases as listed below.

…Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
...now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER** pg. 145

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**

Let us feast on Christ, the bread of heaven.
Amen.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS who believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are welcome to receive communion.

Please sign a COMMUNION CARD, located in the pew rack, if you have not done so yet this year, and hand it to the usher who directs you.

Communion will be served to all people at the altar rail. If you are NOT PHYSICALLY ABLE to move to the altar, please advise an usher and the elements will be brought to you.

You will be served the hosts first, then offered a plastic cup of wine or grape juice, and then a basket to dispose your plastic cup in.

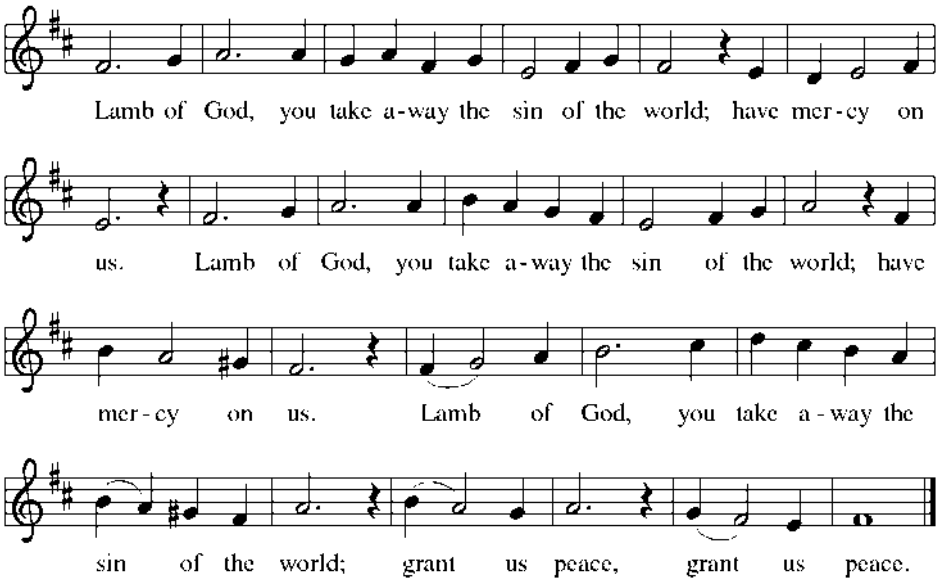
CHILDREN who do not yet commune are invited with their families to receive a blessing.

GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS and GRAPE JUICE WHICH WILL BE IN GRAPE COLOR CUPS are available at the altar and the pews. Please indicate your desire to the communion deacons.

You are encouraged to SING *the hymns and* RESPOND *"Amen" as the elements are received.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God* pg. 54



SOLO *Have I Done My Best for Jesus?,* - by Harold DeCou
Mark Koehler, organ

HYMN OF THE MONTH *Jesus Name Above All Names*
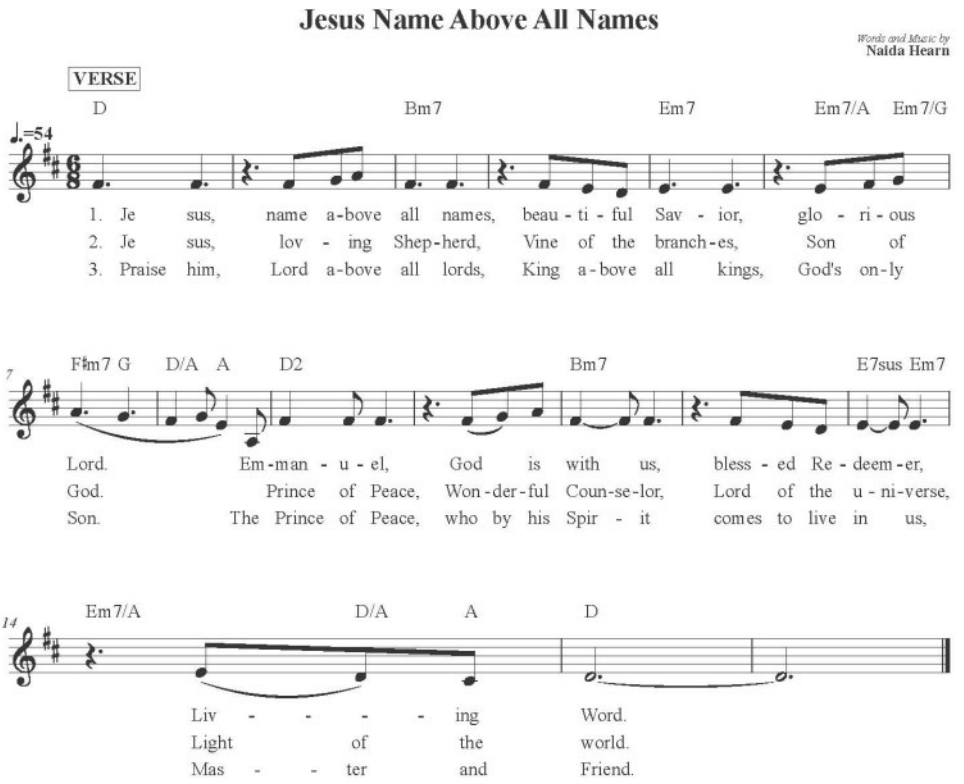


***TABLE GRACE**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✢ ✢ ✢ SENDING ✢ ✢ ✢

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN** *God of Grace and God of Glory* **ELW 705**

***DISMISSAL AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.
Please share God's peace with one another.

***POSTLUDE** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* - arr. George Shearing
Mark Koehler, piano

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We invite you to the Olive Tree Café after the service for goodies and Goldberry coffee. The Café is located in the north office hallway on the Walnut Street side of the building.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICES: 8:45
PRESIDING MINISTER - Pastor Benjamin Mollohan
ASSISTING MINISTERS - Vicar Gage Garlinghouse, Stan Kopp
ORGANIST - Mark Koehler
COMMUNION DEACONS - Pastor Benjamin Mollohan, Vicar Gage Garlinghouse
Stan Kopp, Pam Bradley
LECTOR - Jane Burns
GREETERS - Jeff & Linda Gray
USHERS - Usher Team #2, Herb Kanzig, Captain, Todd Barr, Co-Captain
SOUND - Chris Vanderzyden
PRO PRESENTER - Everett Kime
CAMERA OPERATOR - Michael Prezioso
RADIO - Tom Stoll
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If you would be interested in learning more about these or other volunteer opportunities, please contact Wendy Shreffler at the Church Office.

SANCTUARY ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given by:

> Carol Burns and family in memory of David Burns and other loved ones,

> Leann Frank in loving memory of Ralph E. Frank,

> Dan and Dawn Forbes and family in loving memory of David Wayne Forbes,

> Larry and Bonnie Oberholtzer in celebration of their birthdays,

> Sue Jurjevic thanking God for the blessing of Zoey Noel Downing joining the family.

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THE LIVESTREAM of the 11 a.m. Sunday Praise Service is sponsored by Marty Troyer and Susan Troyer-Hogge to the glory of God.

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Thank you for attending Trinity Lutheran Church today. Please use the QR code to note your attendance at our service. We appreciate your willingness to help keep our records up to date.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

REACH OUT & GET INVOLVED

Looking to get involved in the life of our church? Fill out this form to let us know what you're interested in, and we'll follow up soon!

EXPLORE OUR CURRENT NEWSLETTER

A variety of events and community-oriented gatherings take place each week at Trinity. See what's coming up, and join us!







TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

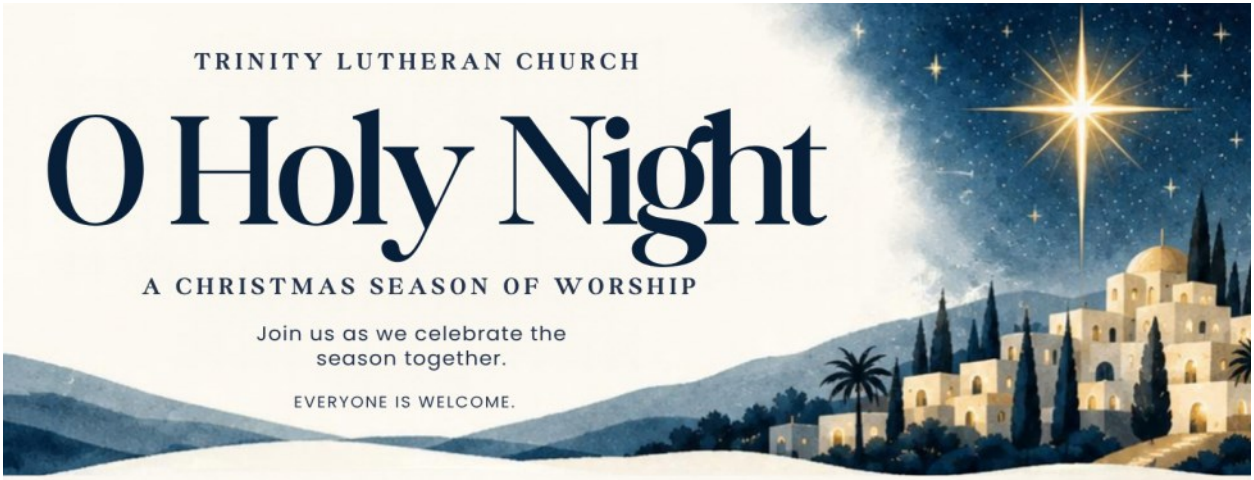
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

O Holy Night

A CHRISTMAS SEASON OF WORSHIP

Join us as we celebrate the season together.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



Wednesday, November 25
Thanksgiving Eve Service
7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Sunday, November 29
Merry & Bright Advent Celebration & Children's Pageant
2:00 p.m. | Jack's Place

Saturday, December 5
Women's Christmas Brunch
9:00–11:30 a.m. | Jack's Place

Wednesdays in December — December 2, 9, 16 & 23
Matins & Vesper Services
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Saturday, December 12
Christmas Musical
5:30 p.m. | Jack's Place

Sunday, December 13
Traditional Service
8:45 a.m. | Sanctuary

Birthday Party for Jesus
Preschool–6th Grade | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School Hour

Christmas Musical
11:00 a.m. | Jack's Place

Friday–Saturday, December 18–19
Grades 9–12 Christmas Lock-In
Begins 7:00 p.m. | Trinity Lutheran Church
Ends 6:30 p.m. | Students will lead Saturday evening worship.

Sunday, December 20
Christmas Caroling
6:00 p.m. | Jack's Place

Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve

Communion Service
4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Family & Candlelight
6:00 p.m. | Jack's Place

Communion by Candlelight
7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Recital of Carols
10:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Communion Service
10:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Friday, December 25—Christmas Day
Lessons & Carols
10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

Thursday, December 31—New Year's Eve
Communion Service
5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary



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