



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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Masks are welcomed,
but no longer required.
Vaccinations are highly
recommended.
Please maintain
appropriate distancing
between households and
use hand sanitizer.

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All are invited to join us at
the Lord's table for Holy
Communion.

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Our AED machine is
mounted on the wall in
the stairway near the
baptismal font.

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Please silence your
cell phone.



Trinity Lutheran Church
is recognized by
Reconciling Works as a
"Reconciling in Christ"
Congregation which
welcomes all LGBTQ+
persons into all facets of
congregational life.

LECTIONARY 26/PENTECOST 16 THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Congregational words are in bold print.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Contrapuntal Improvisation on "Walton"

Max Sinzheimer

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this
world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen
Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

GATHERING HYMN - ELW 532 - Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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

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right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



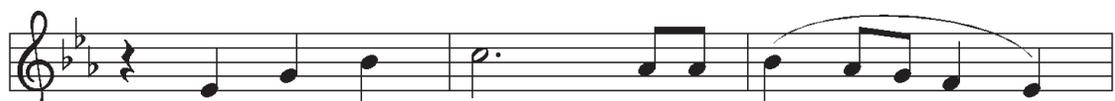
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Be seated.

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146 (from *The Psalter*)

Lectern Side **Piano Side**

Praise the Lord, my heart! My whole life, give praise.

Let me sing to God as long as I live.

Never depend on rulers: born of earth, they cannot save.

They die, they turn to dust. That day, their plans crumble.

They are wise who depend on God, who look to Jacob's Lord,
creator of heaven and earth, maker of the teeming sea.

The Lord keeps faith for ever, giving food to the hungry,

justice to the poor, freedom to captives.

The Lord opens blind eyes and straightens the bent,
comforting widows and orphans, protecting the stranger.

The Lord loves the just but blocks the path of the wicked.

Zion, praise the Lord! Your God reigns for ever,

from generation to generation. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated

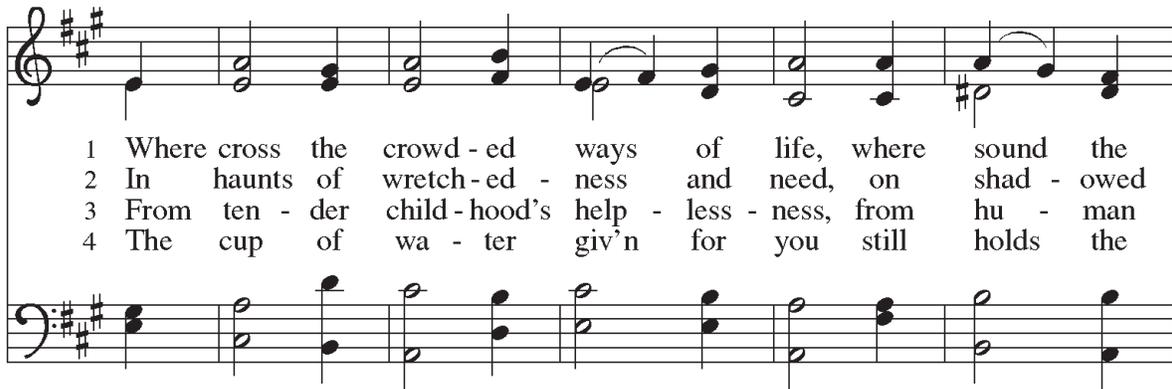
SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

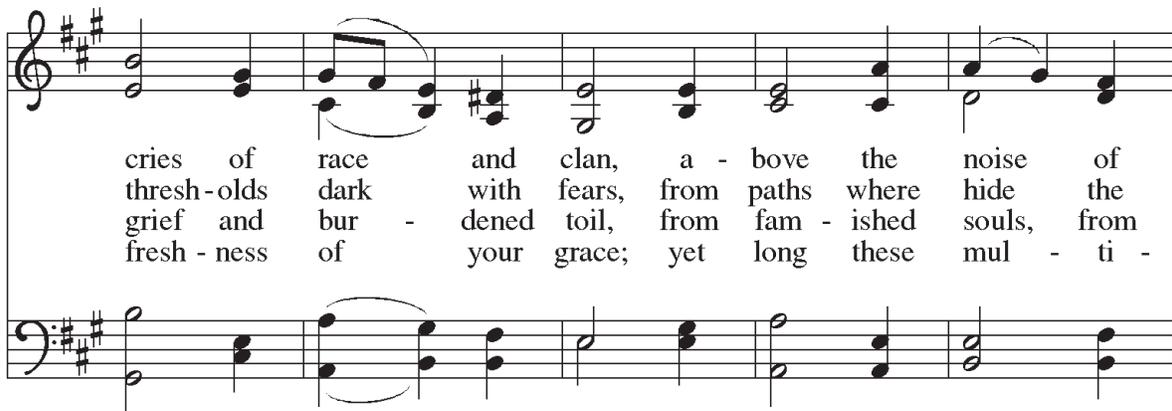
HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 719 - Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Stanza 3 - Higher Voices

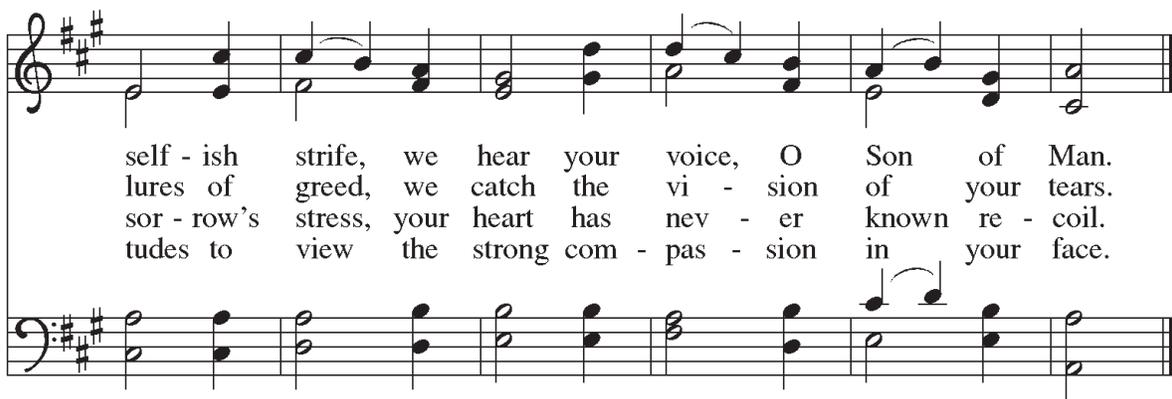
Stanza 5 - Lower Voices



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

After a brief silence each petition concludes:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

After the final petition:

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God,
we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please greet one another from a distance and then remain standing.

OFFERING PRAYER

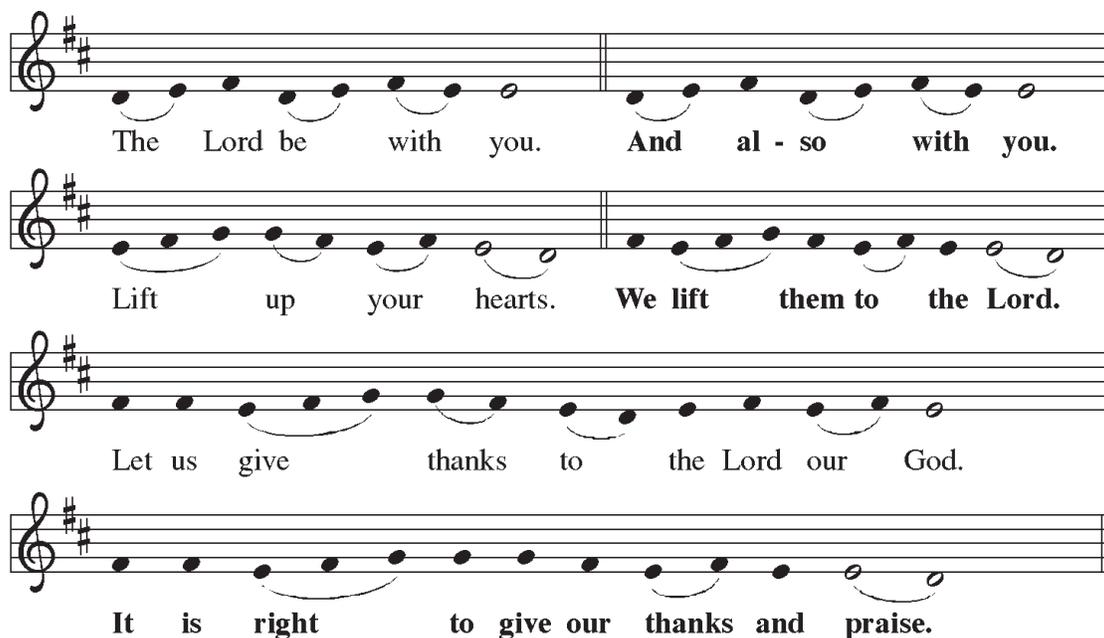
Let us pray. Gracious God:

in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

**Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.**

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



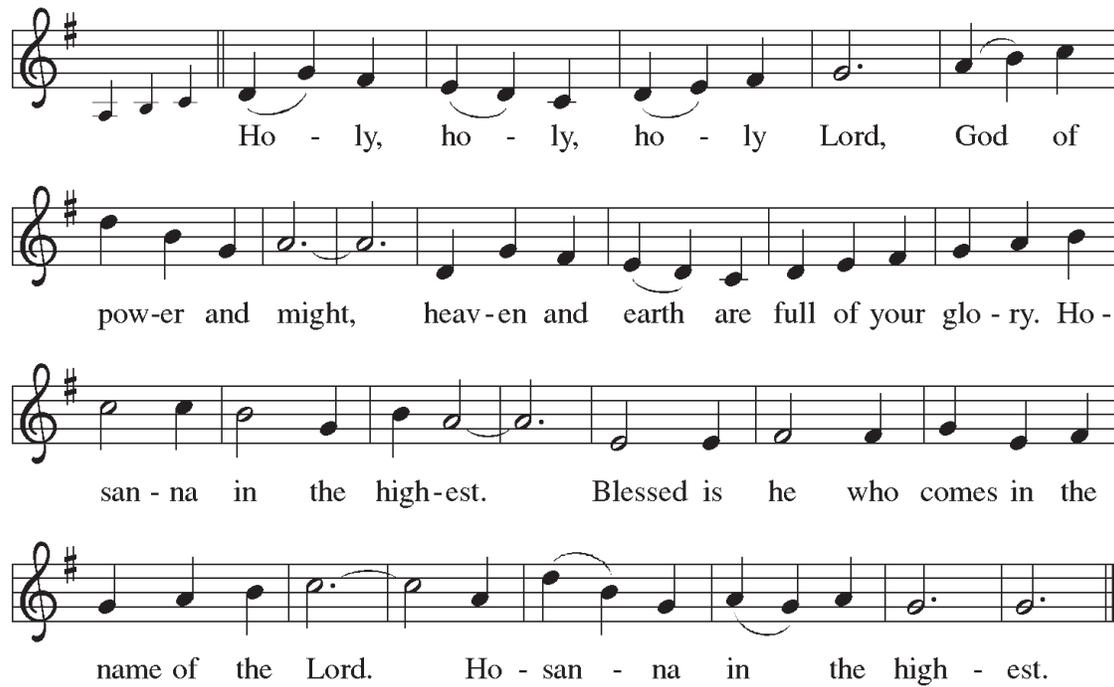
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The notes are simple, using quarter and half notes with slurs.

PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS



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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore...honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

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,

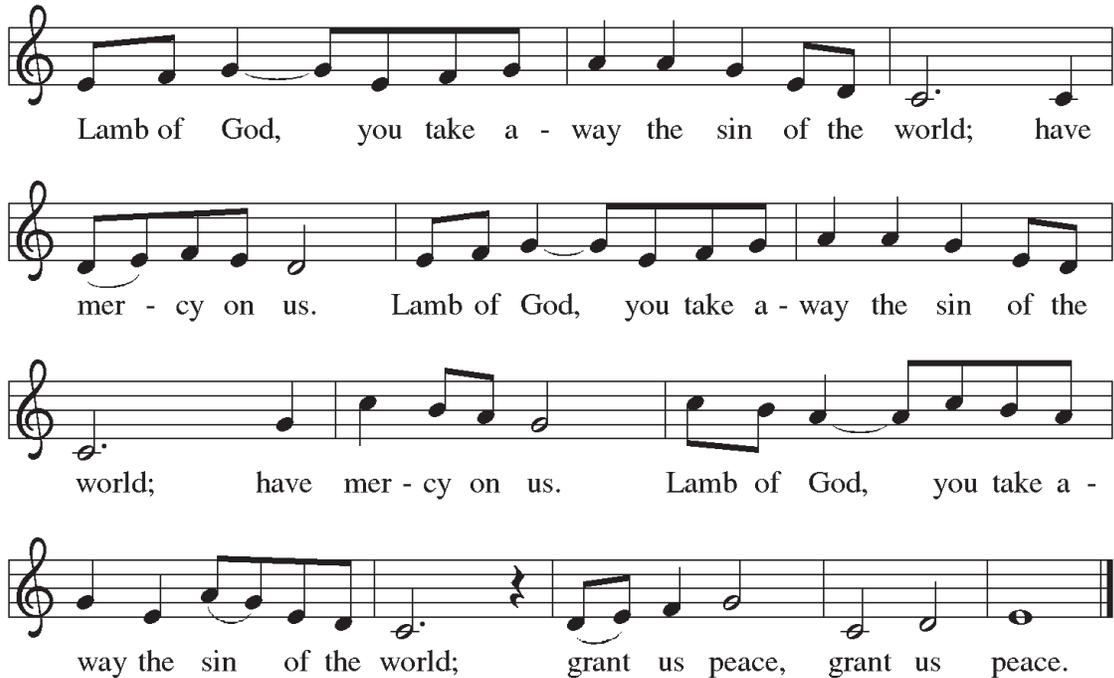
forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Be 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.

DISTRIBUTION

Following the direction of the usher, approach the altar, maintaining a safe distance between households. Please ask your server if you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty glass in the corner basket. Those not partaking of communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to approach the altar for communion, inform the usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

After all have received Communion, please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen

SENDING HYMN - ACS 1036 - Commonwealth Is God's Commandment - see page 13

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude in F

Eric H. Thiman

SENDING HYMN - ACS 1036 - Commonwealth Is God's Commandment

Peter Graf, recorder

1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,

Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.

Refrain

Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.

Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

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Leaders in Today's Liturgy: September 25, 2022 - Lectionary 26/Pentecost 16

Preaching and Presiding: Pr. Fred S. Opalinski

Assisting Minister: Dcs. Deborah Graf

Minister of Music: Karen S. Eddinger

Lector: Russ Diesinger

Greeter: Annie Harlin

Ushers: David and Sue Shellong

Communion Assistant: Russ Diesinger

Altar Guild: Michael Faust, Linda Grim, Erica Hofmann, Amy Litvinov,
and Doris Strobel

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by the Flatt Family in loving memory of Karin A. Flatt.

She was a long-standing member of Trinity and passed away on July 1 of this year. She remains in our thoughts and prayers.

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Pr. Virginia Biniek to the glory of God

We thank Karen Eddinger for planning today's worship



Immediate prayer requests: Linda Liptak (sister of Dick Horst and Robin Oberholtzer), Janet Clemmer, Amy Reinsel, Kathy Eynon, Raye Watson, Carol Batdorf, Darryl Jeffries, Ralph Unruh, John Kirby, Ben Motley, and Linda Sell (grandmother of Trinity's piano tuner)

Ongoing prayer requests: Harry McGonigle (brother of Carolyn Holleran), Grady (Ginny Biniek's cousin's grandchild), Dar Unger, Walter Maier, JT Motley, David Strobel, Ruth Adam (friend of Graf family), Celia Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), Doris (friend of Pat McMahan), Dick Evans, Ed Harlin, Nathan Hudson (son-in-law of Anita Dolak), Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith), Luther Routté, the Sawyer family, Walter Schur, and David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh)

Trinity households in prayer: Frances Frezeman; Grete & Stanley Furrow; Lisa, John, Sam & Nat Gallen; Barbara Gangewere; and E. Paul Gangewere II

Prepare for Worship October 2: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14 and Luke 17:5-10

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This Week's Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 25: Lectionary 26/Pentecost 16

9:00 AM: Sunday Forum: Sabbatical
Reflections with Karen Eddinger
(Auditorium)

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

11:00 AM: Robert Pepper Art Show
(Hintz Room)

1:00 PM: Youth Group - Potato Project

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and
Meal Takeaway

Monday, September 26

9:45 AM: Program Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 27

9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting

6:00 PM: Sacred Ground (Auditorium)

Wednesday, September 28

7:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal (Nave Balcony)

Friday, September 30

7:30 PM: Fall Festival of the Arts:
A Panoply of Dance with Berks Ballet
(Women's Center for the Arts)

Sunday, Oct. 2: Lectionary 27/Pentecost 17

9:00 AM: Sunday Forum (Auditorium)

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and
Meal Takeaway

Broadcast Schedule for September

All of our programs listed below can be watched on Comcast Channel 190, Reading Hospital Channel 80, online at www.trinityreading.org, on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/trinitylutheranchurch. Trinity's Sunday morning worship is also live streamed via Facebook and YouTube. You may log on to either platform on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and worship at the same time as the in-person congregation.

Sundays

6:00 PM First Friday: Daily Talmud Study

6:30 PM Music From Trinity:

Lars Potteiger, piano and organ

7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

5:00 PM Music From Trinity:

Lars Potteiger, piano and organ

5:30 PM First Friday: Daily Talmud Study

Church office hours are 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday.

CROP Hunger Walk

**October 9, 2022 @ Gring's Mill Gring's Mill Recreation Area, 2083 Tulpehocken Road
(meet at 1:00 p.m.)**

Some give by walking. Some walk by giving.

Join youth and families of Trinity along with many other faith communities to support the 2022 Reading Berks CROP Hunger Walk. We walk to raise awareness about local and global hunger issues, and to raise funds to help eradicate hunger in our local community and around the world.

You are invited to join Team Trinity either as a walker or as a giver. You can donate and/or register to walk here: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/trinity-reading> or speak to Deaconess Deborah.

Together we make a difference!

Fall Festival of the Arts Presents: A Panoply of Dance

**Friday, September 30 at 7:30 PM; WCR Center for the Arts; Free parking at Trinity lot
Ticketed Event: \$20; for tickets, visit FallFestivalOfTheArts.org/tickets
or call David Richie at (610) 223-3275**

Berks Ballet Theatre Conservatory of Dance presents a program of both the classical and the contemporary, including pieces reminiscent of Degas' dancers as well as classical ballet variations.

Mixed Ensemble rehearsals begin October 16

The Mixed Ensemble, for kids, parents, grandparents, friends, aunts, uncles, cousins, EVERYONE, will begin rehearsing each Sunday after church beginning on Sunday, October 16. Rehearsals will be in the Bard House and end promptly by Noon. The Ensemble will sing for the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 4 and the early service on Christmas Eve. There will be a prize for the person who can come up with a new name for this group!

Vestry 2022-23

Jennifer Smith, President; Amy Litvinov, Vice President; Hannah Long, Secretary;
Jeff Wasmuth, Treasurer; Steve Welz, Executive Member at Large;
Martha Good, Darryl Jeffries, Jennifer Mazur, and Eric Rosenbaum

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