



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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Everything you need for
worship is in this bulletin.

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All who trust that
Christ is present in Holy
Communion are invited to
receive Him with us today.

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Please silence your cell
phone.

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Children are always
welcome in our worship!
Classroom 4 in the Annex
has space for nursing,
changing, or a sensory
break, if necessary.

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Our AED is mounted on
the wall in the stairway
next to the baptismal font.

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At Trinity, we welcome
all LGBTQ+ people as
full participants in our
common life. We're proud
to proclaim this publicly in
our city and wider church
as a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Congregational words are in bold print.

PRELUDE

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Anne Krentz Organ

Handbell Quartet

Deborah Graf, Hannah Long, Jessica Manning, and Donna Osborne

Please stand in body or spirit and face the font.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved
over the waters and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into
freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed
with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as
daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants
of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
 and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
 Shower us with your Spirit,
 and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
 through Jesus Christ our Lord
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - ELW 422 - For All the Saints

Stanzas 1-2; remembrance of new saints; Stanzas 3-4 with asperges;
 Stanza 5 choir setting by Donald Hinkle; Stanzas 6-7



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . . .
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 King of glory passes on his way.
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
 Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
 Outside USA: Music from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Choir



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 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.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 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 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

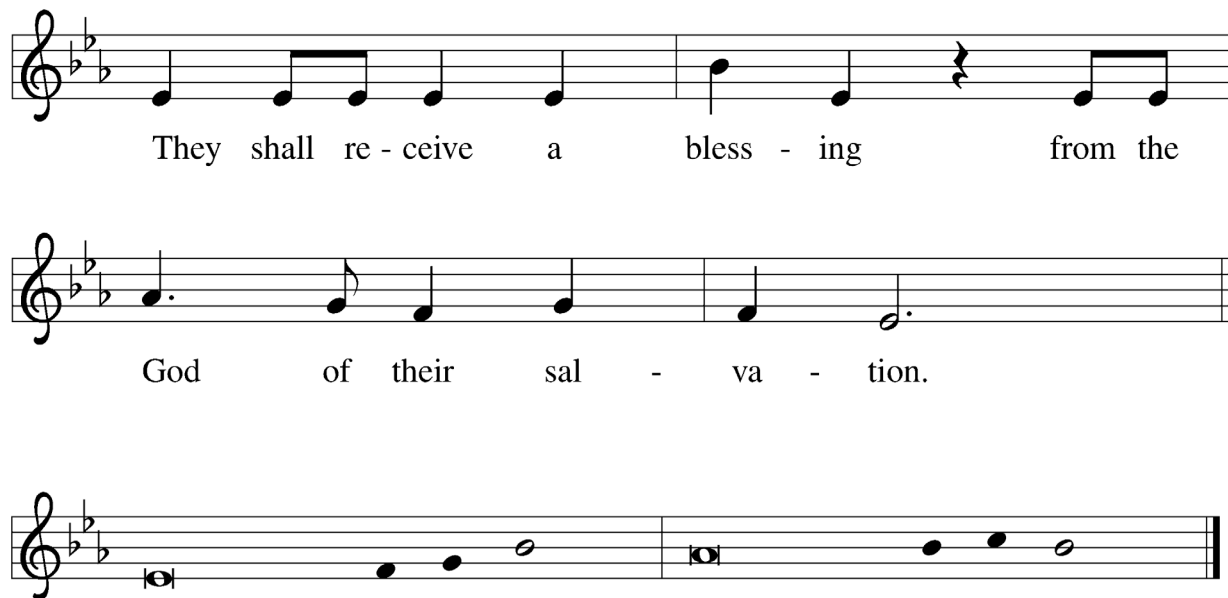
After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 24

The choir introduces the refrain. The congregation repeats the refrain and sings the refrain where indicated. The psalm will be sung alternately between the choir and the congregation.



They shall re - ceive a bless - ing from the
God of their sal - va - tion.

The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.
**For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas
and established it up- | on the rivers. R**

Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's | holy place?
**Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false.**
They shall receive blessing | from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.
**Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob. R**

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.
Who is this | King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.
Who is this | King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory. R

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Please stand in body or spirit.

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: John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

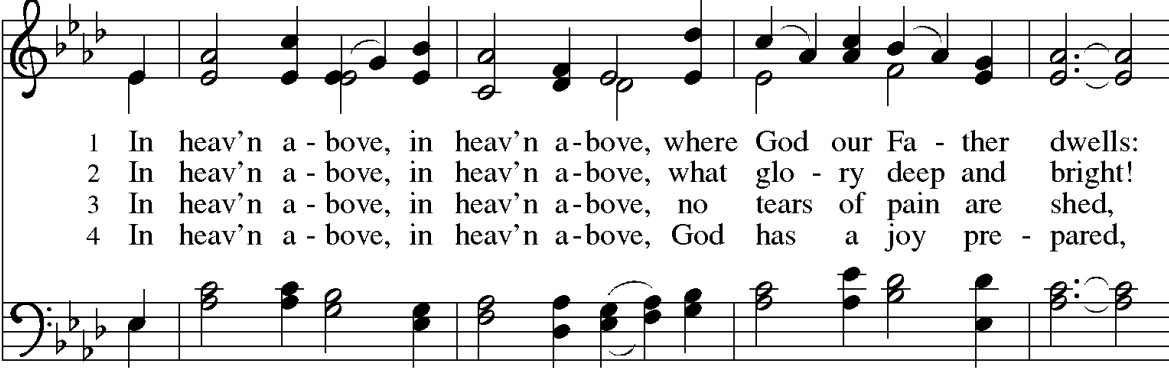
Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

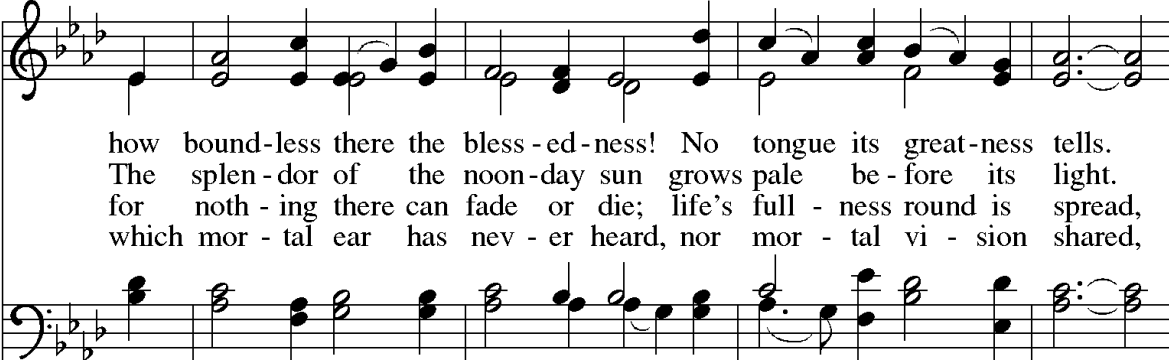
SERMON

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 630 - In Heaven Above



1 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a-bove, where God our Fa - ther dwells:
2 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a-bove, what glo - ry deep and bright!
3 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a-bove, no tears of pain are shed,
4 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a-bove, God has a joy pre - pared,



how bound-less there the bless-ed-ness! No tongue its great-ness tells.
The splen-dor of the noon-day sun grows pale be-fore its light.
for noth-ing there can fade or die; life's full-ness round is spread,
which mor-tal ear has nev-er heard, nor mor-tal vi-sion shared,



There face to face, and full and free, the ev - er -
The might - y sun that goes not down, be - fore whose
and like an o - cean, joy o'er - flows, and with im -
which nev - er en - tered mor - tal thought, in mor - tal



liv - ing God we see, our God, the Lord of hosts!
face clouds nev - er frown, is God, the Lord of hosts!
mor - tal mer - cy glows our God, the Lord of hosts!
dreams was nev - er sought, O God, the Lord of hosts!

Text: Laurentius L. Laurinus, 1573-1655; tr. William Maccall, 1812-1888
Music: I HIMMELEN, I HIMMELEN, Norwegian folk tune; arr. Elmer T. R. Hanke, 1901-1958
Arr. © 1942 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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

Let us pray for the church, the world, and for all of God's creation.

After a brief silence each petition concludes:

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

After the final petition:

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

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

Please greet one another and then be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Through the Legacy of Years

Text: Herbert F. Brokering; Music: Stanley G. Beard

The Trinity Choir Sandra Sittler, piano

*God of wind and sea and fire, hold us in your healing hand
with a power that is higher than the tides that wash the sand;
come from realms where saints and angels, with a light that dims the dark,
bring the peace that calms the waters where the life of souls embark.*

*In the times now gone beyond us, through the legacy of years,
in all healings you have granted, in the wiping of all tears,
by the ministry of others grace us with your healing grace
through all sisters, through all brothers, in the wondrous earthen place.*

*Keep your wells and fountains flowing, birth new rivers in the deep;
in a healing beyond knowing, wash our faces when we weep;
bring your children to the water where our cups are never dry.
Walk us through the living river where your people never die.*

Please stand in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE - All Things Are Yours!

The musical score is written on four staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are: "All things are yours! We make that true when we re - turn our gifts to you. And so we give, and so we share, in Christ's strong name ex - press - ing care." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last staff.

All things are yours! We make that true
when we re - turn our gifts to you. And
so we give, and so we share, in
Christ's strong name ex - press - ing care.

WORDS: Bryan Leech (1931-)
MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815
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OFFERING PRAYER

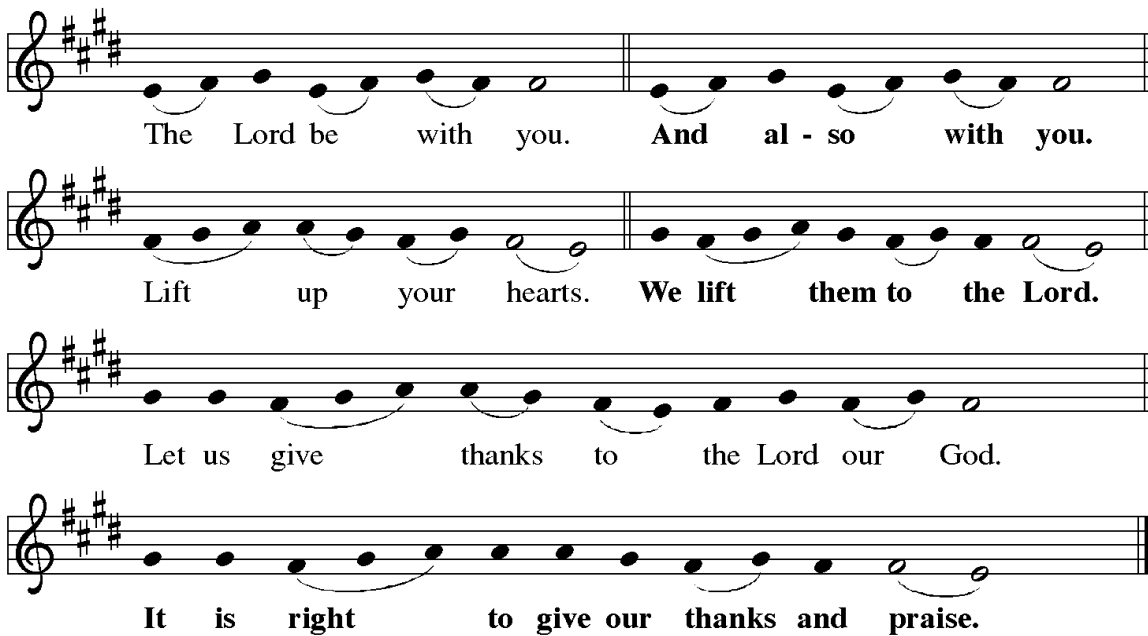
Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.

Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.

Amen.

DIALOG



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.

PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you, we praise and glorify...
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son...
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate...
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions...
with the Holy Spirit, 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.

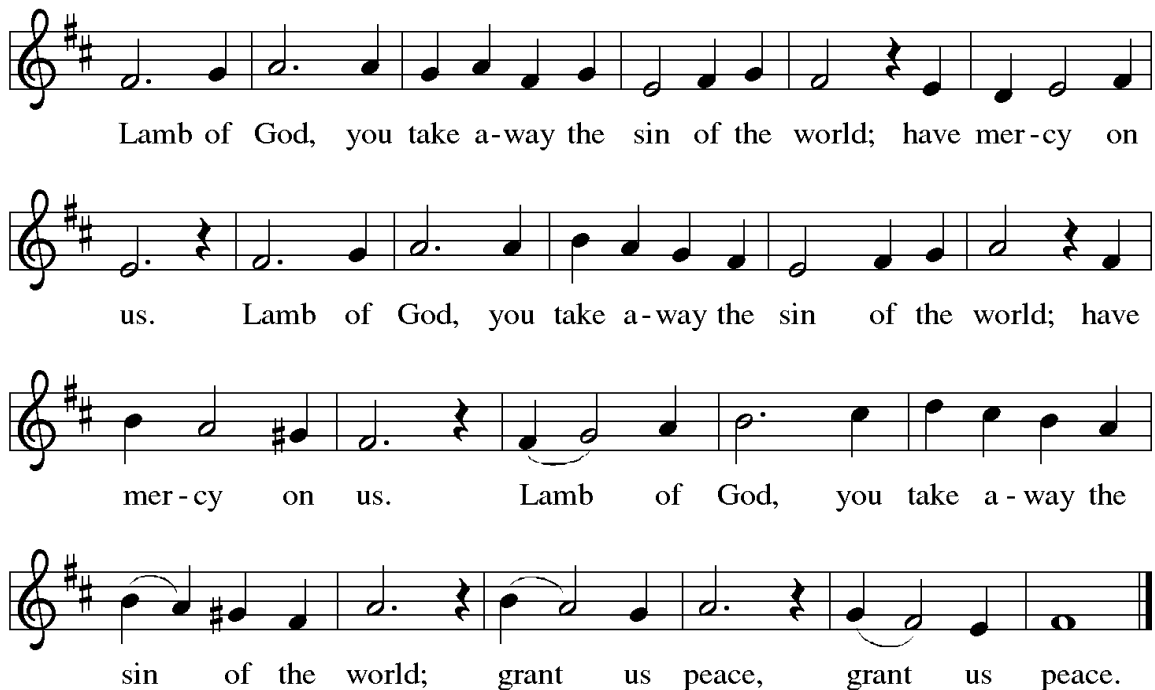
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new.
Take your place in the new creation.

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

All who trust that Jesus Christ is present in this holy meal are invited to receive communion.

Please follow the direction of the usher; if your pew is located on one of the side aisles, walk to the rear of the sanctuary. Two lines will form in the center aisle. The left line will commune at the left side of the altar rail; the right line will commune on the right side.

When you reach the front of the sanctuary, there are serving trays located on the tables. Please choose either an empty glass to receive wine, or, if you prefer, a prefilled glass in the center ring containing grape juice. After taking your cup, proceed to the rail. Fill in around the rail from the center to the ends. You may stand or kneel as is your preference.

The pastor will give you a piece of bread; eat it when you receive it. If you prefer a gluten free alternative, please inform the pastor.

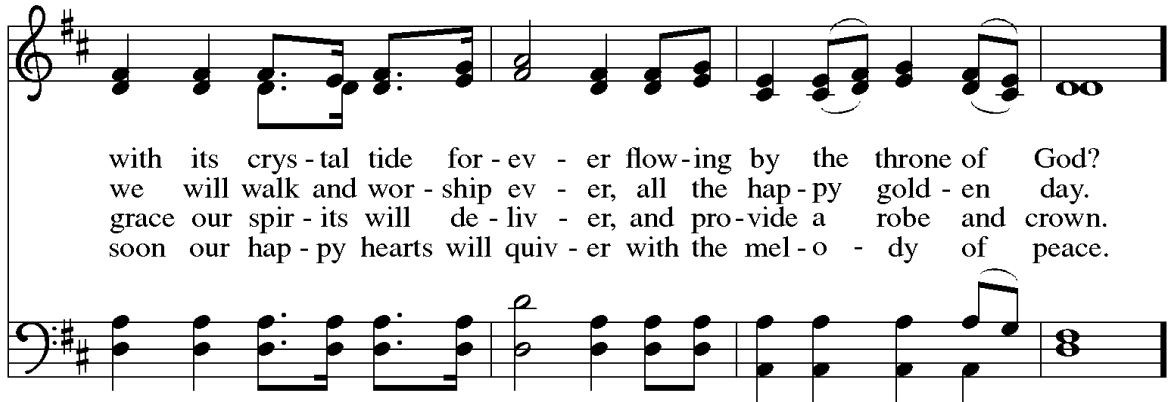
Then, an assistant will come to offer wine from a pouring chalice. Please extend your glass to be filled with wine or indicate that you have grape juice. After drinking the wine or juice, you are welcome to remain in place for a moment of meditation.

After you finish your time of reflection, please return to your pew, depositing your empty glass in the trays located on the tables at the head of the side aisles.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION - ELW 423 - Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

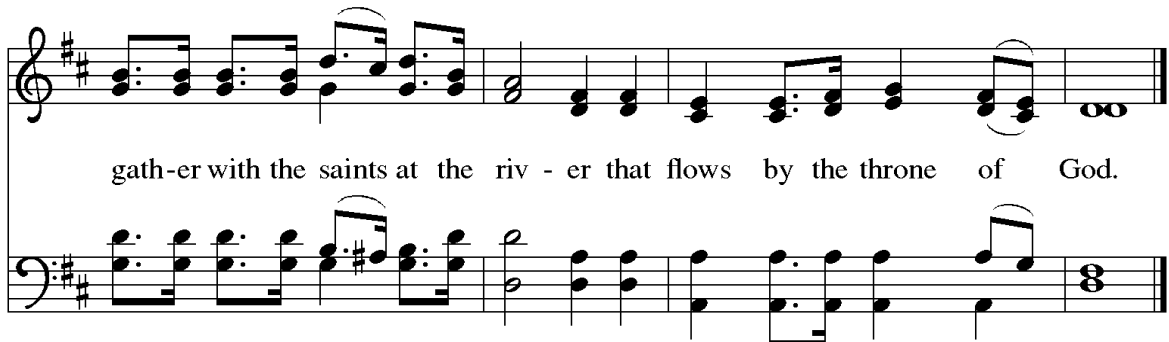


with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Please stand in body or spirit.

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.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.

By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN - ELW 632 - O God, Our Help, in Ages Past

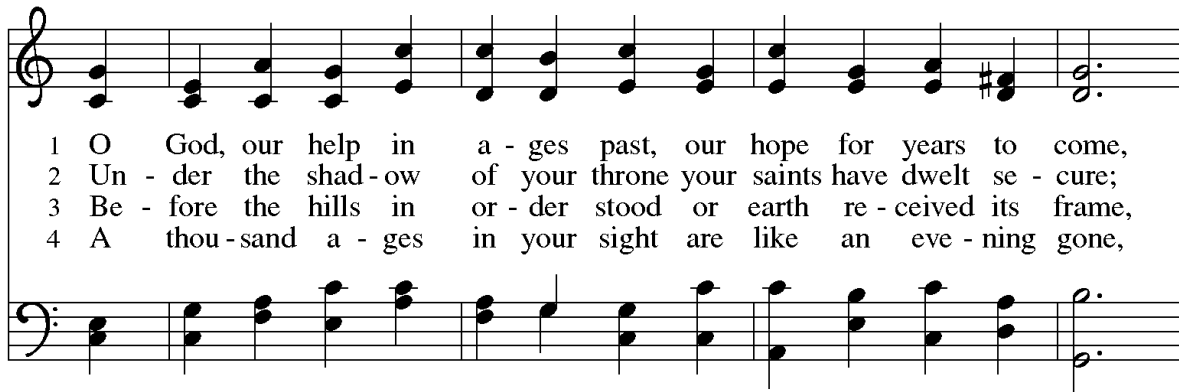
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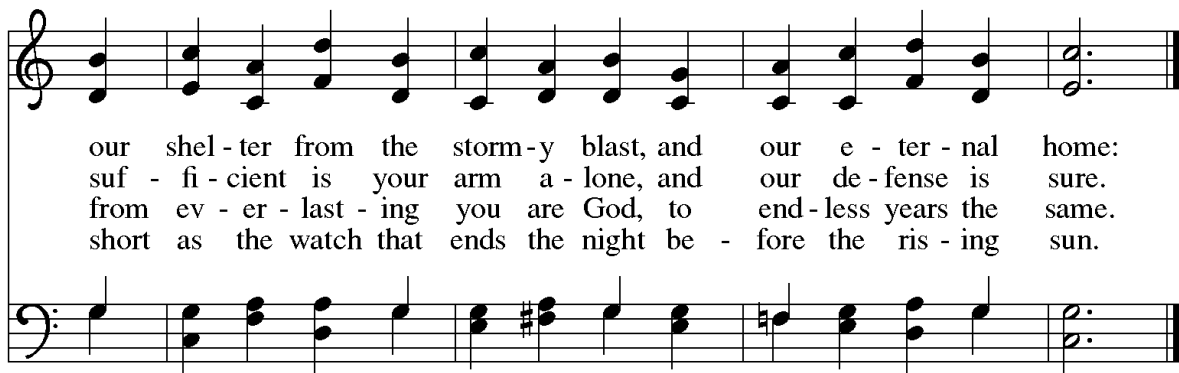
Stanza 2: Lower Voices (Tenor/Bass)

Stanza 4: Higher Voices (Soprano/Alto)

Stanza 5: Choir - setting by Donald Hinkle



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints

setting by Wilbur Held

*Please join us for coffee and conversation in the All Saints Room
immediately following worship.*

Sunday, November 3 - All Saints Sunday

Leaders in Today's Liturgy

Presiding and Preaching: Pr. Hans E. Becklin

Assisting Minister: Lisa Speece

Minister of Music: Karen S. Eddinger

Lector: Anna Litvinov

Communion Assistant: Amy Bornhofen

Acolyte: Danielle Smith

Greeters: Brooke & Eric Rosenbaum

Ushers: Amy Reinsel and Jeff & Pam Wasmuth

Media Team: Jacinda Motley and Kate Speece

Altar Guild: Anita Dolak, David Himes, Amy Reinsel, Amy Stewart-Himes, Avery Mazur, Raye Watson and Donna Osborne

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Sandra Sittler in recognition of and gratitude for 39 years of celebrating the Fall Festival of the Arts

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

Immediate Prayer Requests

Dick Evans, Darryl Jeffries, Nina Litvinov, Ed & Peg Coleman, and Dick Horst

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Beth Welz, Donna Osborne, Linda Motley, Chris Drayer, George Phelps, Harry Feinauer, Walter Schur, Christopher Brooks (friend of Nancy Everson), Deborah Lawton (aunt of Jessica Manning), Celia Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith), the Sawyer family, David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh), Christine Wells (friend of Jan Opalinski), Rev. Judy McKee (friend of Jan Opalinski) and Craig Poole

Trinity Households and Ministry Partners

Annie & Ed Harlin; Ann Harnish; Dick & Barbara Hartman; Matt Hayes; and Judith Hill; Christ Episcopal Church and Fr. Bryce Wandrey; the Common Ground Recovery Community, Pr. Tom Scornavacchi and Pr. Jayme Babczak; Trinity Lutheran Church in Wernersville, Pr. Julie Osterhout and Deacon Carol Koch

Attendance Sunday, October 27:

Attendance Wednesday, October 30: 9

Prepare for Worship November 10

Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8;

Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

Broadcast Schedule for this week on Comcast Channel 190

Sundays

6:00 PM "World Views" from Muhlenberg College:

Contemporary Quaker Tradition

6:30 PM Music From Trinity:
Jill Haley, oboe

7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

5:00 PM Music From Trinity:
Jill Haley, oboe

5:30 PM "World Views" from Muhlenberg College:

Contemporary Quaker Tradition

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.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, November 3 - All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Begins

9:00 AM: All Saints Room Dedication

(All Saints Room)

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

11:15 AM: Coffee & Conversation (All Saints Room)

11:15 AM: Mixed Ensemble Rehearsal (Bard House)

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

4:00 PM: FFA Organ Concert: A Few of My Favorite

Things with Karen Eddinger (Nave)

Monday, November 4

2:00 PM: Program Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 5 - Election Day

9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting

5:45 PM: Property Work Night

Wednesday, November 6

12:05 PM: Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

6:30 PM: Trinity Ringers (Nave)

7:30 PM: Trinity Choir Rehearsal (Hintz Room)

Thursday, November 7

7:00 PM: *Kristallnacht* Remembrance

(Christ Episcopal Church)

Sunday, November 10

9:00 AM: Sunday Forum (All Saints Room)

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

11:15 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)

11:15 AM: Mixed Ensemble Rehearsal (Bard House)

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

WE REMEMBER GOD'S SAINTS

We remember Trinity members who have joined
the Church Triumphant since last year's All Saints Sunday.



Beverly M. Wink (December 12, 2023)

Hermann F. Sonon (January 12, 2024)

Robert Reimer (March 6, 2024)

Blake Dautrich (March 27, 2024)

Sarah Finch Rothermel (May 20, 2024)

Jane K. Rehr (May 24, 2024)

Daniel R. Smith (August 6, 2024)

Walter Maier (October 16, 2024)

A Few of My Favorite Things with Karen Eddinger

TODAY | 4:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church

At the end of 2024, Trinity's Minister of Music, Karen Eddinger, will be retiring. She offers this musical gift, A Few of My Favorite Things, to express her gratitude to her congregation and the local music community for their support during her fifty years as a church musician.

Election Day Silent Prayer Vigil at Christ Episcopal Church

On **Tuesday, November 5 from 11 am until noon** our covenant partner invites us to a silent prayer vigil with no script or discussion, just silence in community. Attendees may come and go whenever they wish.

Cottage Meetings: Join Pastor Hans and Vestry Members to discuss Trinity's future!

Pr. Hans is guiding Trinity through a process to identify the Mission, Values, and Long-Term Goals of the congregation—a necessary step before moving on to identify new ministry opportunities.

Your input is very important!

The Cottage Meetings will consider the following questions:

What are the biggest challenges that Trinity is facing now (or will face in the near future)?

Why is Trinity facing these challenges?

What are the most promising, but unexplored, opportunities for growth and transformation?

What would you focus your time and attention on, if you were Pr. Hans?

What is your greatest prayer for our congregation?

The next two cottage meetings will take place on:

Monday, November 4th at 7 PM at the home of Erica Hofmann

Tuesday, November 12th at 7 PM in Trinity's Welcome Center, hosted by Amy Litvinov

Additional opportunities will be provided throughout the fall.

You may sign up for a slot in a Cottage Meeting using sign-up sheets on Sunday morning before or after worship. Alternatively, you may contact Rachel Gambone in Trinity's office: (610) 374-4861 or rgambone@trinityreading.org.

Sunday Forum in November

November 10th: Civic Life and Faith, Concluded. Join Pr. Hans as we digest the Election and place it in light of what we've learned in the ELCA's social statement on Civic Life and Faith.

November 17th: Dcs. Deborah presents on her sabbatical. Come to learn what a sabbatical is, what Dcs. Deborah was able to focus on during a structured time away, and what impacts she hopes this will have on her ministry at Trinity.

***Kristallnacht* Remembrance Service**

Circle of Light Vigil 6:30 PM; Remembrance Service 7:00 PM at Christ Episcopal Church

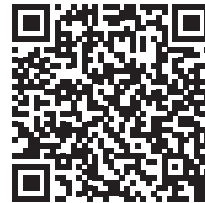
The annual *Kristallnacht* remembrance service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church on Thursday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m. This service offers a moment for us to join together with people of all faiths, honoring the memories of those affected by the tragic events of *Kristallnacht* in 1938, which marked a dark chapter in history.

As we gather, we not only reflect on the past but also reaffirm our commitment to peace, understanding, and mutual respect in our community. The service will include prayers, reflections, and music, offering a time to stand in solidarity and resilience against hatred and division.

Before the service, a Circle of Light outdoor vigil will be held at 6:30 p.m., allowing us to join in a candlelit tribute to honor those whose lives were lost or forever changed and standing united in remembrance and hope.

Time and Talent Survey

We invite you to complete Trinity's Time & Talent Survey. Please scan the QR code; it takes just a few minutes to complete.



Irving Berlin's White Christmas at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre

Thursday, January 2, 2025 - Served Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Show at 7:30 p.m.

Come travel with Trinity to Lancaster to see our own Megan Opalinski perform in this holiday musical based on the beloved movie. Veterans turned song-and-dance men Bob and Phil meet a sister duo and follow them to a Vermont inn. Here, they discover the inn is owned by their old Army General who fell on hard times. The four decide to put on a show in an effort to save the inn. Hear your favorites "Blue Skies," "Sisters," "Happy Holidays," and "White Christmas," and more!

The cost for the served dinner and show is \$78.00 which includes dinner, show, tax, and (a minimal) gratuity. Jan Opalinski will help with organizing carpooling (especially for those who do not like to drive at night.) Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. **Payment due by December 1.** (Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, earmarked: Dutch Apple Show.)

2024-2025 Wolfe Concert Series



Upon his passing, the Rändel Wolfe Concert Series was established as an on-going testimony to the musical gifts of Trinity's Director of Music and the Arts. With the passing and generous bequest of Trinity member and former Media Director Brian K. Trupp, the concert series has had the opportunity to cover the costs of the concerts and share the free-will offerings with partnering local non-profit organizations. These have included the LGBT Center of Reading, Centro Hispano, NAACP, Reading Musical Foundation, and the Salvation Army.

The 2024-2025 Wolfe Concert Series will feature:

Friday, December 20, 2024 - 7:00 p.m. - Ron Bellamy, handbell soloist accompanied by Linda Lorgus, piano - partnering with Family Promise

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 - 7:00 p.m. - Mardi Gras celebration with Let's Dance Big Band - partnering with Refresh Berks

Sunday, March 23, 2025 - 4:00 p.m. - Susquehanna University Choir, including Trinity member Rob Speece, under the direction of Dr. Amy Voorhees

Saturday, May 17 & Sunday, May 18 - 4:00 p.m. - Reading Musical Foundation Scholarship Winners

To continue hosting guest artists and supporting local non-profit organizations, we are inviting you to become a patron of the concert series. All patrons will be acknowledged in the programs of the 2024-2025 season. If you are interested in being a patron, please complete the form and your contribution to Trinity.

I support the 2024-2025 Wolfe Concert Series!

Name _____ Amount \$ _____
(as you would like it to appear in the program)

Please write "Wolfe Concert Series" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

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