

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.*

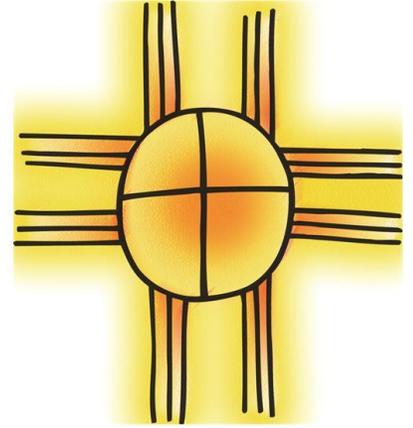
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Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

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**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.** *You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .*

- *just as you are, created by God.*
- *whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.*
- *wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.*
- *whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.*

*You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us.*

**You are welcome here!**

*The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing.  
Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

## ✝ THE SERVICE ✝

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Let Us Break Bread*

Charles Callahan b. 1951

### ✝ GATHERING ✝

*(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)*

#### ↑ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Eternal God our creator,

**in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands.**

**Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ✝ forgives you all your sins.  
**Amen.**

## ↑ GATHERING

*Now the Silence*

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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

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*This is the feast of victory for our God.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia. (repeat)*

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. (refrain)*
- 2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (refrain)*
- 3. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (refrain)*

## ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ↓ BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*Following the Backpack Blessing, parents of children who are six or younger are welcome to take their children to child-care and retrieve them for communion. (10:30 worship service only)*

✝ WORD ✝

## ↓ FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,

<sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,

<sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,

and walk in the way of insight.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

↓ **Psalm 34:9-14**

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,  
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.**

<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;  
I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**Who among you takes plea- | sure in life  
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?**

<sup>13</sup>Keep your | tongue from evil  
and your lips from | lying words.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil | and do good;  
seek peace | and pursue it.**

↓ **SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 5:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*

*You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

↑ **GOSPEL**

**John 6: 51-58**

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

<sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

## ↓SERMON

## ↑HYMN

*Here Is Bread*

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## ↑ APOSTLES' CREED

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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

*(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)*

Prayer Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

**Congregation: hear our prayer**

## ✠ MEAL ✠

## ↑SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

## ↓OFFERING

Geoff Burnaford, Gunther Hofmann, John Kofranek

## ↑PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #885

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

## ↑ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## ↑ PREFACE FOR THE DAY

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## ↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest,***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

## ↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### ↑ LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## ↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

## ↓ DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. Dip the bread into the cup (intinction). Gluten-free wafers and a gluten free common cup are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host. If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

↓ LAMB OF GOD

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*Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

↓ Distribution

*I Am the Bread of Life*

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↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Jesus Christ, host of this meal,

**you have given us not only this bread and cup,**

**but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

↑ BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

↑ HYMN

*In Thee Is Gladness*

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↑ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**Thanks be to God.**

↓ POSTLUDE

*Now the Silence*

arr. Charles W. Ore b. 1936

*Many worshippers choose to stay in the sanctuary to listen to the musical postlude (3-4 minutes).*