



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.

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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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 parent.*

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Eventide (Abide with Me)

Mark Sedio b.1954

✠ GATHERING ✠

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

↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.

↑ HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

#669

↑ 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

Page 4-5 (hymnal insert)

Refrain:

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom: praise and glory forevermore!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. (refrain)

2. Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. (refrain)

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. (refrain)

↓ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus,

gentle and humble of heart, full of compassion and maker of peace,
you lived in poverty and suffered persecution for the cause of justice.

You chose the Cross as the path to glory to show us the way of salvation.

May we receive the word of the Gospel joyfully and live by your example as heirs and citizens of your kingdom. Amen.

↓ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the Children's Message, 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

Micah 6:6-8

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↑ **GOSPEL VERSE**

Alleluia

Page 8 (hymnal insert)

*Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!*

↑ **GOSPEL**

Matthew 16: 24-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ **SERMON**

↓ **HYMN**

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

#818

↑ **APOSTLES' CREED**

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Let us profess our faith in the words of the 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**

(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.

↓ OFFERING

In Remembrance of Me

MaryKay Wentz, Anita Burnaford and friends

↑ HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

Pg. 10 (hymnal insert)

Refrain:

***As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
So may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.***

***As this cup of blessing once shared within our midst
may we share the presence of your love
(refrain)***

***Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares within your love.
(refrain)***

↑ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God:

You made us and everything else. You set the table and provide for our every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. Help us to eat and drink with thanksgiving. Fill us with the love you have for us and for others. As we receive Jesus in this meal, make us to be as Jesus in the world. Amen.

↑ THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

↑ **PREFACE FOR THE DAY**

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Page 11-12 (hymnal insert)

Holy, holy, holy are you. God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

↑ **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Page 12 (hymnal insert)

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal 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. 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.

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. A - men.

↑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 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

In this special meal, Jesus is with us – feeding us, loving us, forgiving us, and asking us to do the same for the people around us and around the world.

Welcome to Jesus' table! Enjoy this meal that strengthens us to live as Jesus did!

Thanks be to God!

↓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

Page 14 (hymnal insert)

1 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us

2 Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear;

have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us

3 Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:

have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us

4 Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love;

have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us

5 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

↓ Distribution Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

#697

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.

Amen.

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Life-giving God,

in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

↑ BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

↑ HYMN

We Are Called

#720

↑ DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ. Go now; fed and forgiven, to be the good news for the world.

Thanks be to God.

↓ POSTLUDE

Chesterfield

Charles Callahan b. 1951

(The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve)