



# 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.*

## The Garden of Eden September 8, 2019

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God created a man from dust—from an earth that was yet incomplete.  
 God created woman as a partner. From the first moment of creation we were created to be in  
 relationship—with God and with others.

**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

*Toa-Sia* Pi-po melody, from Taiwanese Seng-si  
(*God Created Heaven and Earth*) setting, Barbara Harbach

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

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

### ↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Creator God,

**We have given you so many reasons to grieve. We disrespect your creation. We long for personal glory, material riches and other things which don't last. We mistreat ourselves and each other. We forget the power of your promises. We ask your forgiveness, counting on your never-failing mercy, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

God's covenant is eternal and the promise is trustworthy: you are forgiven and belong to communion of saints forever. Rejoice and be glad. **Amen.**

### ↑ HYMN

***Touch the Earth Lightly***

**#739**

### ↑ 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.**

### ↑ KYRIE

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*In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

***Lord, have mercy.***

*For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

***Lord, have mercy.***

*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 mercy.***

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

***Lord, have mercy.***

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

***A-men.***

## ↑HYMN OF PRAISE

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

***Alleluia, Alleluia.***

- 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)***

***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, al-le-lu-ia.***

## ↓PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Creator God,

**You have given us every good thing on earth: all that we need to live, thrive and enjoy this life. Fill us with gratitude for the advantaged position in which we find ourselves, that we might use our powers in service toward you. In Jesus' our savior's name we pray, 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 ✠

## ↓READING

**Genesis 2:4b-25**

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord GOD made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up — for the Lord GOD had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; <sup>6</sup>but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground — <sup>7</sup>then the Lord GOD formed man from the dust of the ground, and

breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord GOD planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup>Out of the ground the Lord GOD made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup>A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. <sup>11</sup>The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; <sup>12</sup>and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. <sup>13</sup>The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup>The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup>The Lord GOD took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord GOD commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>18</sup>Then the Lord GOD said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the Lord GOD formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the Lord GOD had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.***

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

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

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*Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**↑GOSPEL**

Mark 1:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**↓SERMON**

**↓HYMN**

*There in God's Garden*

**#342**

**↑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

*You Know Better Than I*  
Talia and Liam Young Skeen

J. Campbell

## ↑PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn

***We Give Thee but Thine Own***

**#686 v1-2**

- 1 We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.***
- 2 May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our firstfruits give.***

## ↑OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**All that we have and all that we are, O Lord, is given by and belongs to you. We offer ourselves and our lives as living testament to your goodness, and seek to live out your love on this earth which we inhabit. Accept these gifts we bring, an offering of ourselves to the one without whom we could not exist. 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, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, 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 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

As the grapes and grains which make this meal have come from earth, so we have also emerged according to our creator's will. Now gather us in the company of our sisters and brothers to be fed, filled, and sent far and wide to proclaim your gospel to a world which needs it. Let us join in the feast!

**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

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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 Music

*Let All Things Now Living*

#881

### ↑ 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.

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ✠ SENDING ✠

### ↑BLESSING

**May God bring you in peace and joy to fullness of life in Christ and call you to the waters of baptism ✠ and may the Holy Spirit strengthen you in your calling to live out the Gospel each and every day.**

### ↑HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

#856

### ↑DISMISSAL

Water washed and Spirit born, go now, sharing the good news of your life with Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ↓POSTLUDE

*Prelude on Tokyo*  
*(Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather)*

setting, Philip Jones