

Trinity Church



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025

ABOUT TRINITY

Trinity Lutheran Church is a diverse Christian community committed to sharing and teaching the Word of God. We welcome all people and serve to provide Christian education, witness and outreach. In response to God's grace, we are called to support and advocate for our dynamic community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and steward the gifts we have been given by God.

Our Values:

Love + Community + Inclusion + Service + Creativity + Faithfulness + Learning

INFORMATION FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING

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THEMES OF THIS SUNDAY

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

Please silence your cell phone before worship begins.

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Elegy

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

WELCOME

OPENING RESPONSE, ACS 1012

The cantor will sing through the response once, and then the congregation will join and sing it twice, seated.

To you all hearts are o - pen, to

you all de - sires known. To you there are no

se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you.

Please stand for the

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

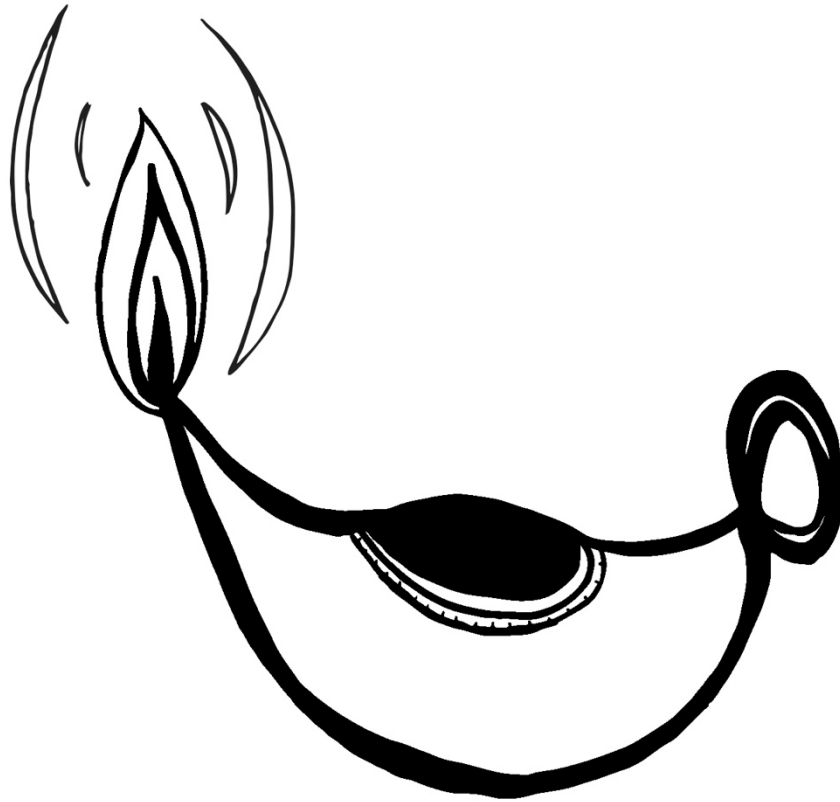
C **you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.**

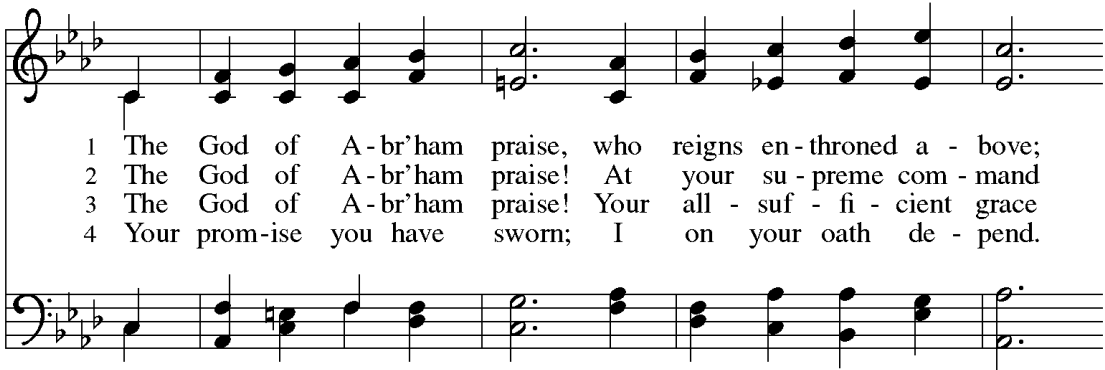
Amen.

P You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

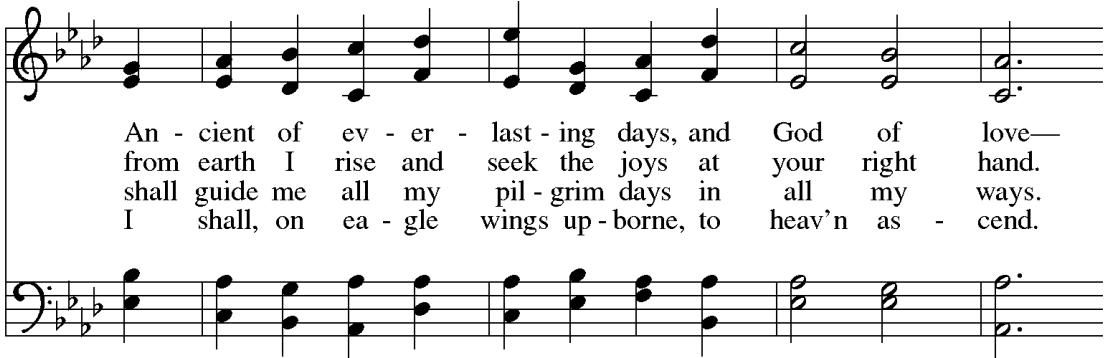
C **Amen.**



GATHERING HYMN, ELW 831



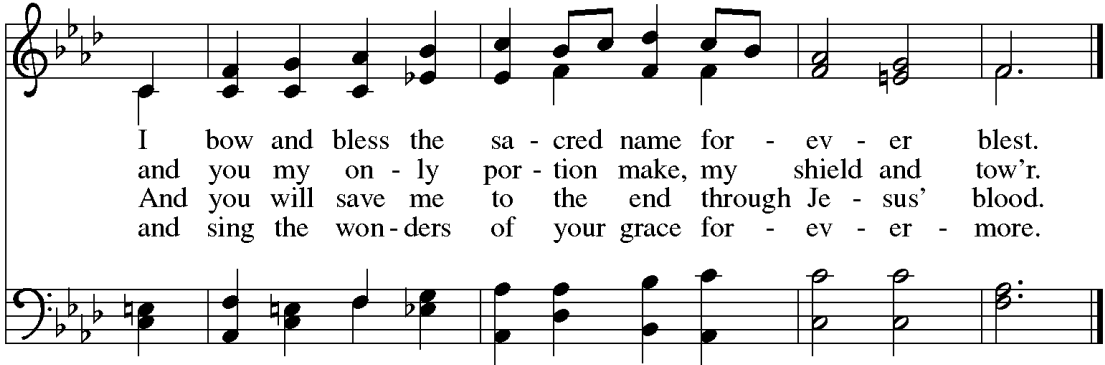
1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all-suf-fi-cient grace
 4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de-pend.



An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days, and God of love—
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
 shall guide me all my pil-grim days in all my ways.
 I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, to heav'n as-cend.



"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con-fessed;
 I all on earth for-sake—its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r—
 You deign to call me friend; you call your-self my God!
 I shall be-hold your face; I shall your pow'r a-dore,



I bow and bless the sa-cred name for-ev-er blest.
 and you my on-ly por-tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 And you will save me to the end through Je-sus' blood.
 and sing the won-ders of your grace for-ev-er-more.

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799, alt., based on the *Yigdal*, c. 14th cent.
 Music: Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751-1797

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry be to God in hea - ven, songs of joy and
peace we bring, thank - ful hearts and voi - ces
rais - ing, to cre - a - tion's Lord we sing:
Lord, we thank you, Lord, we bless you,
glo - ry be to God our King.

Tune: Lauda Anima

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, READING, PREACHING AND SONG

FIRST READING, GENESIS 15:1-6

L A reading from Genesis.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22

The cantor chants the non-bold verses; the congregation joins on the bold verses.



¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

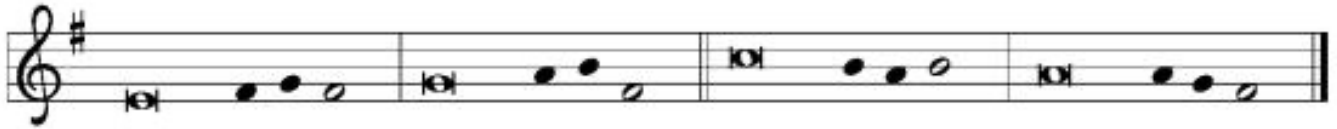
¹³ The LORD looks | down from heaven,
and sees all | humankind.

**¹⁴ God sits firmly en- | throned and watches
all who dwell | on the earth.**

**15 God fashions | all their hearts
and observes | all their deeds.**

¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷ The horse gives vain | hope for victory;
despite its great strength it | cannot save.



- ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,
¹⁹ to deliver their | lives from death,
and to keep them alive in | time of famine.
²⁰ Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,
our helper | and our shield.
²¹ Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.
²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you.

SECOND READING, HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

L A reading from Hebrews.

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered himself faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand for the

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

All repeat the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL READING, LUKE 12:32-40

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HOMILY

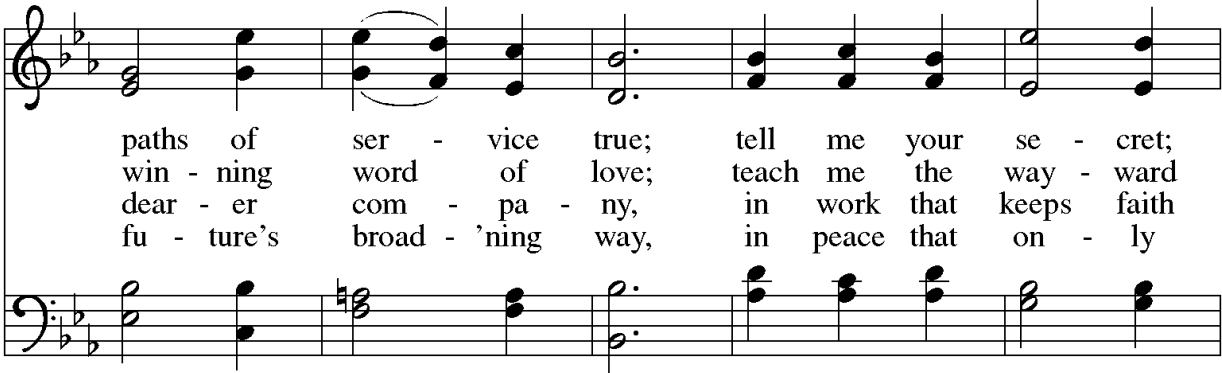
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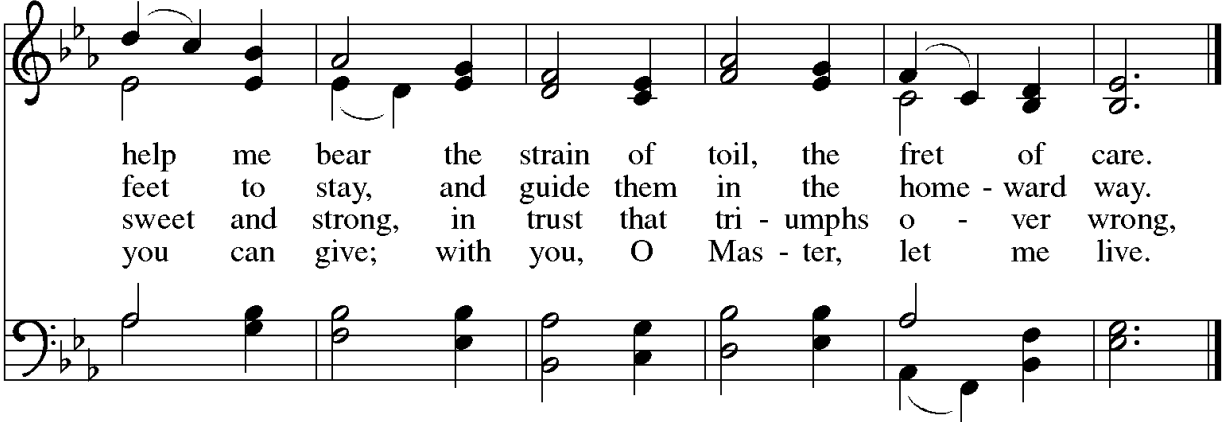
HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW 818



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.

Music: H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C 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

The assisting minister leads our prayers. You are invited to respond to each petition as follows:

AGod of grace,
C Receive our prayer.

At the end of the prayers, the pastor says

P Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C Amen.

PEACE

We greet one another with the peace and love of Jesus Christ.

P The peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

Please be seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see this week's "Trinity Times" for announcements.

NOISY OFFERING

In addition to our regular offering, every second Sunday we collect coins and bills to benefit Feeding with TLC. If you wish to give online, please scan the QR code below and specify your gift for the feeding ministry.

OFFERING

The offering collected this Sunday supports the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. Our inclusive congregation has special commitments to the arts, addressing hunger and poverty in our community, and Christian education. Help us bring the healing love of God into the world by donating generously. To give online, scan the QR code.



ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Eternal Life

Olive Dungan
(1903-1997)

Leanne Surace, soprano

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pard'ning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Please stand for the

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING, ELW 721

Good -ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is

ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931
Music: John L. Bell, b. 1949

OFFERING PRAYER

- A Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C **Amen.**

MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

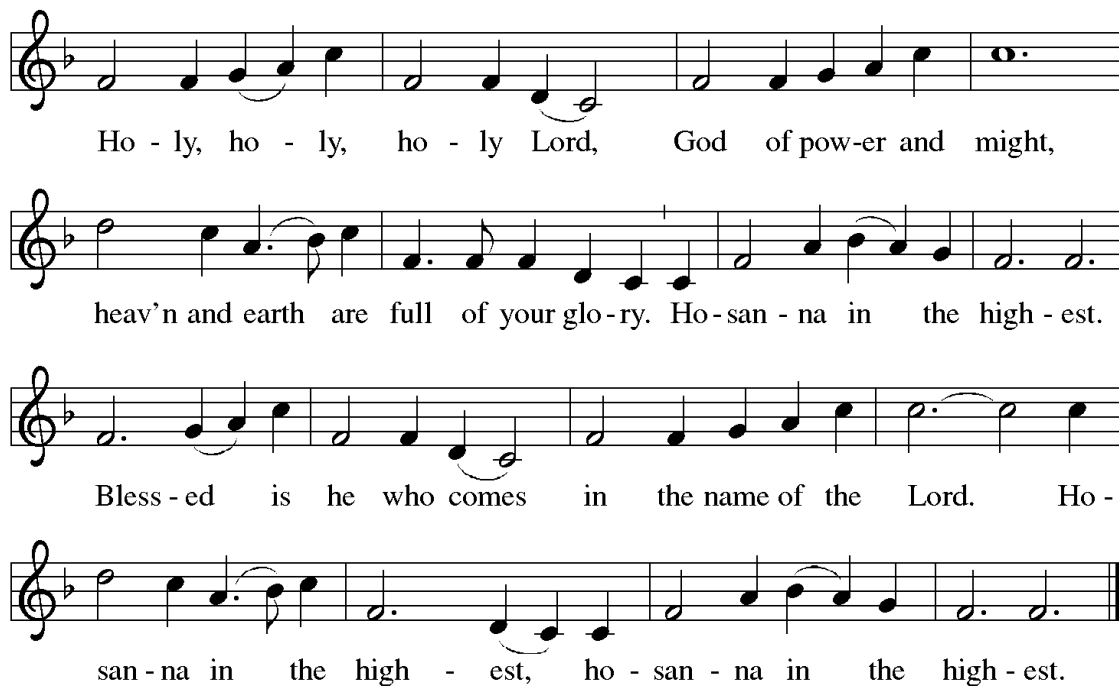
- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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:

All sing the

SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, so that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
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.

Again, 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **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

P The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace. We commune today at the kneelers at the front row of pews. Come forward to the kneeler closest to you via the center aisle, as indicated by the usher. You will receive the host from the pastor and wine or grape juice from the assistant. You may leave your used cup in the white bowls at the start of the side aisles as you return to your seats.

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Music: *ELW Setting Ten*

COMMUNION HYMN, ACS 949



- 1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
 2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.
 Music: William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

Please stand for the

TABLE BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ ✝ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Nurturing God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

BLESSING

P The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit

✝ bless you and give you peace.

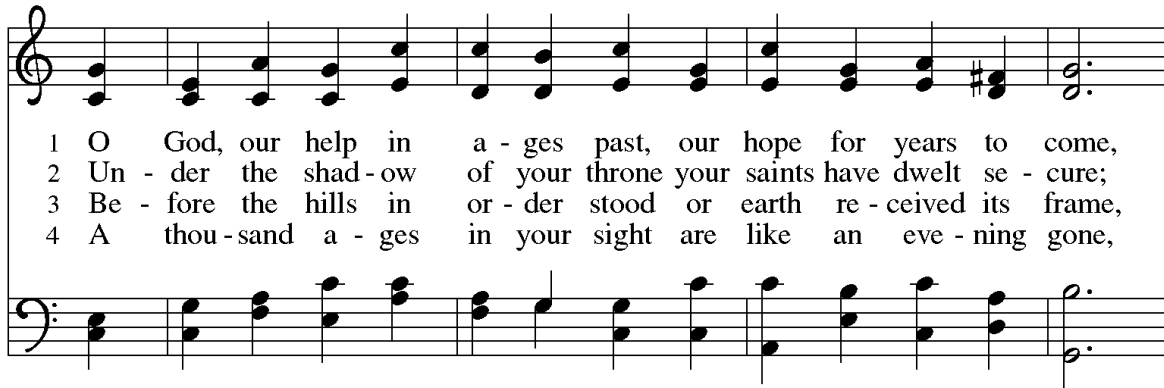
C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN, ELW 632

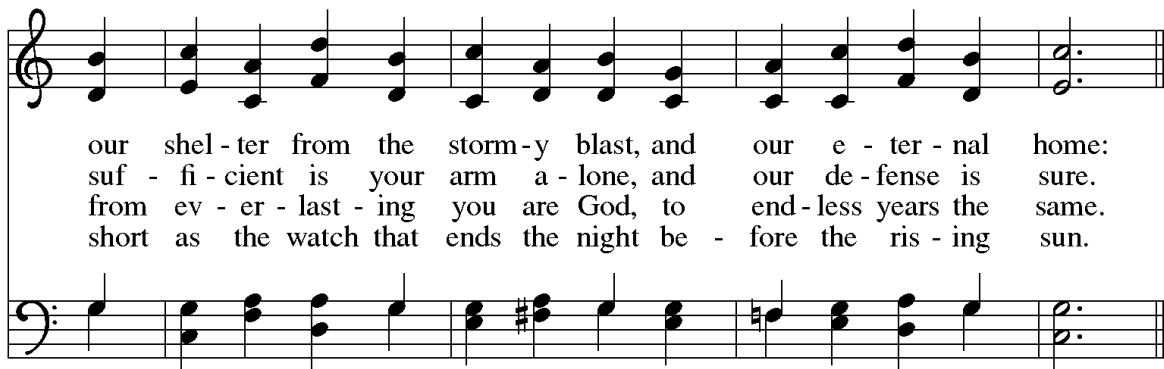
Stanzas 1, 4, 5 & 6 – All

Stanza 2 – Lower Voices

Stanza 3 – Upper Voices



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: William Croft, 1678-1727

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata no. 1 in C Major

Michaelangelo Rossi
 (1601-1656)

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS SUNDAY

<i>Preacher & Presider</i>	<i>Rev. Teddy Otobo-Sheriff</i>
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Marcia Lyles</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Kim Ryan</i>
<i>Director of Music & Organist</i>	<i>Trent Whisenant</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Thimme Family & Bill Cochran</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Luann Marti & Jeanne Brown</i>
<i>Livestream Technician</i>	<i>Peyton Bloom</i>

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR OUR PRAYERS ~ Please contact us with names to be added or removed.

Rita Fowler, Josie Honus, David Dowling, Tim Pranschke, Jörg and Madeline Dreusicke, the family and friends of RT Pranschke, Jasmine Drake, Joanna Smith, Perry Summerford, Denise Melious, Maria Alvarez Castro, Friends and Family of Phillip Herbst, Angel Luis Rios, Marlies Meyer, Glen Danischewski, Ronnie Bero, Sabina Baker, Mary Bruno, Pennington Family, Carmen Cognetta, Deacon Margaret Ann O'Donnell, Vincent Somma, Migdalia Jimenez, Laura Lupo, Jessica Desens, Edith Piazza, Alice Evensen, Sean C. Sweeney, Janet A. Cleary, George Turner, Christopher Jarrett, Meah Guzman, Carmen Aponte, and James Ciccolella.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Joshua Lentini, Sgt George E Turner, US Army, Sgt Brendan Jocsak, and the US Marines.

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