

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of the Holy Trinity**

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**Sunday, July 28, 2024
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Let us prepare for Worship.

GATHERING PRELUDE:

Joyous Light (Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken) Marilyn Biery
Praise Ye the Lord (the VBS Crew) CJ and Friends

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The congregation stands. †All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Have mercy, O God,

**All: against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

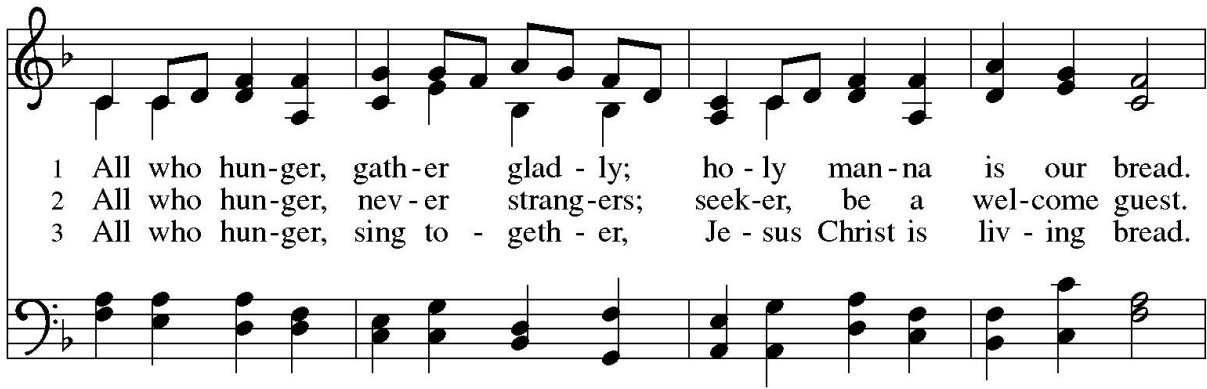
P: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.

As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you,
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven.

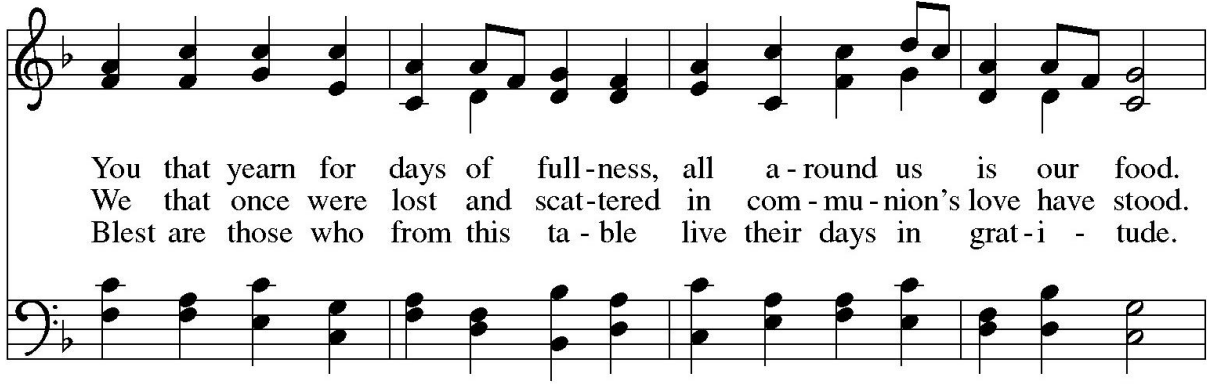
All: Amen.



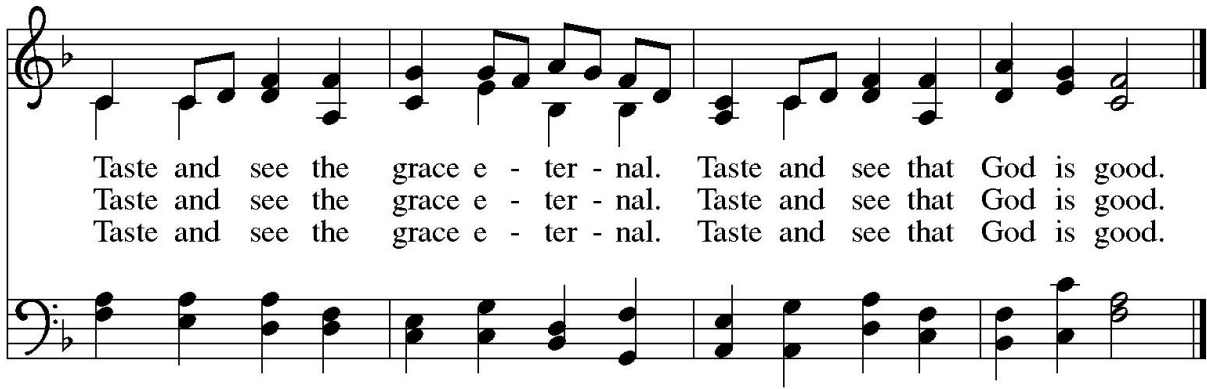
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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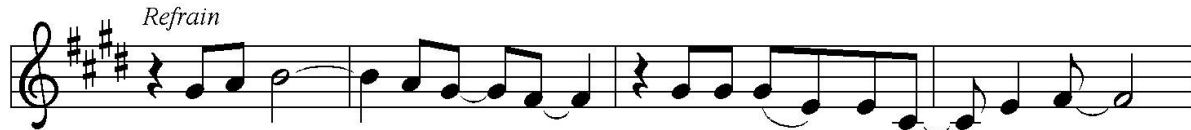
GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

KYRIE:


Refrain




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory to God*

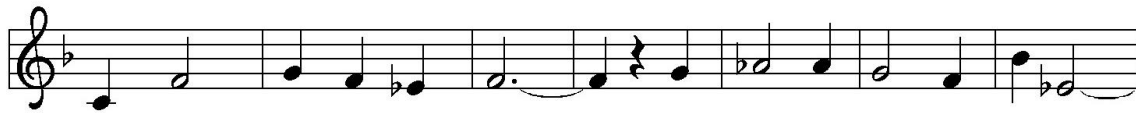
Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



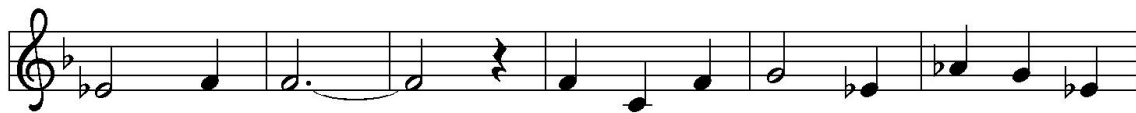
for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



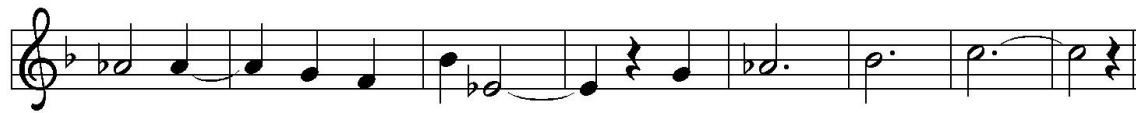
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Psalm 145:10-18 (*Congregation reads the bold verses*)

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

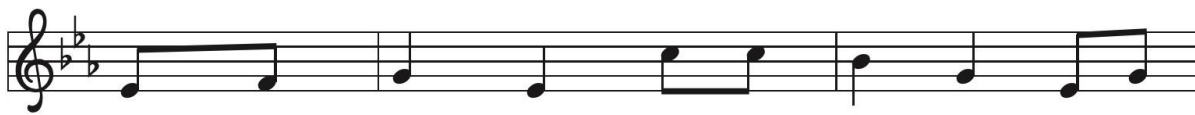
¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

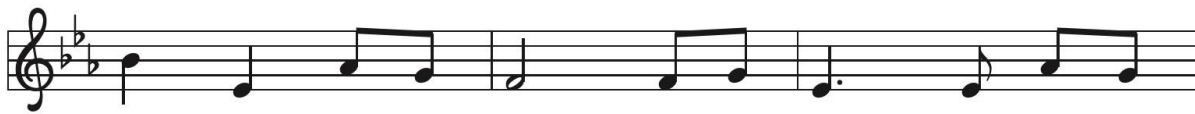
SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Loaves Were Broken, Words Were SpokenACS 966



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

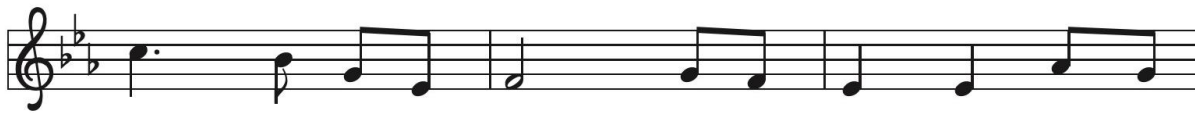


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please respond after each petition.

P: In Your mercy,
All: **hear our prayer.**

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The presiding minister and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: **And also with you.**

TABLE SETTING SONG: *We Come to the Hungry Feast*..... **ELW 479**
(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER:

A: Let us pray . . . Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
All: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

PREFACE

P: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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

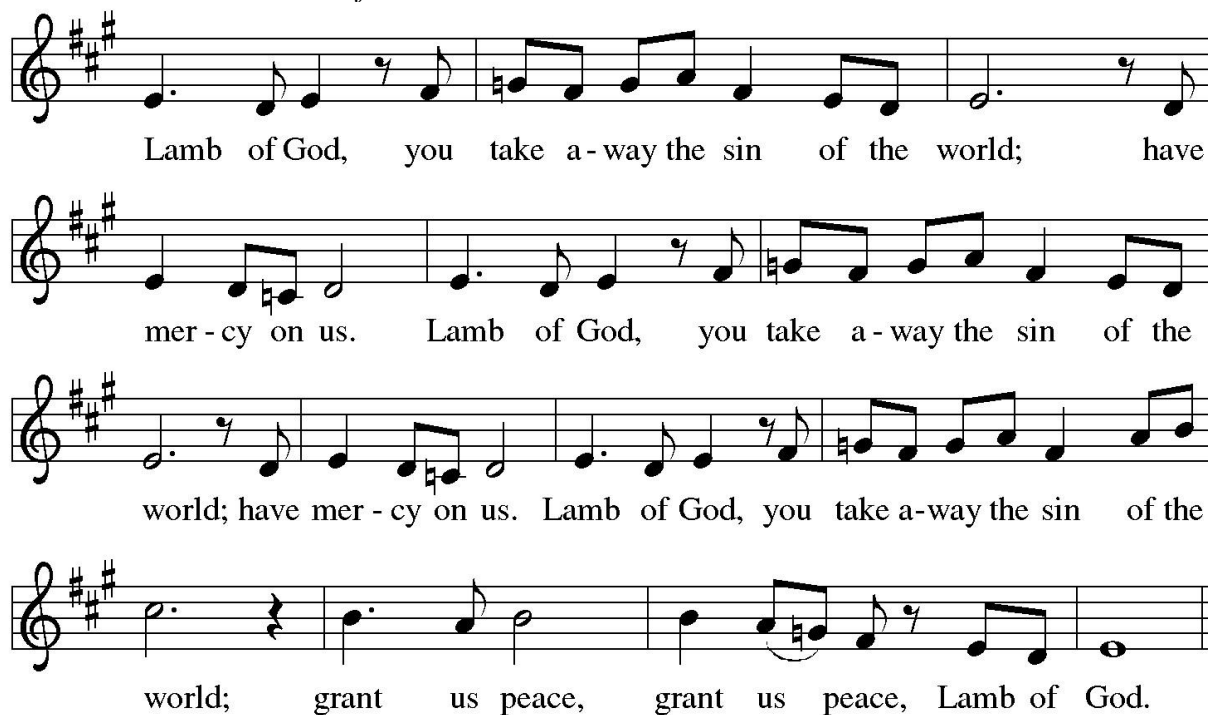
LORD'S PRAYER

**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: Taste and see that the Lord is good.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION SONG: *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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* ELW 484
(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray . . . Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
All: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in ✠ Christ Jesus.
All: Amen.

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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 Music: BUNESSÁN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Jig on "Praise and Thanksgiving"* John A. Behnke

FLOWERS AND BULLETIN IN THE CHURCH

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Henry Ruhl by Kendra Ruhl. The bulletin is sponsored in memory of Matthew Bianchi (February 27, 1986-July 28, 2012) by Susan Bianchi, his Mama.

SERVING TODAY

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Dear Lord Jesus, When You walked upon this earth, You healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, caused the lame to walk, and raised the dead. Now we come to You in behalf of those who are in need today and pray that You would send them Your healing power. Hear our prayer for Your name's sake. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Prayer Concerns: Roberta Anderson, Jim Bomberger (friend of Jim and Peg Huebner), Carole Bowman, Dennis Buchanan (Mary Ann Kelly's cousin), Bruce Bunting (brother of Susan Bianchi), Lou Bushman (friend of Linda Ott), Eric Chubb (brother-in-law of Susan Bianchi), Kinleigh Connelly (friend of the Eby family), Donna Dixon, Suzy Epler, Bill Fosnacht, Janice Geiling, Mike Hamilton (friend of Kendra Ruhl and Steve Shuey), Bonnie Hess (friend of the Weavers), Glenn Hoffa, Ben Housman (husband of Anita Housman), Mary Huebner, Luke Kauffman (relative of Pastor Brommer), Marilyn Keeler (Jonathan Keeler's mother), Nancy Miller, Chip Murray, Sharon Murray, Dona Pastuck, Tony Primerano (friend of Steve Shuey), Tom Rieger, Chris Ruff, Georgie Sibert, Pete Stone, Bob Warden (friend of Mary Ann Kelly), and Mike Welty.

DAILY PRAYERS

Alex Chubb, Elaine Chubb, Theo Epitropoulos, Virginia Frank, Drew Herdson (friend of the Dunhams), Jennifer Johnson (cousin of Derek Dunham), Dennis Lubold, Ed Schaeffer, Irene Turzai, Melissa West (friend of Susan Bianchi), Vwawa Congregation of the Konde Diocese in Tanzania and all of our Homebound members.

Members of Armed Forces and their families: Evan Briggs, Marshal Fox, Michael Kristian, Riley Litman, Patrick Stewart, Tory Young

We invite you to pray for all on our prayer list. Please contact the office by email at htluth@comcast.net or leave a message on the office phone (717-533-2467) if you have any changes to the prayer list.

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Thank you for joining us for worship today in-person and through livestreaming.

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We invite all people, as well as young children who are not yet receiving the Sacrament to come forward and receive a blessing.

Please ask the Pastor if you need a gluten free option. At Holy Trinity

Lutheran Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. Thus, we believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine. At his table Christ grants us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. *May your hearts be opened, and your lives made new by his gracious love.* Please give your completed communion card to the usher during communion.

Holy Communion distribution today: The usher will guide you down the center aisle. Prepackaged Communion elements with grape juice are available on the small table. If your preference is regular wine or non-alcoholic wine, take a cup from the silver trays. Proceed to the Pastor to receive a wafer or have the prepackaged elements blessed. Proceed to the rail where there will be an assistant on either side with regular wine. There will also be one assistant with non-alcoholic wine. Stand or kneel as you are able and remain at the rail for as long as you desire.

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Love INC Sneaker Drive & Distribution- Sneaker collection for the 11th Annual Lace Up with Love INC Sneaker Drive will run through July 31st. Donate new, name-brand athletic sneakers to area students in need. Donations will be accepted at Holy Trinity and the Love INC office, 245 E. Derry Road, Hershey. Distribution of sneakers to qualifying school-aged students in Derry Township and Lower Dauphin school districts will be August 1-3, by appointment only. Call (717)835-0101 to register or volunteer. A collection bin has been placed in the main vestibule. A list of requested sizes is available on the bulletin board above the collection bin.

Altar flowers are a beautiful way to support our weekly worship service. We currently are seeking sponsors for several dates this fall. Please contact the church office for more information if you'd like to sponsor the altar flowers on September 8th or September 29th.

Please send articles and announcements for the Newsletter to Anita Housman, our Communications/IT Specialist. Please send articles to her at aahousman2@gmail.com. She is always gathering announcements and articles for the monthly newsletter. Just a reminder – submit articles for the newsletter by the 15th of the month.

Readers, Greeters and Flower Deliverers for August and September are needed to greet people as they come into church and deliver flowers after the service on Sunday. Readers are needed to read the 1st and 2nd reading and the Psalm. The lists are available on the bulletin board. Please sign up today or contact the church office if you would like to volunteer.



It's Time to Make School Kits! We are collecting items for school kits. Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. Lutheran World Relief School Kits contain essential supplies to help children, and in some cases, adults, continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. Holy Trinity will supply the backpacks and we need your help to provide the supplies to go inside. Several stores in the area will have school supplies on sale soon or you can order supplies online. Please bring your items to the **collection site in the Narthex** or put the following items into a plastic bag and drop them off in the bin on the back porch of the office.

You can also support the project by making a monetary donation. Make your check payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and write "school kits" on the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the office, put in the offering or put through the mail slot by the front door of the office. Thank you for your generosity!

Items needed for each School Kit:(LWR is very specific, so please no substitutions)

- ☒ Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- ☒ One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ☒ One pencil sharpener
- ☒ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ☒ Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- ☒ Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- ☒ One box of 16 or 24 crayons (Crayola brand is preferred because they don't melt as easily)
- ☒ One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long