



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

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Luke, the Evangelist Sunday, October 18, 2026

From the visit of Mary to Elizabeth's house; through the visits of Jesus to Zacchaeus's house, Mary and Martha's house, and Levi's house; to the visit of the risen Christ to Cleopas's house, Luke's gospel is a story of God's hospitality. God is guest and host, and Jesus' meal fellowship is a proclamation of God's inner circle of outsiders, a gathering not of the righteous but of those who have received God's mercy.

GATHERING

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

Music welcomes us, draws us into an attitude of prayer and praise, and sets a tone for worship that God is present. Let us prepare for Worship!

GATHERING PRELUDE:

Fugato on "KUORTANE" (By All Your Saints)..... Mark Sedio
There Is a Longing in Our Hearts (Sanctuary Choir) Anne Quigley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

✠All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

All: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

All: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

All: Amen.



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
 2 For Luke, be - lov'd phy - si - cian, all praise, whose gos - pel shows
 3 Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!
 the heal - er of the na - tions, the one who shares our woes.
 and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown
 Your wine and oil, O Sav - ior, up - on our spir - its pour,
 till all the ran-somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.
 and with true balm of Gil - ead a - noint us ev - er - more.
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone.

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823–1913, alt.
 Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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.

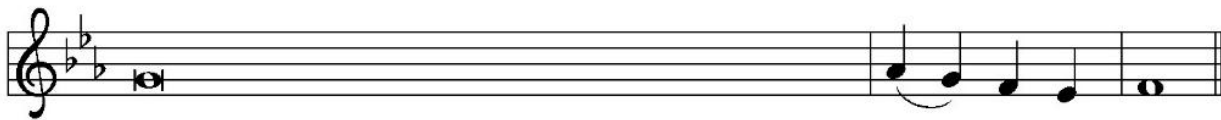
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



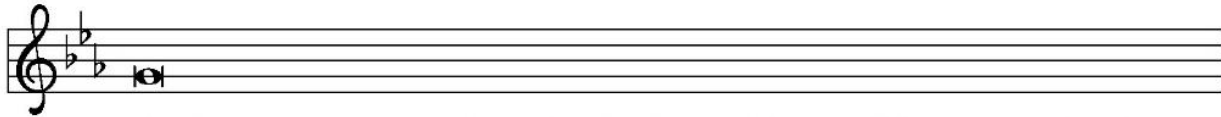
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



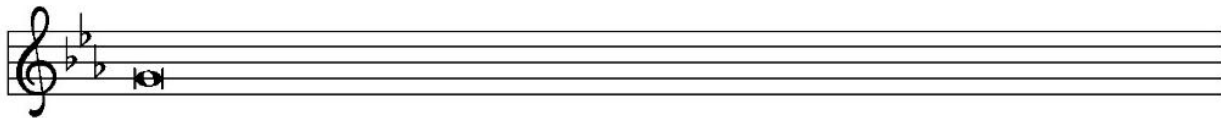
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast*

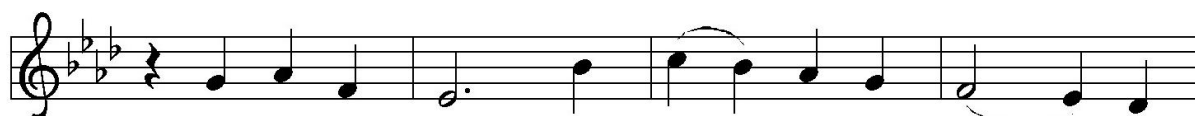
Refrain



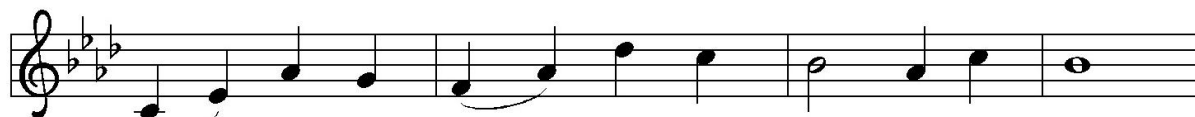
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



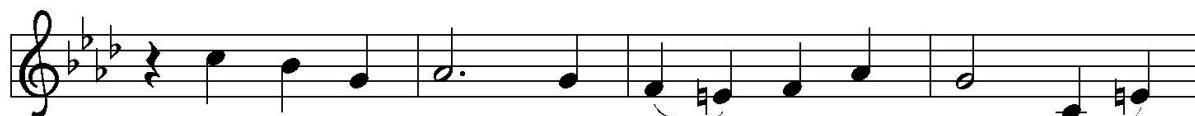
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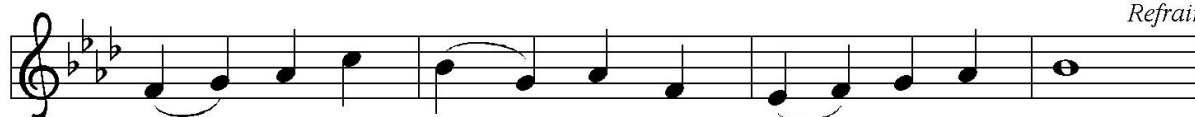
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The congregation sits.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:8-13

Set in the framework of a court of law, this poem describes God calling Israel to the witness stand to testify to the fact that God alone is the true God.

⁸ Bring forth the people who are blind yet have eyes,
who are deaf yet have ears!

⁹ Let all the nations gather together,
and let the peoples assemble.

Who among them declared this
and foretold to us the former things?

Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,
and let them hear and say, "It is true."

¹⁰ You are my witnesses, says the LORD,
and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.

¹¹ I, I am the LORD,
and besides me there is no savior.

¹² I am the one who declared and saved and proclaimed,
not some strange god among you;
you are my witnesses, says the LORD, and I am God.

¹³ Indeed, since that day I am he;
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;
I work, and who can hinder it?

L: Word of God, word of life.

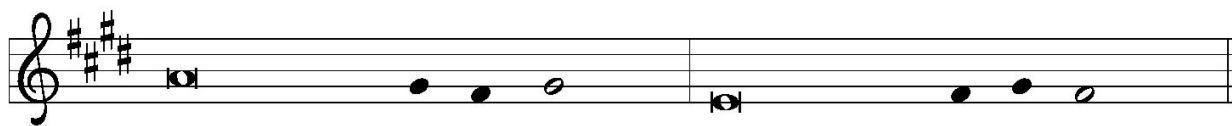
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124 (*Congregation sings the refrain and the **bold** verses.*)

Refrain:



Verse:



- ¹ If the LORD had not been | on our side,
let Isra- | el now say;
² **if the LORD had not been | on our side,**
when enemies rose | up against us,
³ then would they have swallowed us | up alive
in their fierce | anger toward us;
⁴ **then would the waters have | overwhelmed us**
and the torrent gone | over us;
⁵ then would the | raging waters
have gone right | over us.
⁶ **Blessed | be the LORD**
who has not given us over to be a prey | for their teeth. R
⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare | of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we | have escaped.
⁸ **Our help is in the name | of the LORD,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth. R

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:5-11

Knowing that death draws near, Paul, a prisoner in Rome, closes his letter to Timothy in a way that exemplifies how Christians face death: thankful for the grace to finish the race and trusting in the final blessing that awaits him in Christ.

[The apostle writes:] ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹ Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰ for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me in ministry.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia*

Refrain:



How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who an- | nounces
peace, * who brings good news, who announc- | es salvation.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

These introductory and concluding verses of Luke's gospel provide us with the reason he is writing: so that we might know the truth about Jesus Christ who, in his suffering, death, and resurrection, fulfilled the ancient promises of God.

¹ Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled among us,
² just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of
the word, ³ I, too, decided, as one having a grasp of everything from the start, to write a well-ordered
account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may have a firm grasp of the words in which
you have been instructed.

^{24:44} [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I
was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms
must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them,
“Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that
repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from
Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father
promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was
blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and
returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

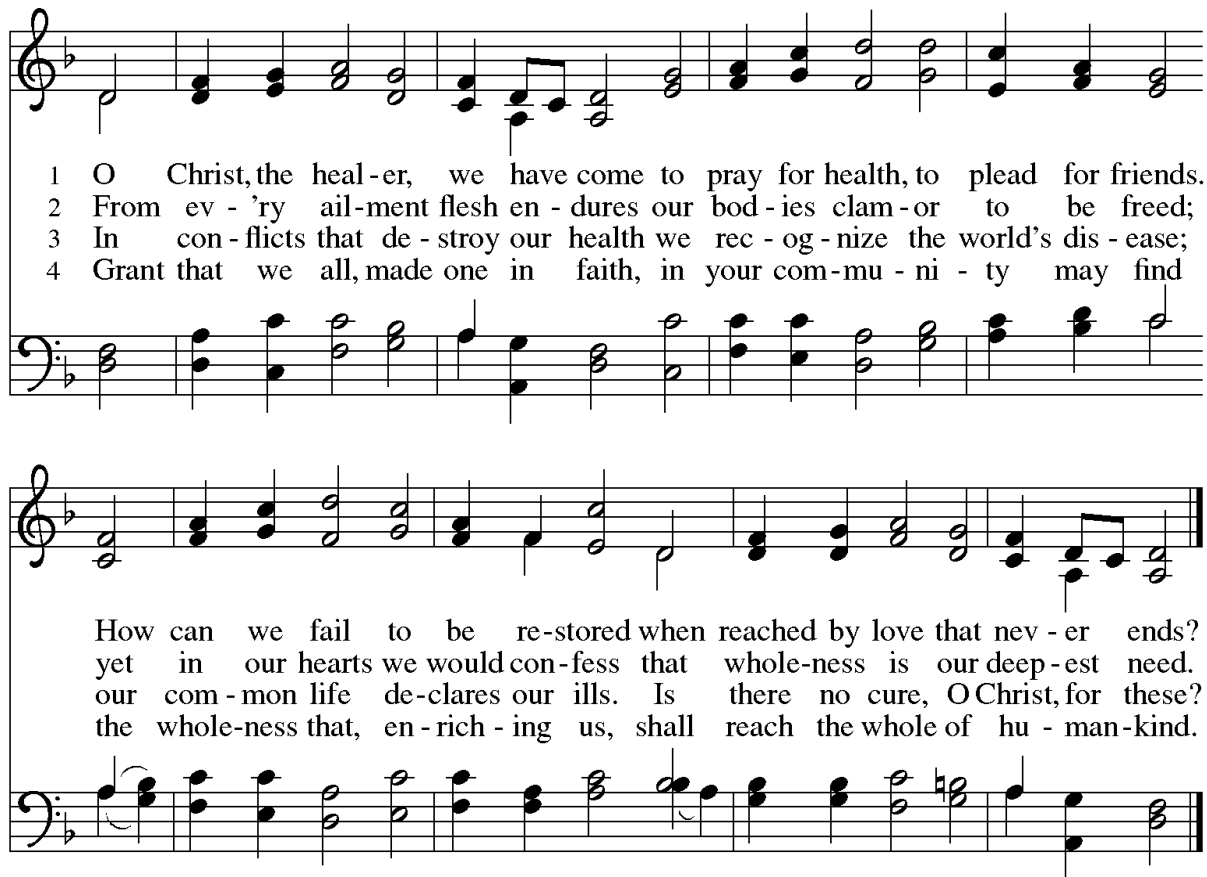
The congregation sits.

SERMON

Silence is kept for reflection.

The congregation stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come* **ELW 610**



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find

How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de-clar-es our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary**

and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The congregation sits.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Hear us O God,
All: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
All: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry at Holy Trinity. While we are now passing offering plates during the service, you may still place your offering in the offering plates located at the entrance to the sanctuary or in the narthex. Or, you may make your offering online by scanning the QR code..



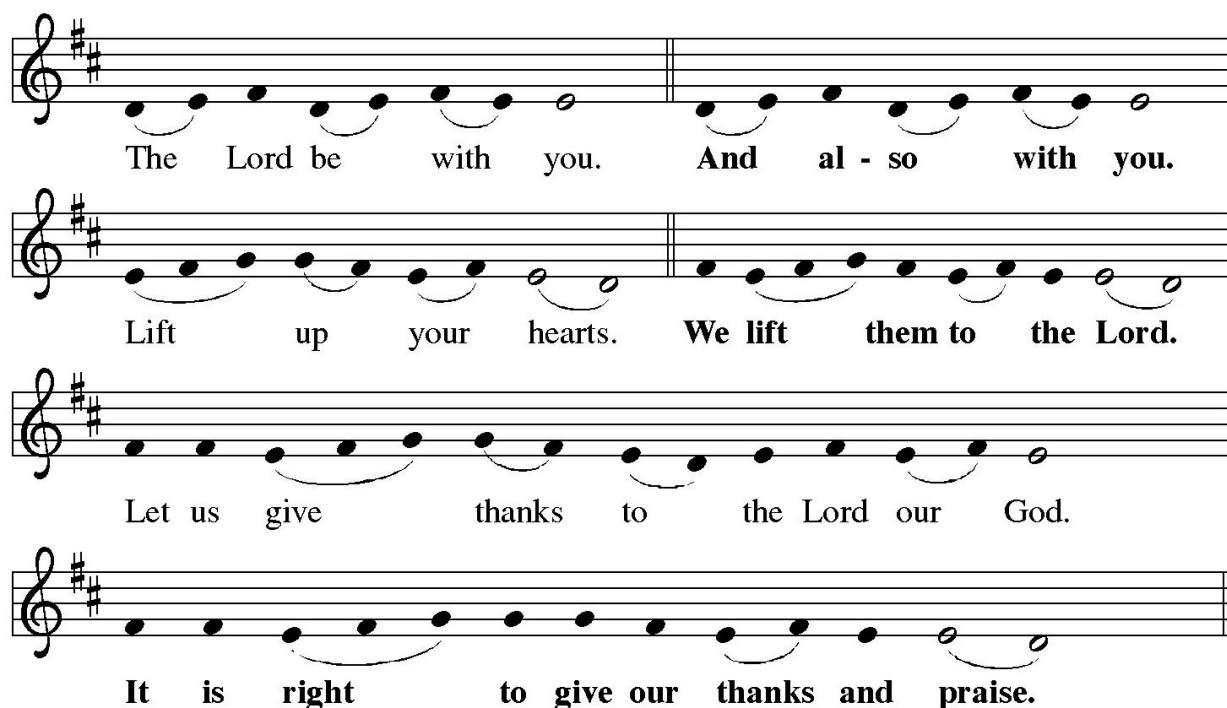
OFFERTORY HYMN: *Here Is Bread* ELW 483
(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)

The congregation stands.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

A: Let us pray... God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.
All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

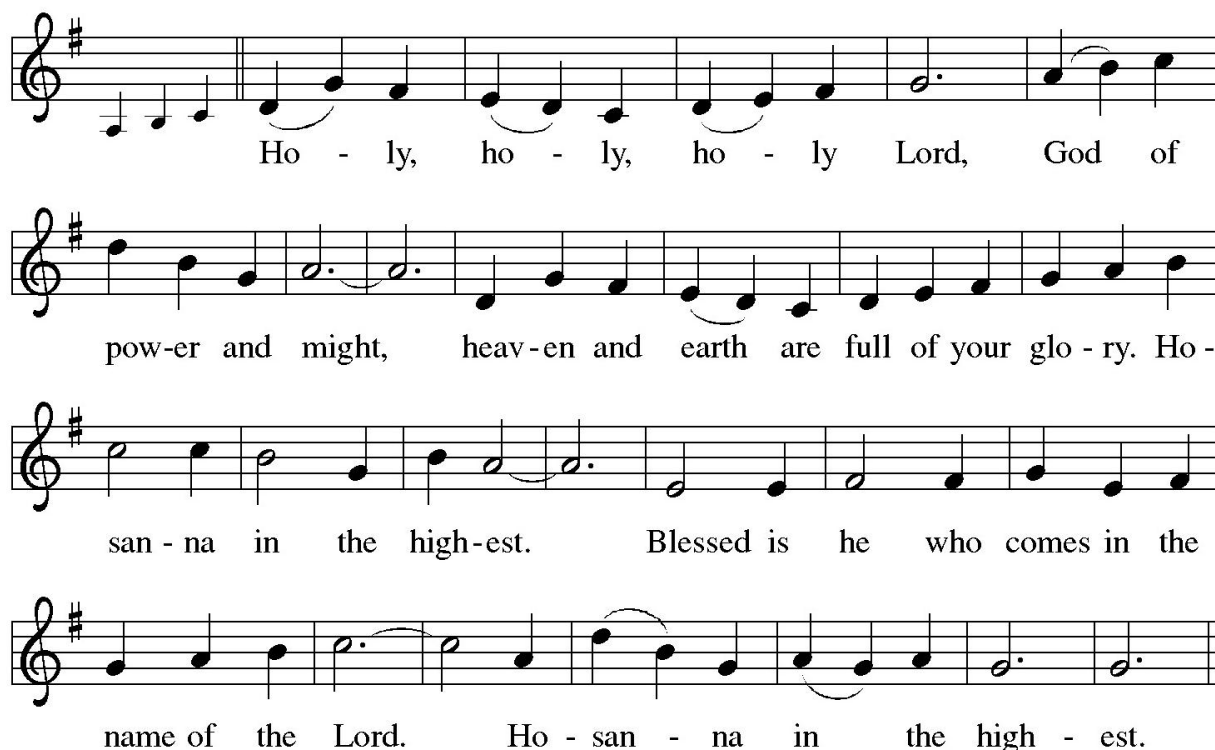
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a repeat sign after the first measure. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures.

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign...
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And
believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great
and promised feast.

All: Amen. Come, Lord, Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to
the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

All: Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with
the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through
him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty
Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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

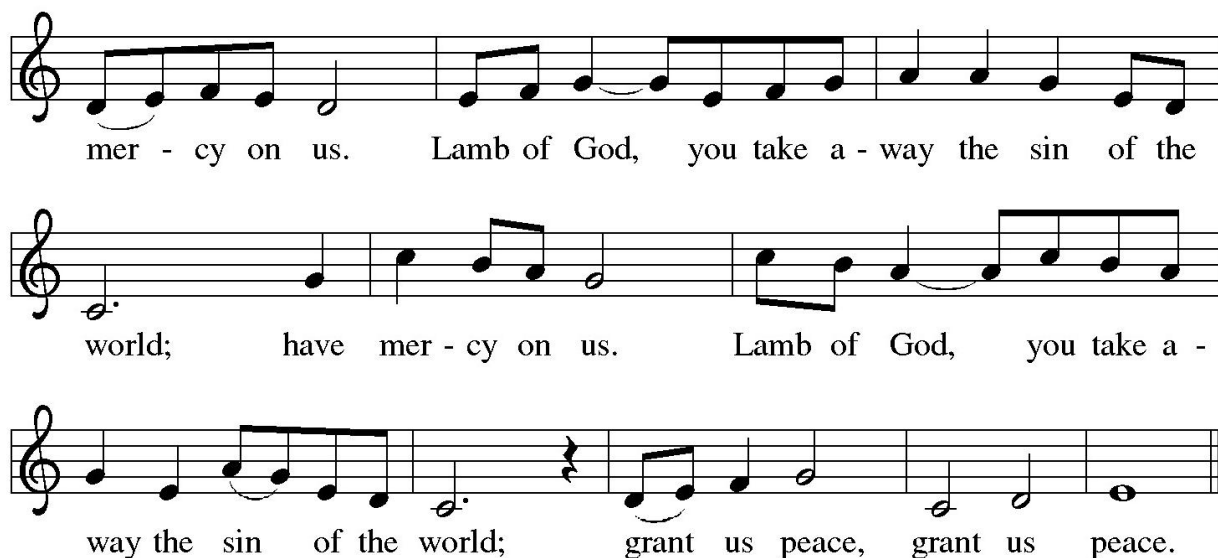
P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

All: Thanks be to God.

The congregation sits.

LAMB OF GOD





COMMUNION MUSIC: *Come, Ye Disconsolate* **ELW 607**
(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)

The congregation stands.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray . . . Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

All: **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

All: **Amen.**

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

P: The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

All: **Amen**

QUILT BLESSING *Congregation members are invited to extend their arms out in front of them as an act of blessing.*

P: God, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Send forth your Spirit today as we call upon you to bless our work and make it holy. Help these quilts and kits, our offerings of hope, travel across the furthest distances to reach our most weary neighbors and surround them with your grace and peace.

All: **Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.**

P: God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of your faithful promise, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

All: **Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.**

P: God, we give thanks for all those who have taken part in creating these quilts and kits. May you guide us to greater empathy for our neighbors in crisis, for the mothers that struggle to feed their hungry children, for the fearful, the anxious, the isolated. May these quilts and kits provide comfort and relief to those who are downtrodden around the world.

All: **Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.**

P: God, be with those who will receive these gifts — neighbors we have never met, neighbors who are far away, neighbors who, like us, long for your grace and mercy. May the work crafted from our humble hands serve as a beacon of light and hope to those who are suffering and fill them with the peace that is only found in you.

All: **Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.**

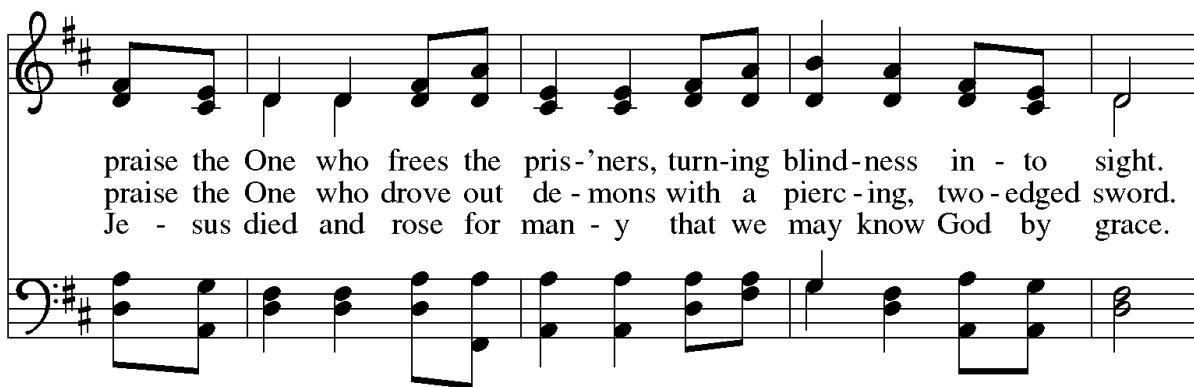
P: We thank you for this ministry of service, for the opportunity to comfort those in their darkest hours, to remind our neighbors in Christ of your loving presence. Bring us ever closer to your heart and our neighbors in need throughout the world. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the one who is our hope.

All: **Amen.**

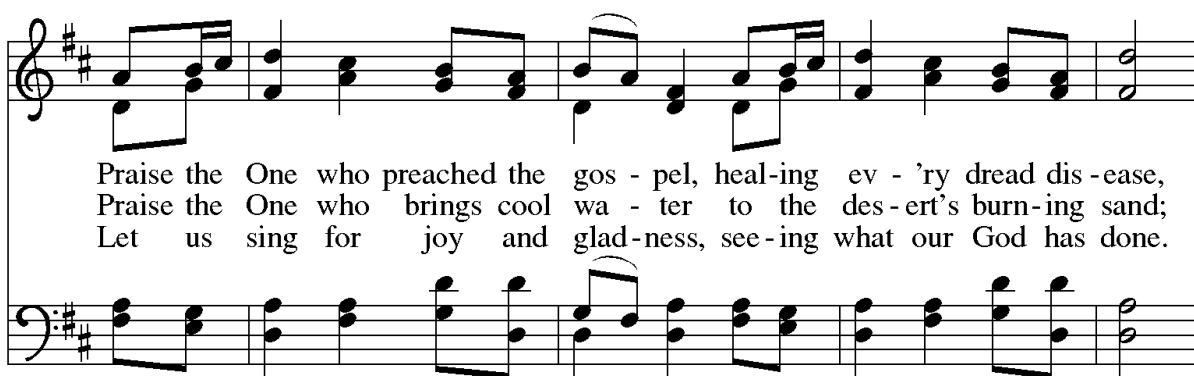
SENDING HYMN: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **ELW 843**

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major, indicated by two sharps (F# and C#) in the key signature. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and the bass staff with a bass clef. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. There are three verses of lyrics provided.

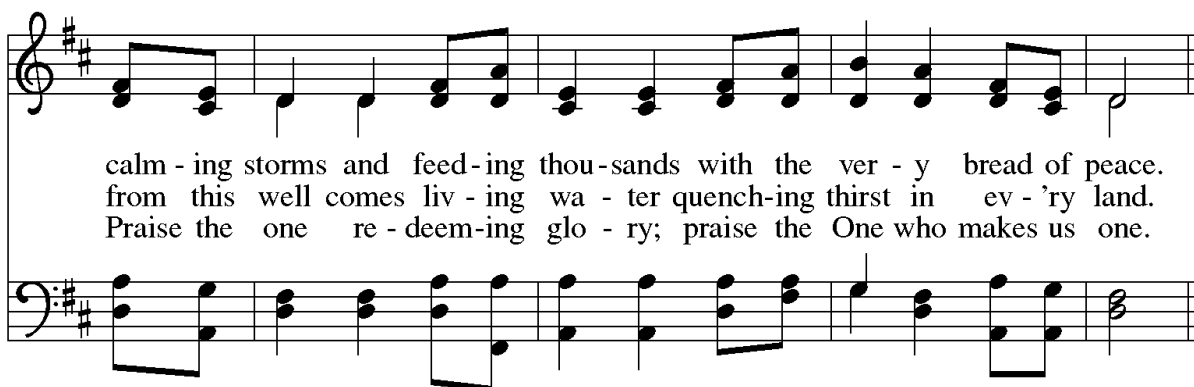
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc -ing, two -edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis -ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des -ert's burn-ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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DISMISSAL

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *NETTLETON (Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness)*.....Robert A. Hobby

IN THE CHURCH TODAY

The bulletin is given in loving memory of Roy Dunham, father of Derek Dunham. The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Connie Herron, grandmother of Elizabeth Stuart and great-grandmother of Alex Ball on her heavenly birthday.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister: Rev. Susan E. Scott
Director of Music Ministries/Organist: Alan Hair
Assisting Minister: Chip Haak
Reader: Danielle Mariano
Altar Guild: Laura Paul, Lucy Paul and Sherry Welty
Communion Set-up: Betsy Hancock
Communion Assistants:.....Mark Mariano and Jonice Storer
Communion Presenters:.....Mark Mariano and Jonice Storer
Acolytes:.....Grace Paul and Kiva Fox
Livestream Team: Kirk Sponaugle, Jordan Paul, and Adam Gardner

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Prayer Concerns: Joe Brittain (friend of the Dunham's), Sharon Ellis (friend of the Dunham's), Linda Goldhart (relative of the Bishops), Christine Hall, Ann Jonell (friend of the Dunham's), Matthew Kulbacki, Larry Layman, Brian Lutz, Carol Miller, Jessica Noeske (Derek Dunham's cousin), Geri Phillips (Sister-in-Law of Sherry Welty), Edward Sellard, Josh Snyder (nephew of Linda Lubold), Kathy Spittler (cousin of Marilyn Layman) and Vicki Sponaugle.

DAILY PRAYERS

Michael Fox, Virginia Frank, Dean Huebner, Sharon Murray, Bob Warden (friend of Mary Ann Kelly), Vwawa Congregation of the Konde Diocese in Tanzania and all our **Homebound members:** Shirley Espenshade, Bill Fosnacht, Herb Huebner, Evadne Kopp, John and Ruth Knol, Carol Longenecker, Dennis Lubold, Chip Murray, Tookie (Delores) Peterson, Joyce Schroeder, Kay Smith, Susanne Wiest and Nila Wiley.

Members of Armed Forces and their families: Evan Briggs, Marshal Fox, Michael Kristian, Riley Litman, and 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. 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 God's 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 you prefer regular wine or non-alcoholic wine, take a cup from the silver tray. Proceed to the Pastor to receive a wafer (ask the Pastor if you need a gluten free wafer option) or have the prepackaged elements blessed. Proceed to the rail where there will be an assistant with regular wine and an assistant with non-alcoholic wine. Stand or kneel as you are able and remain at the rail for as long as you desire.

Consecrated Communion Elements are available for “Live Stream” worship at home. Please contact the church office at 717-533-2467 or by email at: htluth@comcast.net to arrange to pick up elements or have them delivered to your home.

Children are always welcome in the worship space but if they need a break, the church nursery is available for parents and children during worship. A large screen monitor streams a live feed of the worship service each Sunday. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, in the classroom wing.

Office Hours The office will be open this week Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. To contact the church: Phone Number: 717-533-2467, Email Address: htluth@comcast.net. Holy Trinity website: htluth.org. **In case of emergency** Pastor Susan may be reached through the church office, on her cell phone at 717-497-1013 or via her email address at: sscott@htluth.org.

Sunday School meets every Sunday from 9:00am-9:45am as follows: Children’s Sunday School for children pre-k thru 6th grade will meet in the Sunday School room (connected to the Fellowship Hall). An informational flyer with more details and registration forms are available in the church narthex. Affirmation of Baptism for Grades 7-8 will meet in the youth room and High School Bible Study for grades 9-12 will meet in room #1. Adult Discussion will meet in room #16.

Today is Saint Luke the Evangelist Sunday. Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus’ life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

Today we dedicate 82 quilts that Holy Trinity's quilters have created over the last year. In 2025, Lutheran World Relief distributed 315,818 quilts to 15 countries around the world. You are invited to support this ministry by joining the quilting group. (Don't worry! There are tasks that do not require sewing skills!) You may also consider donating cotton fabric or sheets, or making an offering that helps to purchase supplies and covers shipping costs. For more information on how you can help, please contact Lynn Budgeon.



You are Welcome Here!

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church welcomes and affirms everyone seeking God’s love and grace, regardless of faith background, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ability, size, class, immigration, or relationship status. We explicitly stand against hate and discrimination, as our Church community strives to continually grow and learn within the Body of Christ according to Christ’s teachings. We are committed to creating and maintaining a welcoming and safe environment for all people.