



## The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

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### All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 1, 2026

*All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.*

#### 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:

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* ..... Donald Busarow  
*For All the Saints* ..... Wayne L. Wold

#### 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, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

**All: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

**All: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✠ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

**All: Amen.**

*Follow the cross as the procession passes by*



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.*  
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the  
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .  
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

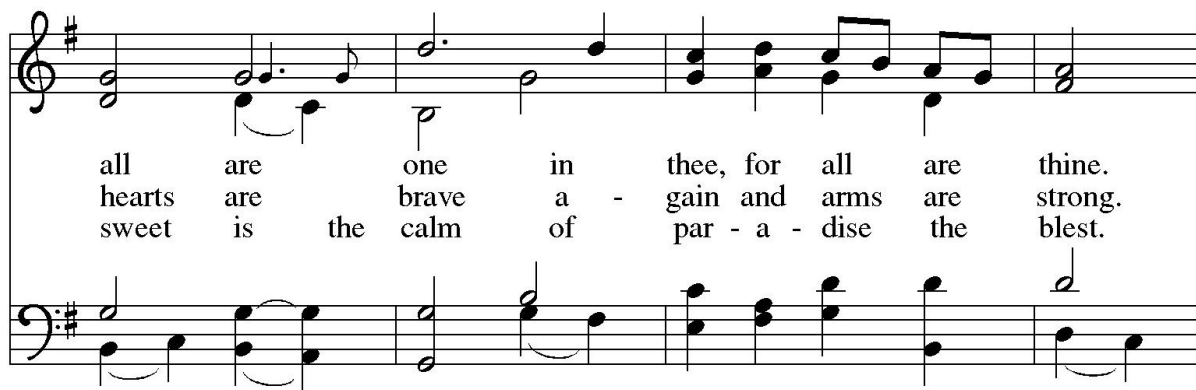


3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet  
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .





all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.  
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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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.

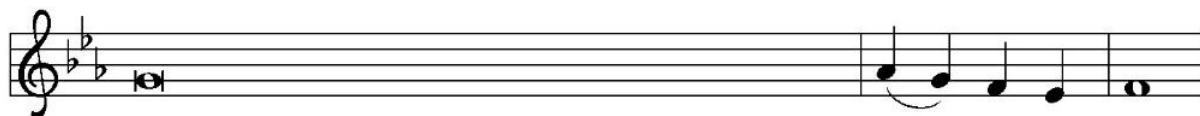
## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



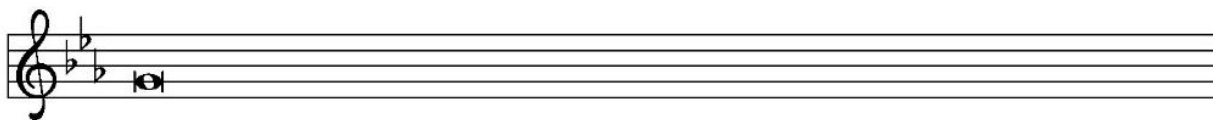
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



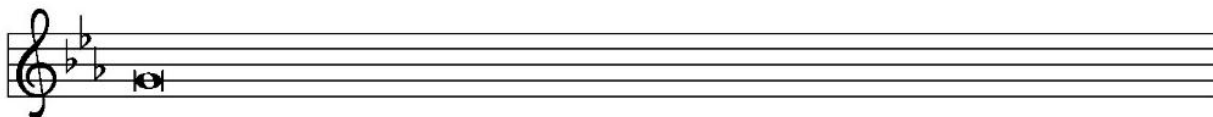
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.



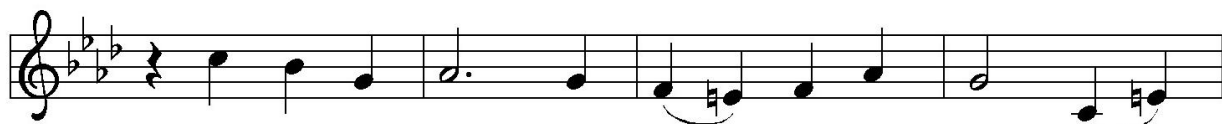
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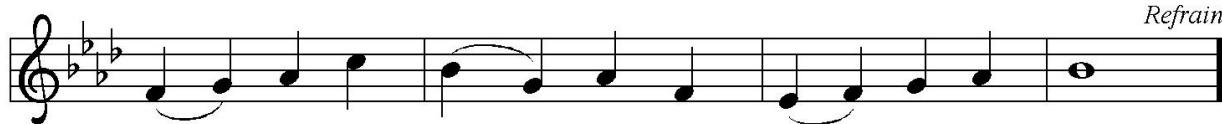
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



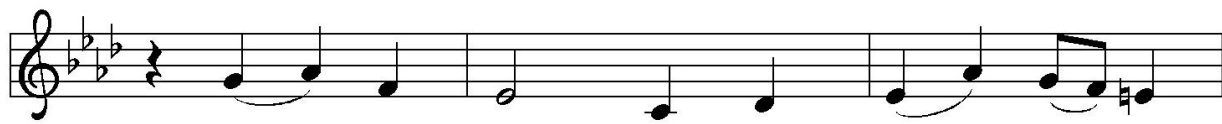
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



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



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 -



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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

*The congregation sits.*

**FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

*The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.*

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat,

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

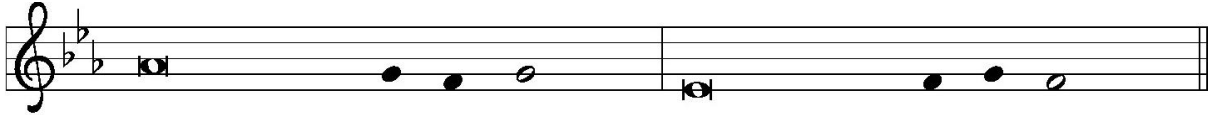
**Psalm 34:1-10, 22** (Congregation sings the refrain and the **bold** verses.)

Refrain:

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for  
those who fear the LORD lack noth - ing.

*\*May be sung in canon.*

Verse:



- <sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD | at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup> **I will glory | in the LORD;**  
**let the lowly hear | and rejoice. R**
- <sup>3</sup> Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's | name together.
- <sup>4</sup> **I sought the LORD, who | answered me**  
**and delivered me from | all my terrors.**
- <sup>5</sup> Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,  
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup> **I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me**  
**and saved me from | all my troubles. R**
- <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD  
and de- | livers them.
- <sup>8</sup> **Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**  
**happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!**
- <sup>9</sup> Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,  
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
- <sup>10</sup> **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**  
**but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.**
- <sup>22</sup> O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. R

## SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

*A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*

<sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stands.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia*

*Refrain:*



They are before the throne of God,\* and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

## GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

*In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.*

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The congregation sits.*

## SERMON

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*The congregation stands.*



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries  
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -  
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand  
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;  
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled  
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:  
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -  
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -  
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -  
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they  
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his  
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -  
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



## 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: God, in Your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

## 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.*

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*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:** *As Saints of Old*..... ELW 695  
(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)

*The congregation stands.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER:

A: Let us pray... Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving Dialogue, consisting of four staves in G major (one sharp). Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melody. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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.

## 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.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**All: We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**All: We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**All: We thank you, O God.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread...Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**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.

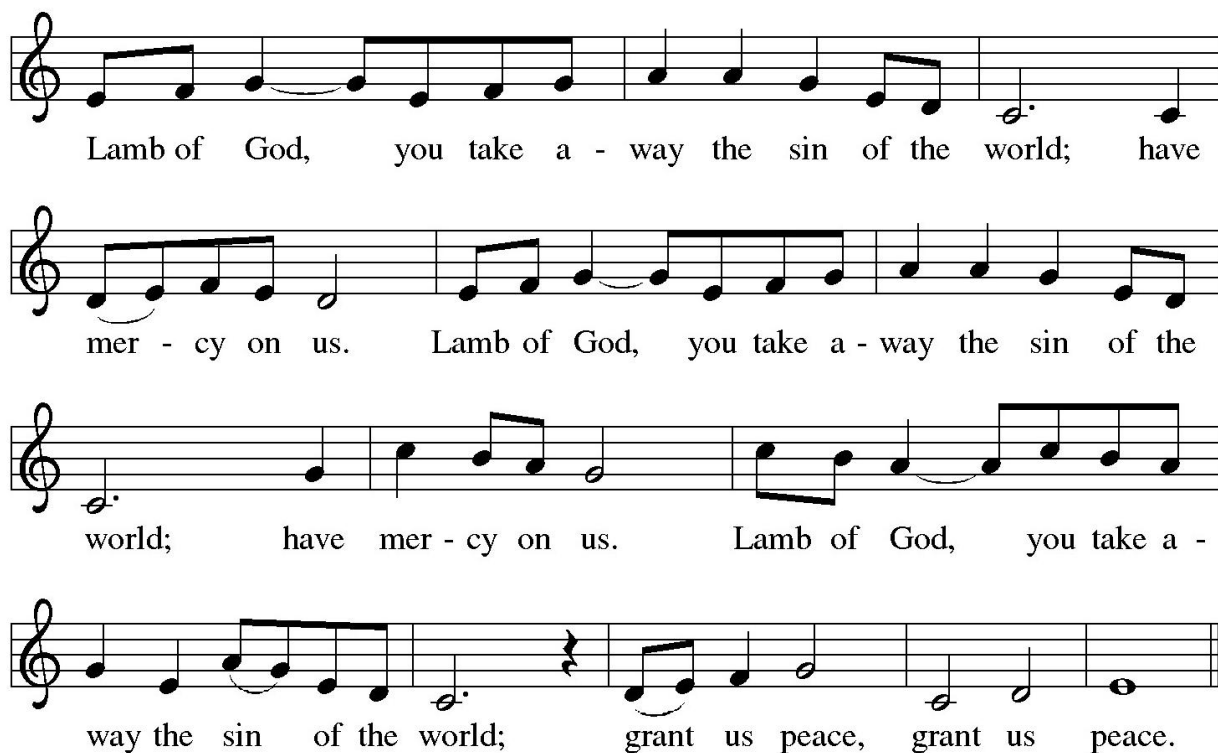
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation sits.*

## 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC: *We Shall Gather at the River* ..... ELW 423  
(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 . . . Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

All: Amen.

## SENDING

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

## BLESSING

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

All: Amen

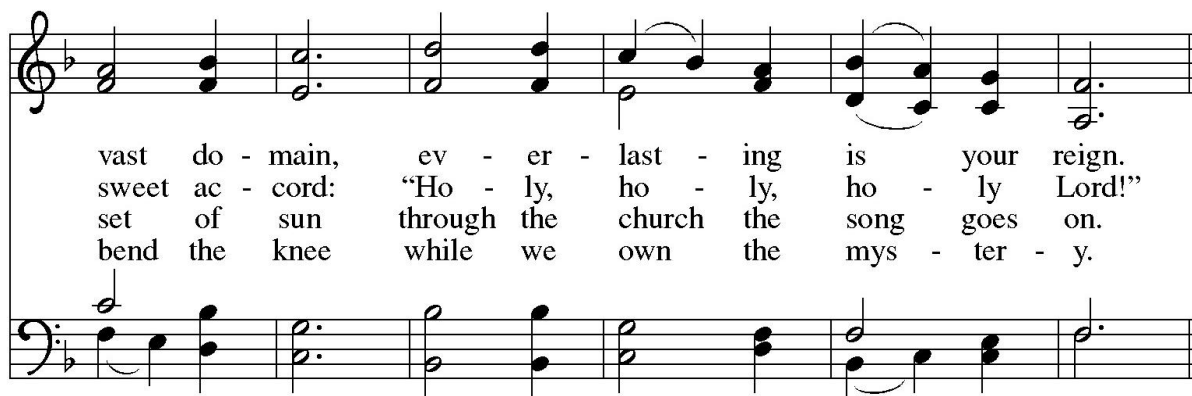
SENDING HYMN: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*..... ELW 414

*Follow the cross as the procession passes by.*

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



## DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *For All the Saints*.....Michael Helman

## SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister: .....Rev. Susan E. Scott  
 Director of Music Ministries/Organist: .....Deb Dillane  
 Assisting Minister: .....Beth Dunham  
 Reader: .....Danielle Mariano  
 Altar Guild: .....Darlene Weaver  
 Communion Set-up: .....Jane Ebersole  
 Communion Assistants:.....Joan Rizzo and Lisa Buettner  
 Communion Presenters:.....Joan Rizzo and Lisa Buettner  
 Crucifer:.....Tess Mariano  
 Torch Bearers: .....Malory Fox and Maddy Gniady  
 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), Edward Sellard, Josh Snyder (nephew of Linda Lubold), Kathy Spitler (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, Toookie (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](mailto:htluth@comcast.net) or leave a message on the office phone (717-533-2467) if you have any changes to the prayer list.*

## IN THE CHURCH TODAY

The bulletin is given in memory of Nanna Bettleyon with love from her extended family.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:htluth@comcast.net). Holy Trinity website: [htluth.org](http://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](mailto: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.

Please welcome **Deb Dillane**, our guest organist, as she shares her gift of music in Alan's absence.

Taper candles are available in each window sill to light at any time during our worship service in remembrance of a beloved one.

### *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.*