

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of the Holy Trinity
Greenville, Pennsylvania*

*The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27 and 28, 2022*

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship. For children who are present in worship, there are coloring and activity pages with crayons available in the narthex. They are located by the coat rack on the bottom shelf of the pamphlet rack. Please return the unused pages, clipboard, and crayons after the service. If children need a break, there is a TV set up in Roth Library so parents can watch the worship live-stream. Toys are hidden in the cabinets under the bookcases closest to the door.

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

Procedure for Communing: We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Liturgy of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.

*The assembly’s responses are in **bold type**.*

Significance of the Day: Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

Gathering

Prelude Selections from Sixty Pieces (Peeters)

Greeting / Announcements

(The assembly stands as the pastor enters.)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

(The assembly remains standing. Silence is kept for reflection.)

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.



The Gathering Song

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

Word

First Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7

A reading from Proverbs:

6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
7 for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

(The Psalm will be spoken responsively on Saturday. It will be sung in unison on Sunday.)

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD
and have great delight in | God's commandments!
**2 Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**
3 Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.
**4 Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**
5 It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.
**6 For they will nev- | er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**
7 They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.
**8 Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**
9 They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands | fast forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.

**10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A reading from Hebrews:

1 Let mutual love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." 6 So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

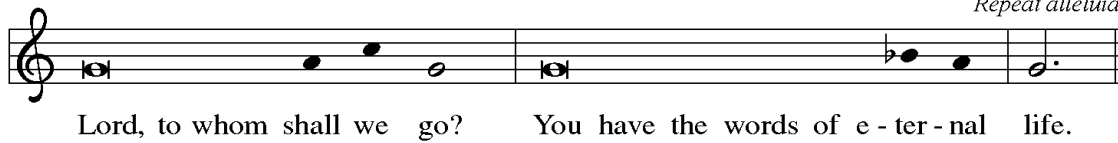
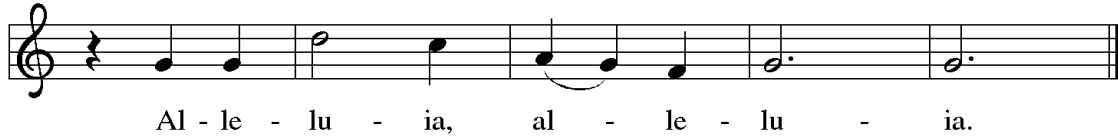
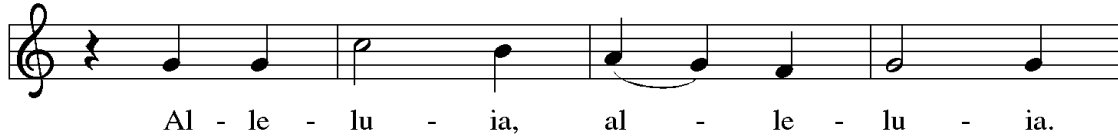
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(The assembly stands.)

Gospel Acclamation

(The gospel acclamation will be spoken on Saturday and sung on Sunday.)



The Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 8 “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they

cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

The Sermon

The Rev. Jay Mitchell

(As the organ sounds the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.)

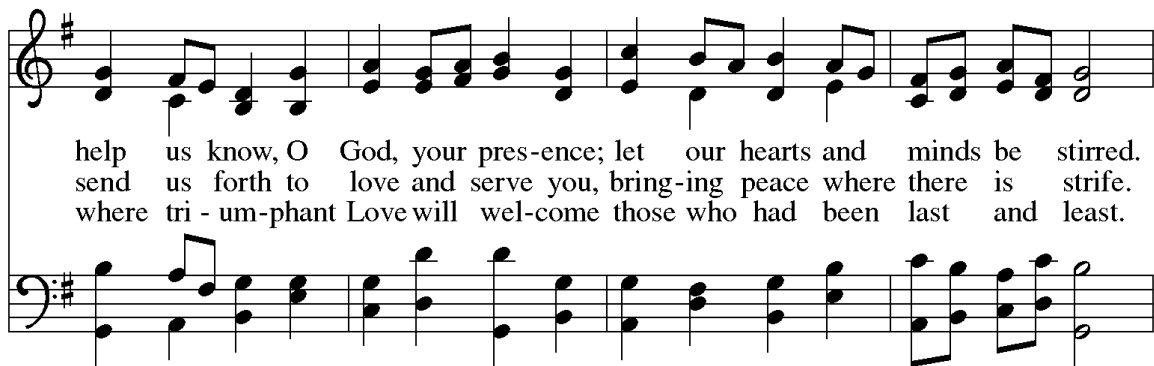


Hymn of the Day

As We Gather at Your Table



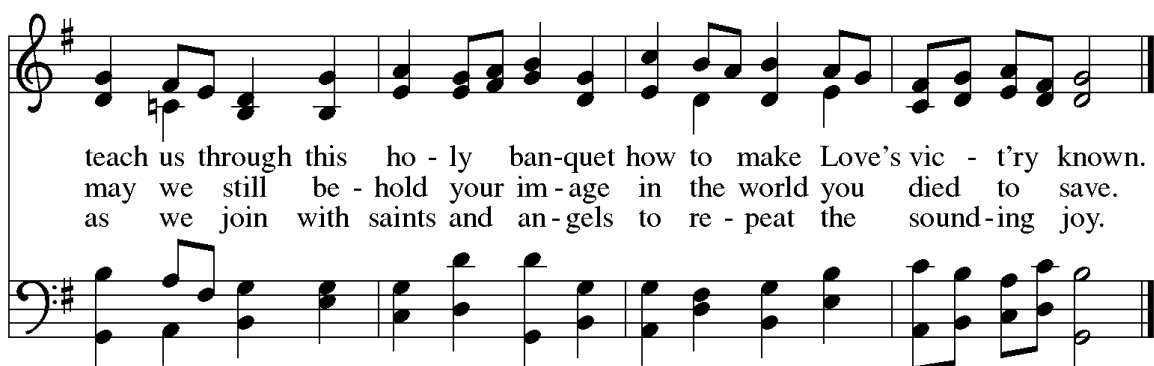
1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer, responding, Merciful God, receive our prayer.

A brief silence.

For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people, including our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael. Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts, especially Pymatuning State Park, Goddard State Park and Lake Erie. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. We pray for Ukraine, and the people of Ukraine. Sustain them in the unjust war being waged against them. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all the saints who confessed God's name, especially Carl, Gerald and Mary Alice, we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*(The assembly greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying,
"Peace be with you. And also with you.")*

(The assembly is seated.)

Meal

Offering

Music during the Offering Interlude in *G* (Peeters)

(The assembly stands.)

Offertory Verse (Stanza 1 only)



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

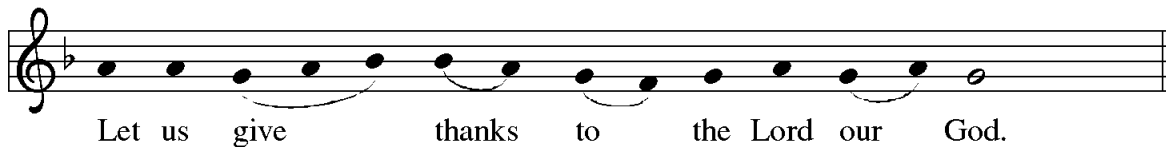
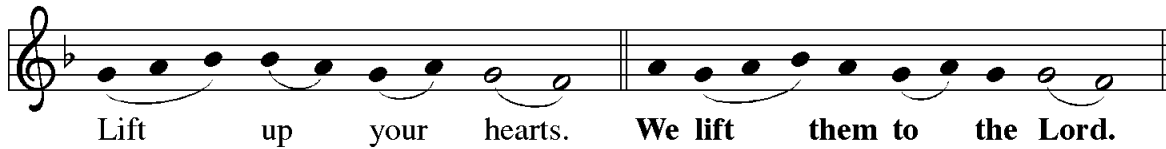
Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you open your hand, filling our lives with all good things and renewing the face of the earth. We offer these gifts in thanksgiving for all that we have received from your bounty. Accept them for the sake of him who offered his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

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, 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Breaking of Bread

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you
revealed yourself to your disciples.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

(The assembly is seated.)

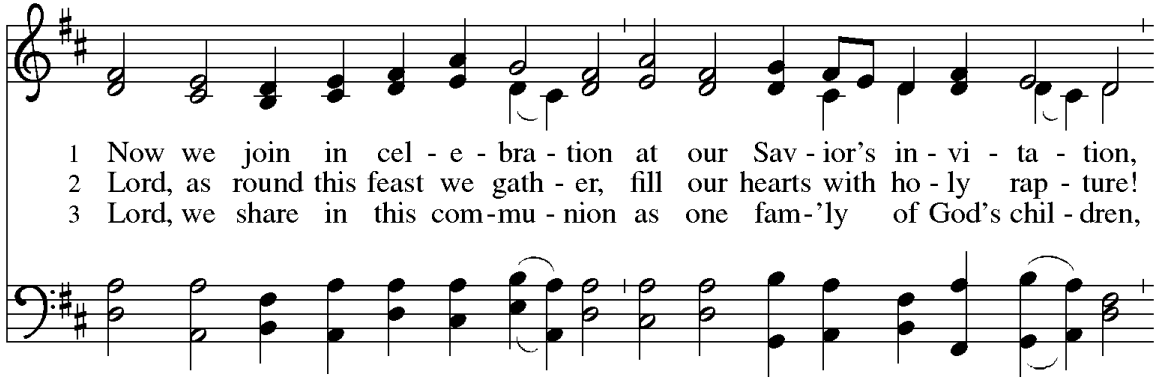
Lamb of God

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.

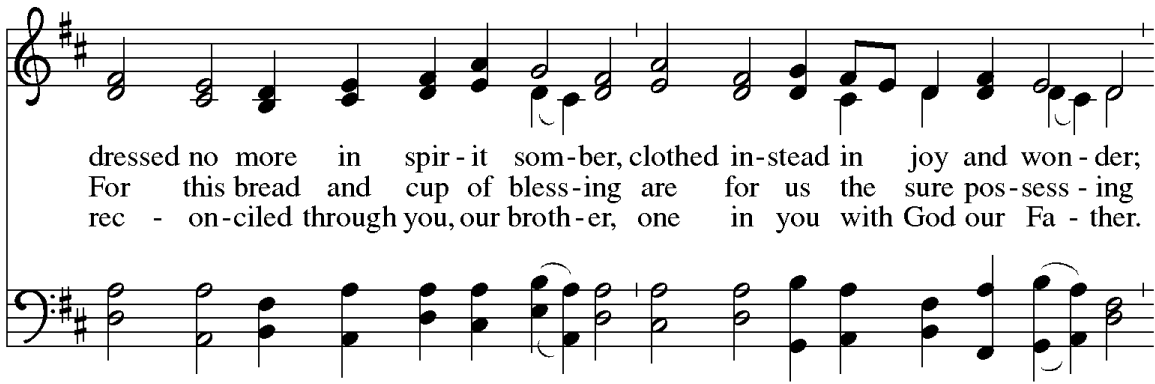
The Communion of the Faithful

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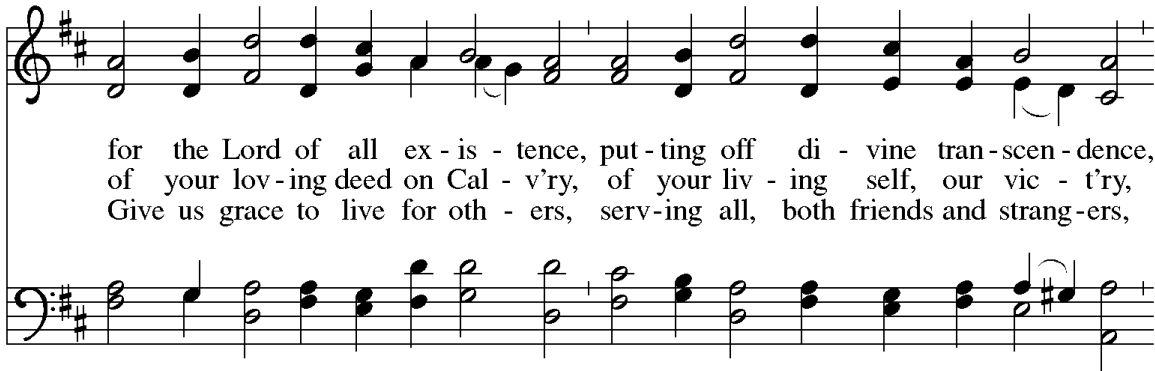
Now We Join in Celebration



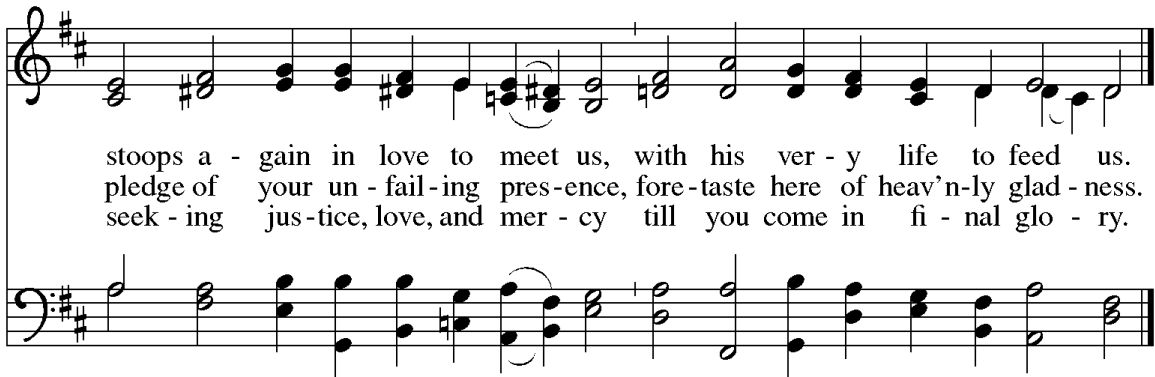
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It features a vocal melody with lyrics: "Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be." The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving bass lines.

And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

The second system of music continues the piece. It features two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are: "And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!"

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;

The third system of music continues the piece. It features two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are: "Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;"

but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

The fourth and final system of music concludes the piece. It features two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are: "but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign."

(The assembly stands.)

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

O God of love, you bind us to yourself in this sacrament, and strengthen us through this meal for service to the world. Guide us by your Spirit that we may forever witness to the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of life.

Amen.

Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.



Sending Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Hymn Improvition on *The Ash Grove* (Schreck)

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Serving Saturday

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Organist Maidene Hackett

Liturgical Deacon Marie Riley

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Preaching The Rev. Jay Mitchell

Organist Maidene Hackett

Liturgical Deacon Sean Oros

Communion Assistant Catherine Snyder

Lector Mike Bradley

Altar Guild Bonnie Massing

Usher Ed Pitcher

Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Martin Roth, pastor emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes

The Rev. Brian Riddle, campus pastor, Thiel College

The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

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Altar and Columbarium Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been given to the Glory of God by the Donald and Margery Stull Family.

The flowers in the columbarium have been given to the Glory of God and in memory of George and Ann Redfoot by Bonnie Long.

God's Work Our Hands

God's Work Our Hands day is scheduled for Sunday, September 11, 2022. This day also commemorates Freedom Day in America. Our service projects for that day will be in Riverside Park. One group will be working at the Plimpton L. Graul Amphitheater and the other will be in the Rotary Pavilion making gift boxes for service members and college students. Please consider bringing items such as candy, cards, snacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, or other paper products. The times will be 11:00 to 12:30 with snacks provided.

We encourage everyone to sign up for one of the projects. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. At the conclusion of our work, we invite everyone to join the *Restore Riverside Park* committee at a program in the Amphitheater honoring service to the community. The program beginning at 1:00 will be honoring service organizations who support this community as well as the dedication of a new flag pole in memory of Major Ryan Nicklin. Please mark this day on your calendar and join us in service to God

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday August 28, 2022 *12th Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Tuesday August 30, 2022

9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Thursday September 1, 2022

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

Saturday September 3, 2022

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday September 4, 2022 *13th Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Monday September 5, 2022 *Office closed in observance of Labor Day*

7:00 p.m. Property Committee

Tuesday September 6, 2022

5:15 p.m. Worship and Music

6:30 p.m. CCSS

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Thursday September 8, 2022

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

Saturday September 10, 2022

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Judi Moinet

Dave Leary

Jim Erb (friend of Bob Massing)

Gloria Spargo

Jim Shafer (brother of Linda Saverino)

Kevin Hand (friend of Johnmichael Weaver)

David Miller (friend of John Logan)

Billie Hollenbaugh

James Logan (brother of John Logan)

Denise Hall

Cosmo Pomponio (uncle of Mary Reames)

Alan Harris (friend of the Heils, Learys,

Omans and Mary Reames)

Donnie Littelle (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)

Paula (friend of Fran Black)

Rae Johnson

Laurie Sailer (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)

Phil Kennedy (friend of John Logan)

Irlean Dragen (mother of Billie Hollenbaugh)

Marie Eaves

Dave Hollenbaugh

Tillie Schell

Henry Heil

Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)

Donnie K. (friend of Wayne & Darla Swift)

Lori McCann

Jim Shaffer

Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)

Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)

Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher & Beth Harpst)

Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Mary Alice Dean (mother of Linda Oman)

Gerald Smith

Lisa Jo Barrett (sister of Rusty Saverino)

Carl Long (husband of Bonnie Long)

Wray Bittel (brother of Jim and Nancy Bittel)



In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)

Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)

Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)

CAPT. Ryan Leary, USN, Planning Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)

Holy Trinity member, Garrett Daniello, Army National Guard, (son of Todd and Tammy Daniello, grandson of Georgia Perkins, grandnephew of Bonnie and Carl Long)

Holy Trinity member, SrA Stephanie Kovack, Air Force Reserve, 910th Youngstown Air Reserve Station



Welcome to our guest preacher, the Rev. Jay Mitchell

Pastor Jay serves as pastor of Christ Ascension Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, PA. Pastor Jay was born in Erie, PA and baptized at Zion's Lutheran Church by The Rev. Roy P. Washill. He received his First Communion at Holy Trinity, Greenville, PA from The Rev. Martin M. Roth. He confirmed his faith at Salem Lutheran Church in Naugatuck, CT, where he later served as organist. A 2014 graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary) and a 2009 graduate of Temple University (07-08 student at Temple University's Rome Campus), Pastor Jay has found a home along the 23 bus route in Philadelphia for the past 17 years. As a life-long lover of cities, Pastor Jay focused his studies in seminary on Urban/Metropolitan ministries. He currently serves as inaugural Co-Chair of the Inclusive Communities Committee of the Southeastern Pennsylvania (SEPA) Synod and co-convenor of SEPA's annual *In God's Image* event—a day of resourcing for those committed to ministry with and to LGBTQIA+ folk. Pastor Jay also served on the Anti-Racism Team and the Worship committee of SEPA. A self-professed liturgi-geek (he gets that from Pastors Washill and Roth), he is proud to have been published as a contributor of seasonal worship texts for the Sundays and Seasons resource from 1517 Media. Having lived all over Pennsylvania and the eastern seaboard, Pastor Jay now lives in East Norriton, PA with his fiancé Chaz, their cat Jake and their dog Vesper.

