



Holy Trinity

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Growing in Faith - Making a Difference - Open to All

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You are a child of God and you are welcome here: whatever your faith commitment, experience, or level of doubt, mental or emotional health, physical abilities, financial or employment status, race, ethnicity, or primary language; whatever your gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. We welcome you whether you are a parent or caregiver; whether you are a fussy baby, an energetic toddler, a 'tween, or a teen; whether you are an inquisitive young adult, exhausted adult, or wise senior citizen; whether you are single, in a relationship, married, divorced, or widowed; whether you struggle with an addiction to drugs, alcohol, or anything else. We welcome you however you found us: on the internet, from your neighbor or friend, or passing by our Giving Garden. We welcome those who hurt and those who celebrate, those who worship every week or just this once, and in whatever you choose to wear. We extend a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now. We welcome you to join us as we grow in faith through worship, study, and friendship. We welcome you as we seek to make a difference through combating food insecurity, ministering with those in need, and committing to racial equity. And we welcome you to help us be fully open to all. Whoever you are and wherever you are from, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

+ GATHERING +

Prelude

Prelude No. 1, in C (from *The Well-Tempered Clavier*)

J. S. Bach

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness:

L: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Merciful God,

C: **God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts,
that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us.
Still we stray from your ways,
we fail to tell the truth,
we mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel,
and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God.
Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us.
Engrave your covenant upon us once more.
Grant us courage and faith that we might begin again to live what it is we say we
believe. Amen.**

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

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Morning Has Broken (ELW 556)



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Greeting:

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

C: And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff in B-flat major (two flats). The tempo and style are indicated by a common time signature (C) and a series of eighth and quarter notes, suggesting a moderate, steady pace. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of nine lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God in the high -', 'est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.', 'Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and', 'Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we', 'praise you for your glo - ry. 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.'

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For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



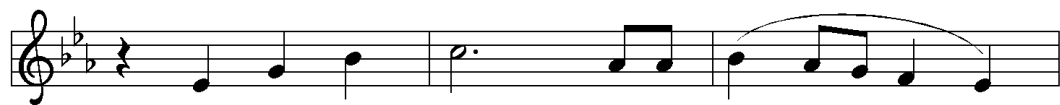
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



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

Prayer of the Day:

L: Let us pray together...

C: O Lord God, loving parent and faithful teacher, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ WORD +

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

L: A reading from Jeremiah, the thirty-first chapter.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:97-105 (to be read responsively)

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

⁹⁸ **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.**

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰ **I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.**

¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.

¹⁰² **I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.**

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ **Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.**

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-10

L: A reading from the Letter of James, the third chapter.

¹³ Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. ¹⁵ This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

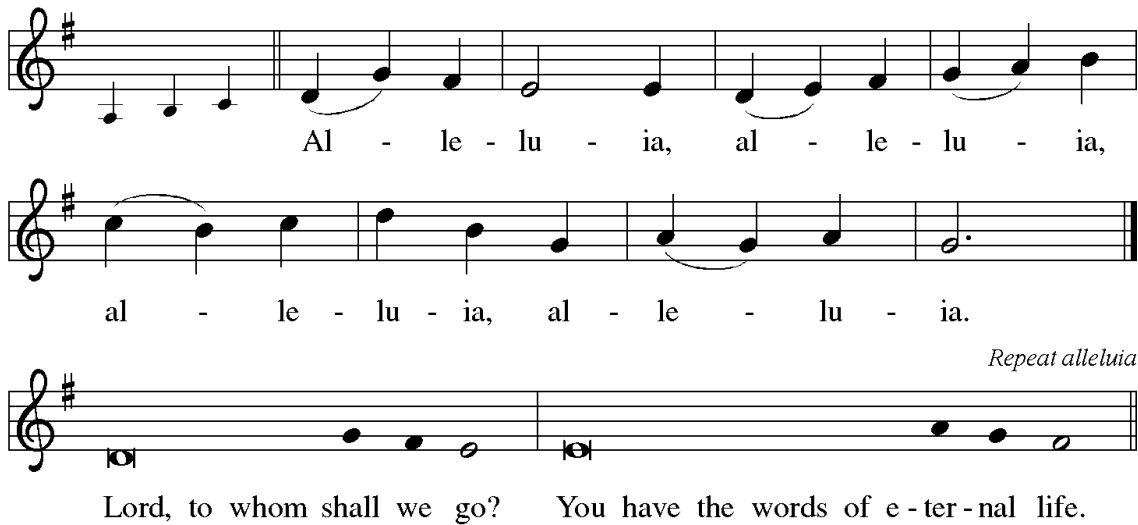
4 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:



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

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-34

L: The Gospel this day according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

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

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³ and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

A Holy Silence in the Presence of God

Hymn of the Day: If You but Trust in God to Guide (ELW 769)



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Apostles' Creed:

L: Let us make public profession of our faith together, reflecting on the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

The Prayers:

L: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,
C: **receive our prayer.**

L: We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant all leaders wisdom from above in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. We pray for peace and an end to all war. God of grace,
C: **receive our prayer.**

L: We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We lift up their names now in our hearts (*pause*). O God, who heals and strengthens, we humbly pray for our own concerns, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal us and all those in need. God of grace,
C: **receive our prayer.**

L: We pray for Holy Trinity. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace,
C: **receive our prayer.**

L: We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,
C: **receive our prayer.**

L: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

The Peace of Christ:

L: The Peace of Christ be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us share a sign of peace with one another, as you are comfortable.

Offertory Hymn: The Church's One Foundation (ELW 654)



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

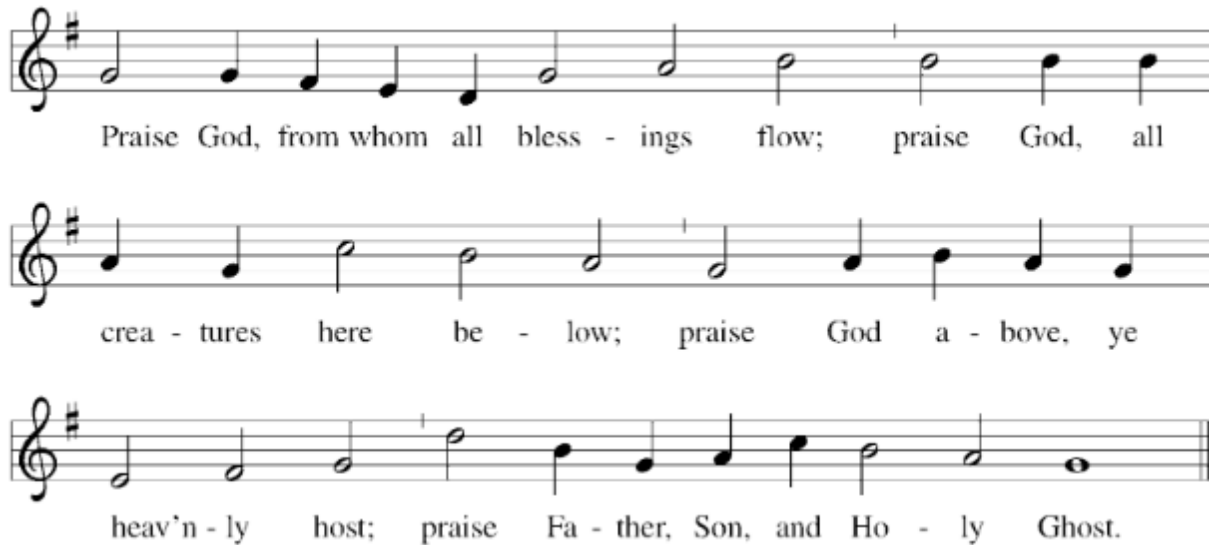


with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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Doxology & Offertory Prayer:



Offertory Prayer:

- L: Let us pray. God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
- C: **Amen.**

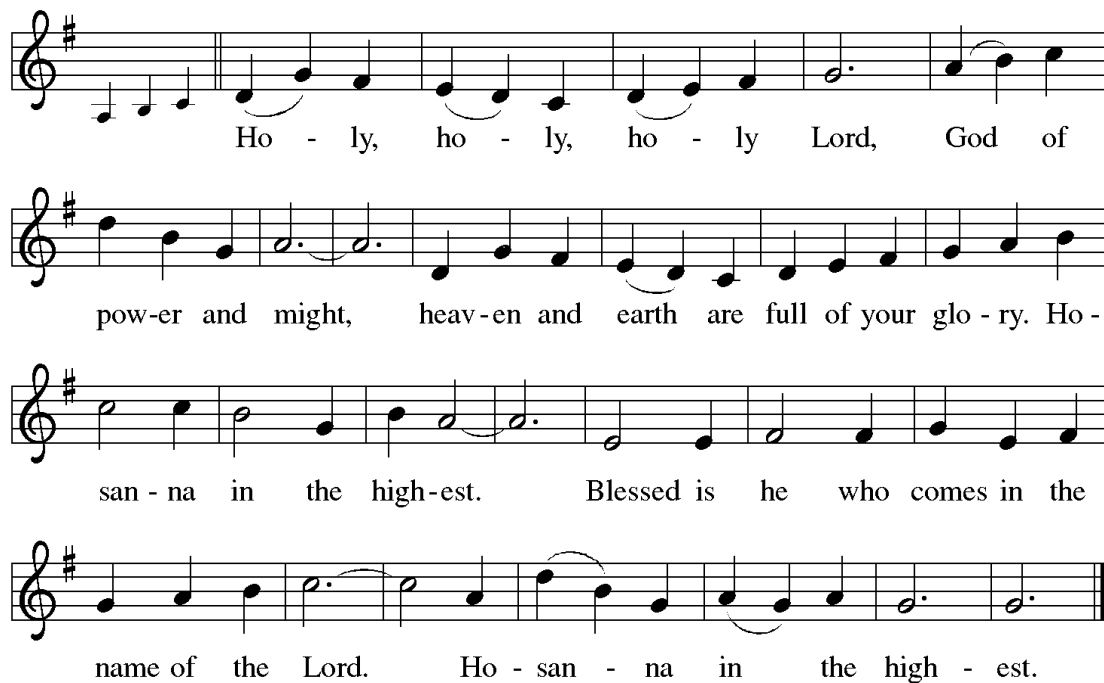
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The Great Thanksgiving:

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Proper Preface:

L: 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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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:



L: In the night in which he was betrayed, when he gave himself up for the life of the world, 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.

L: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

- L: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer:

- L: 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.**

Invitation to Communion:

- L: The Spirit dwells with us. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come. All are welcome here.
- C: **Amen.**

Communion Song:

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

Marty Haugen

Post-Communion Prayer:

- L:** Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to your Spirit, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
- C:** **Amen.**

Announcements

+ SENDING +

Benediction:

- L:** The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.
- C:** **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (ELW 659)



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace, in the name of our Holy Trinity. Grow in faith, make a difference, be open to all!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

Happy Birthday to: Owen Folk (10/19).

Announcements

Giving Garden - We need your help!

Last week we met with Martin from Trellis. All is good with the Giving Garden, but we will have a lot of harvesting to do these next few weeks. Mother Nature has been good, giving us lots more in addition to fresh herbs to take to Grace.

As the season ends with the last push of produce to be harvested, any help you are able to give on Wednesday mornings at 7:45am would be gratefully appreciated. Thank you!

All Saints Sunday is November 2nd

On this day, the church remembers our blessed dead and all those who have gone before us to become part of the communion of saints. If you have a loved one or friend who passed in the last year and would like to have their name included in worship, please call the church office at 610-664-5503 or email at holytrinitynarberth@gmail.com.

Don & Nancy Hall Turkey Event

Yes, it's that time of year that Holy Trinity is involved with our beloved Grace Lutheran Food Bank. The food packaging event was a huge success and now we come asking for help to purchase turkeys for the Don and Nancy Hall Turkey Event.

If you find it in your heart to help those less fortunate to celebrate Thanksgiving, you can donate on our website. If you prefer to send in a donation via check, please mail it to the church office at 196 Woodbine Ave., Narberth, PA 19072 or place your donation in the offering plate during worship. Note Don & Nancy Hall Turkey Event on the memo line.

Our hopes and prayers are to supply a turkey to every Grace Food Bank family the week of Thanksgiving. Thankful for what we have - grateful to share with others.

Estimate of Giving Cards

Please return the Estimate of Giving cards to the church office by October 26th. Having these cards is vital for the Finance Committee to prepare our 2026 budget. Please contact Dale in the church office with any questions. Thank you!

Holy Trinity's Prayer List

Chris Ertelt

Jan Doan

Friends and Relatives

Bettina Chavanne (friend of the McCluskeys)

Fran Gebhart

Sharon Neall (Hall family member)

Beth Brady (Kristine DelMonte's co-worker)

Norma DelMonte (Tom's mother)

The Houghs (friends of Pat Brubaker)

Linda Baldi-Boyd

Marbury Hooey

John & Rosemary (friends of Pat Brubaker)

Annette Steiger (Dave Steiger's sister)

Margie (Jan Doan's friend)

Joseph Davis

Danelle VanInstendal (friend of the Steigers)

Heinrich Mengel (cousin of the Hoffmann Family)

Louise Jackson (cousin of Julie Ackerman)

Mary Fran (friend of Dorothy McCluskey)

Tara Echelmeier Dolan (friend of Julie Ackerman)

Mary Ann Dixon (friend of the Hoffmans)

Darby Rinkel (great-niece of the Steigers)

David Segermark (Kristine DelMonte's father)

Jane S. (friend of Pat Brubaker)

Ken Ackerman (Carl Ackerman's father)

Grace Vanartsdalen (friend of Bruce and Dorothy McCluskey)

Ken Molchanow (brother of Stan Molchanow)

Ellen Mitchell (sister of Mary Williamson)

Bob Fuhrmeister (grandson of Bob Catherman)

Anthony Fuhrmeister (great-grandson of Bob Catherman)

Steve Crews (Kim's father)

Kathy D (friend of Pat Brubaker)

The Lim family (friends of the Princes)

Cheryl Kurpiel and Family (friends of the Frye family)

Jerry Vidlak (Diana Vidlak's brother)

Cestare family (Extended family of Kim)

Bob Gamble (friend of Bruce & Dorothy McCluskey's)

Joe Prince & Greg Savoy (loved ones of the Princes)

Deborah deHeyman and family (friends of Holy Trinity)

Nancy & Tom friends of Pat Brubaker

Katy Olsen (Pat Brubaker's niece)