



# Holy Trinity

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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:**

Largo from *Xerxes*

George Frideric Handel

### **Welcome**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**C:** **Amen.**

**L:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (ELW 865)



- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
- 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.
- 3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
- 4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.  
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.

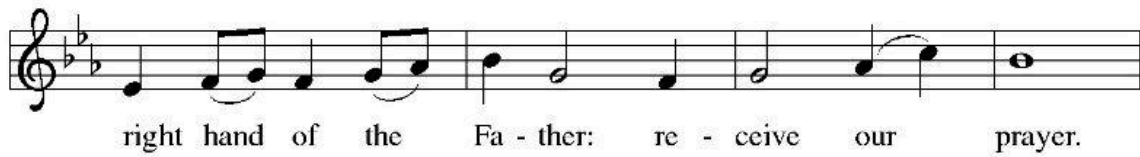
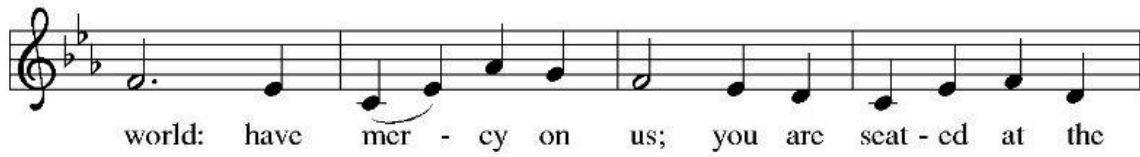
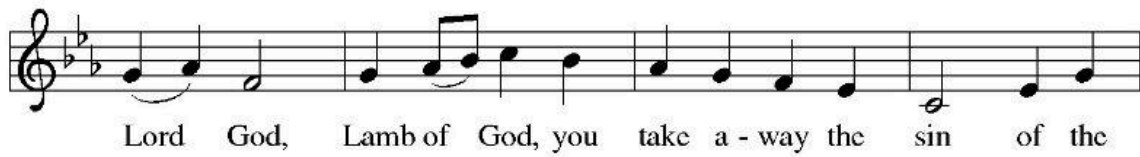
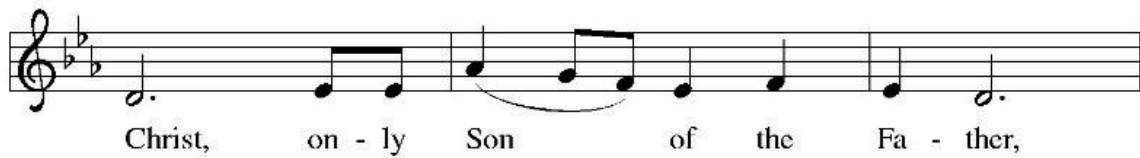
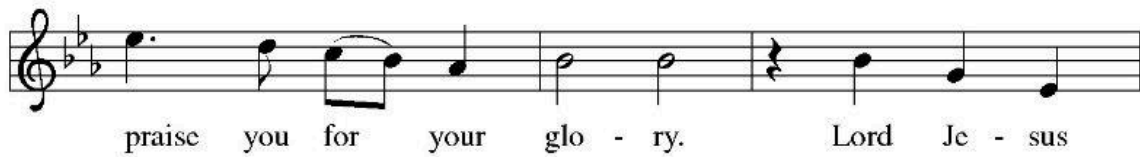
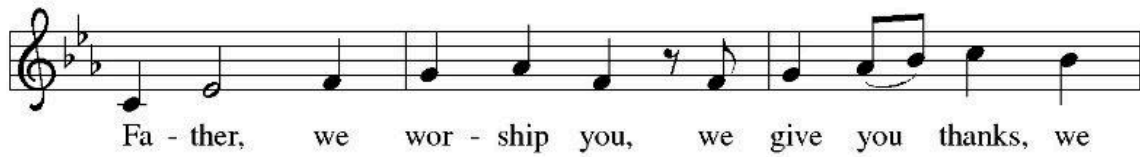
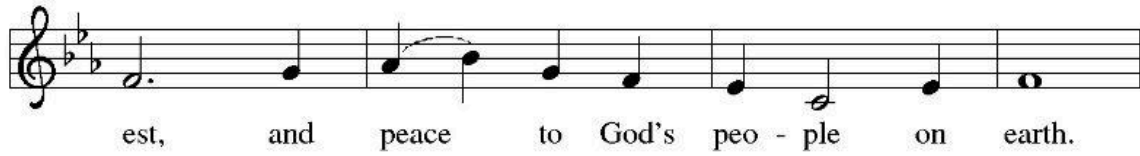
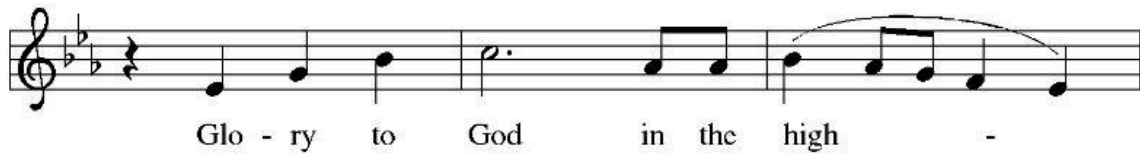


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

### 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





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



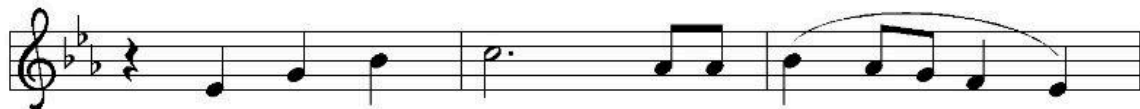
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



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: **God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

**First Reading:** Exodus 3:1-15

L: A reading from Exodus, the 3rd chapter.

<sup>1</sup> Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 103:1-14

*The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.*

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.

<sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—**

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup> **He does not deal with us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup> **as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

<sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

<sup>14</sup> **For he knows how we were made;  
he remembers that we are dust.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3**

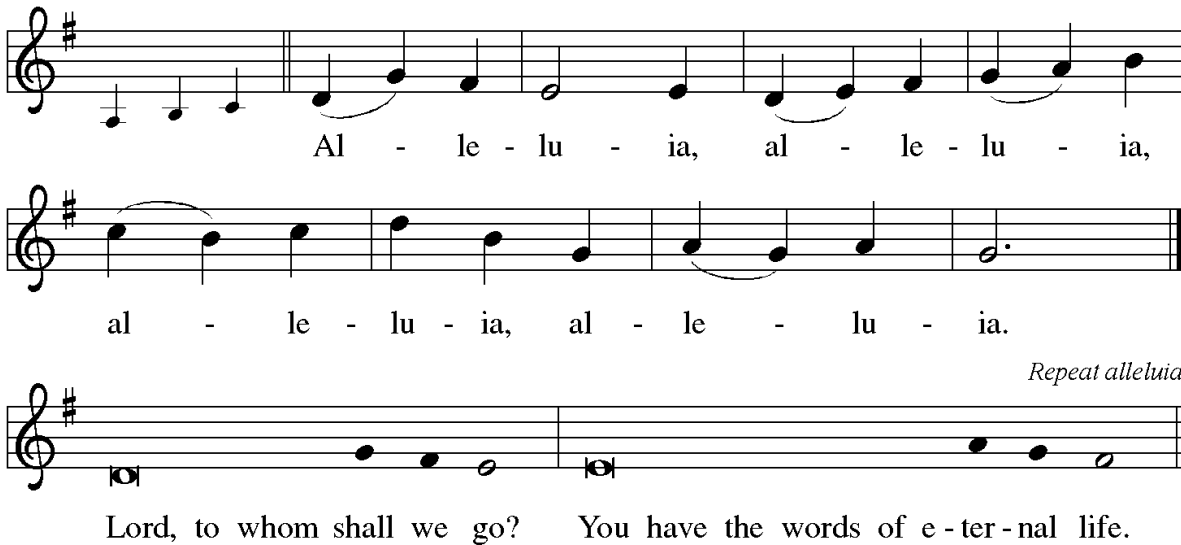
L: A reading from First John, the 3rd chapter.

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 [Christ]. <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.

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:** John 15:1-9

L: The Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

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

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:** Rev. Emily Sutphin

## Hymn of the Day: Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth (ELW 735)



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry  
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of  
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

## **Apostles' Creed:**

**L:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C:** **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 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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**L:** Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. God of grace,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

L: God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of faith, we give thanks for the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**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.

**Anthem:**

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

*You are welcome to give by scanning the QR code, by visiting our church website, or by placing your offering in the offering plate. We are inviting you to give financially out of your heart and love for God. Our giving is a spiritual practice as part of our faith and discipleship.*



**Offering Song and Prayer: We Are an Offering (ELW 692)**

*After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands, and the offering song is sung by all.*

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef. It features a melody with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." There are triplets indicated by a '3' above the notes in several places.

**L:** Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

**+ MEAL +**

**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.**

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, 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:

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.

L: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

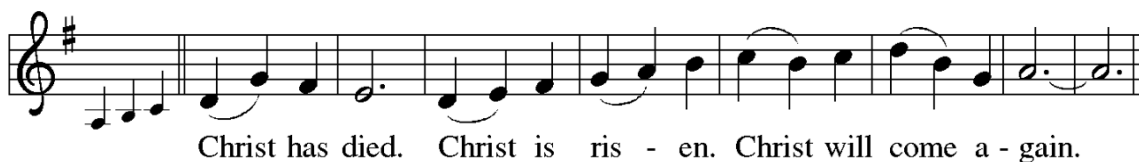
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



### Lord's Prayer:

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
**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.**

*All are welcome to receive communion. Those online will be communed first. Then, ushers will dismiss you by row to come forward for communion. You may proceed down the center aisle to the front, where you may receive bread to dip into the cup. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice cups are available for those who prefer them. If you are unable to come forward but desire to receive, please let the usher know so that the Eucharist may be brought to you. If you do not wish to commune, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing and may indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest when you approach the minister. After you have received communion, please return to your seat using the side aisles.*

**Invitation to Communion:**

L: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: **Amen.**

**Communion Song:**

I Am the Bread of Life

Suzanne Toolan

**Prayer after Communion:**

L: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

**Benediction:**

L: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

L: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

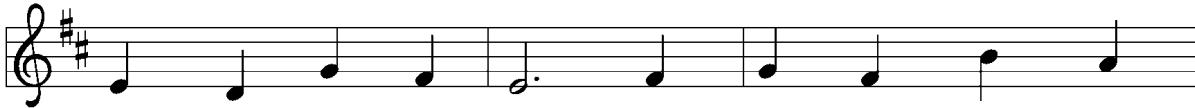
L: The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (ELW 620)



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in  
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and  
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my  
 4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the  
 shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing  
 though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.  
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, to rest.  
 trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.  
 me in vain, and I am owned a child.

- 5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
 my prophet, priest, and king,  
 my Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
 accept the praise I bring.
- 6 How weak the effort of my heart,  
 how cold my warmest thought;  
 but when I see thee as thou art,  
 I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 7 Till then I would thy love proclaim  
 with every fleeting breath;  
 and may the music of thy name  
 refresh my soul in death!

### Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude:

Fugue in D

Johann Sebastian Bach

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Happy Birthday to:** Julie Ackerman (6/16), Jan Doan (6/16), and Daniel Ackerman (6/19).

### **Giving Garden**

We continue to harvest every Wednesday at 8am. Just bring your garden gloves and whatever hand tools you may want for digging and harvesting. All are welcome as your schedules permit.

### **Volunteers Needed for Pride at the Park!**

Holy Trinity will have a table at Pride at the Park in Narberth Park on June 20, and we're looking for friendly faces to help staff the table from 11:00am-4:00pm, as well as set up and tear down. Volunteers can sign up for one-hour time slots to welcome visitors, share information about our church, and celebrate with the community.

Whether you can help for one hour or more, we'd love to have you join us! Please contact the church office or sign up today at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B44A9AE2AA7FF2-64235304-pride>.

### **Meet with Pastor Jessica**

Pastor Jessica would love the opportunity to meet with you and get to know you better. If you're interested in scheduling a conversation, please reach out to Pastor Jessica after worship, by phone 301-412-8989, email [pastorjessica@holyltrinitynarberth.org](mailto:pastorjessica@holyltrinitynarberth.org), or Calendly [calendly.com/pastorjessica](https://calendly.com/pastorjessica).

## **Holy Trinity's Prayer List**

Jan Doan

Mark Frye

### **Friends and Relatives**

Bettina Chavanne (friend of the McCluskeys)

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)

Margie (Jan Doan's friend)

Joseph Davis

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)

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)

Ellen Mitchell (sister of Mary Williamson)

Steve Crews (Kim's father)

The Lim family (friends of the Princes)

Cheryl Kurpiel and Family (friends of the Frye Family)

Cestare family (Extended family of Kim)

Bob Gamble (friend of Bruce & Dorothy McCluskey)

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

Deborah deHeyman and family (friends of Holy Trinity)

Katy Olsen (Pat Brubaker's niece)

Lori Chambers (friend of Mark and Dee Jaye Frye)

Laurie & Wayne (friends of Pat Brubaker)

Bob Fuhrmeister (grandson of Bob Catherman)