



# 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:**

Carol-Prelude on *In vernali tempore*

Robert Elmore

### **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:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

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

**L:** Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Compassionate God,  
C: **When we have had power,  
we forgot what it is for.  
We raised ourselves further up.  
We have not used our gifts to speak truth to power in love,  
to lift up the voices of those beaten down.  
When we have been weak,  
we have let ourselves be told  
we were broken beyond repair,  
and forgot the promise that each of us is Your child,  
made in Your image.  
We have listened to the siren song of the world  
that says what we get is what we deserve.  
We have forgotten your grace.  
In this service, remind us.**

L: Hear the good news!  
God has not watched from far away,  
but has come near to be with us,  
to free us from our pain, and to offer us new life.  
God ✝ has declared that we are not separate,  
but children of one family, united in Jesus our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn: Let the Whole Creation Cry (ELW 876)



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song,  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

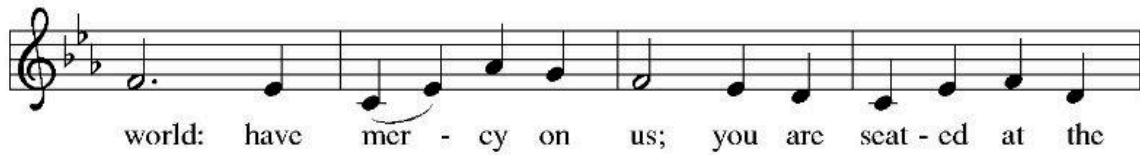
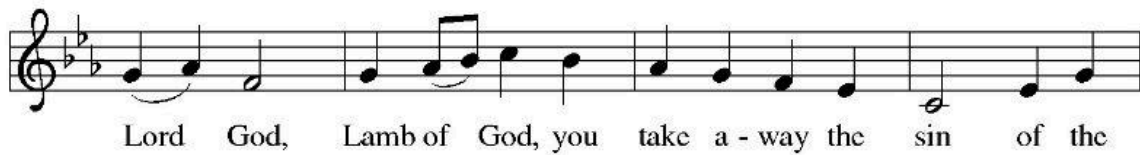
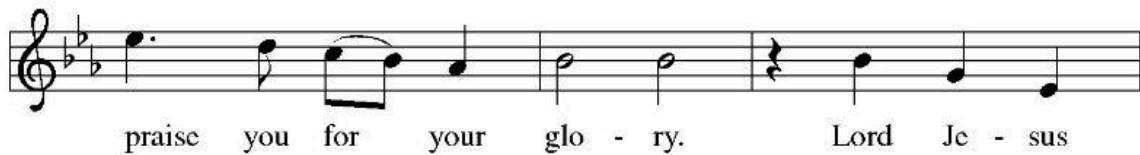
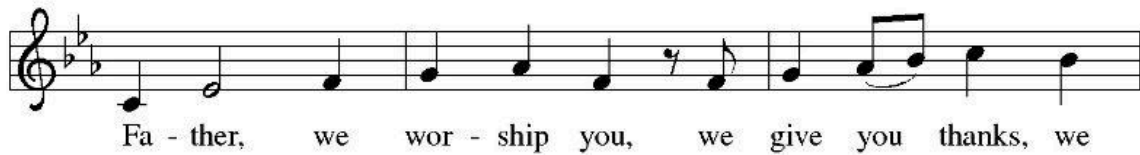
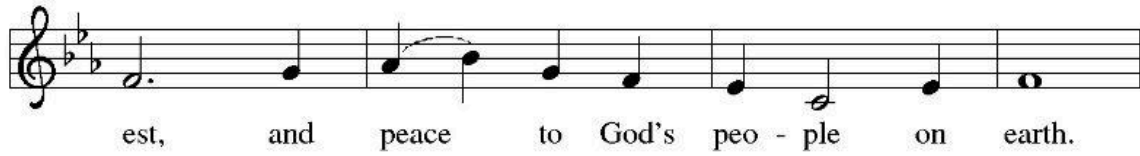
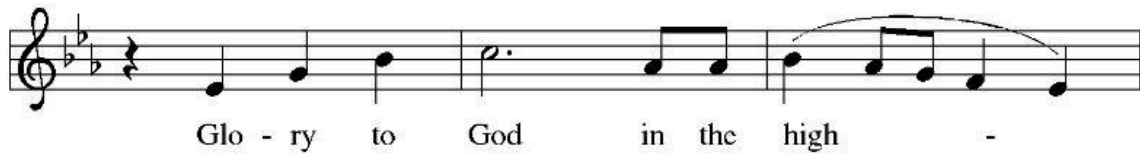


sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - jice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

### 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 -



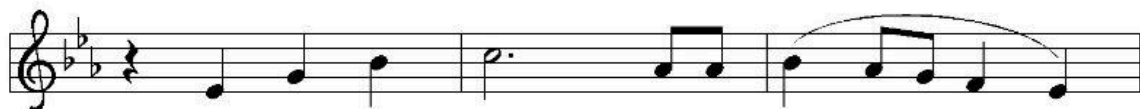
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



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 infinite manifestations, free us of shame that confines and judgment that destroys. Bring healing to the wounds of being told we are too much or too big or too proud or too young or too old or too queer. Ground us in the truth that sets us free: We are the work of a Divine hand – the holy lives in our flesh. Wherever we struggle to believe, meet us there. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

**First Reading: Genesis 21:8-21**

L: A reading from Genesis, the 21st chapter.

<sup>8</sup>The child [Isaac] grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup>But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. <sup>10</sup>So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." <sup>11</sup>The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. <sup>12</sup>But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. <sup>13</sup>As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." <sup>14</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

<sup>15</sup>When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup>Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup>And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup>Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." <sup>19</sup>Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

<sup>20</sup>God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. <sup>21</sup>He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17**

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

<sup>1</sup> Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.

<sup>2</sup> **Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.**

You are my God;

<sup>3</sup> be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

<sup>6</sup> **Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
listen to my cry of supplication.**

<sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I call on you,  
for you will answer me.

<sup>8</sup> **There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.**

<sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.

<sup>10</sup> **For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.**

<sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant;  
save the child of your maidservant.

<sup>17</sup> **Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,  
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

L: A reading from Romans, the 6th chapter.

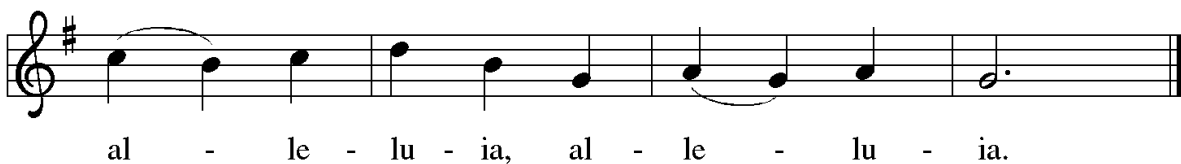
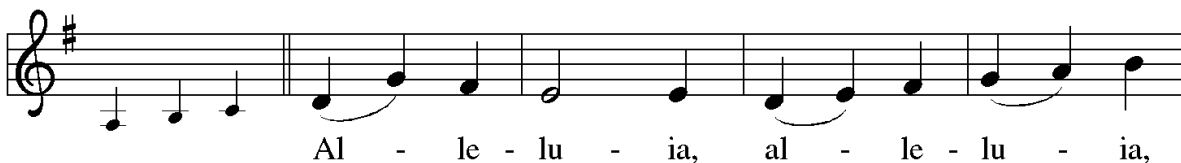
<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

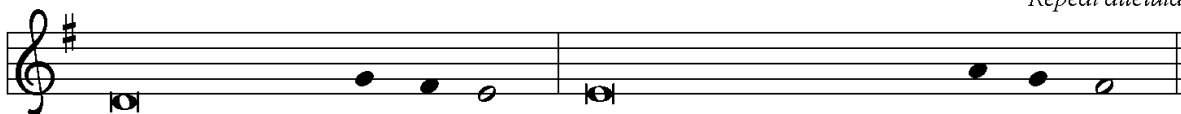
L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation:



*Repeat alleluia*



## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:24-39**

L: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

<sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:** Rev. Jessica Zurcher

## Hymn of the Day: Children of the Heavenly Father (ELW 781)



- 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
- 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
- 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
- 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

## **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.*

Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace,

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

L: Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering, especially those we name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts... God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. 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:**

Trust in the Lord

Allen Pote

*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: One came who upset the rules,  
who accepted the grace of the outsider,  
who looked for wisdom in those who did not count,  
who took his food in the company of the rejected.  
The tables of the moneychangers he threw over.  
The doors of liberation he threw open.

In Jesus, you defied the boundaries between sacred and secular  
and demonstrated respect and honor for all of creation.  
You confronted the powers that deny the goodness of others,  
challenged the status quo that seeks to keep things hidden,  
and commanded your children to love and to be loved.

On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, Jesus 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.  
Gathered around this table, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:



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

Into our hands he delivers himself,  
Jesus, the Excluded One, the Sign of Hope for all.  
We celebrate in this meal his victory of life over death and love over hate.  
May your Spirit take these earthly things  
and reveal in their brokenness the life-giving plenty  
that is the Body and Blood of Christ.

May your Spirit descend upon us also,  
that we too may become Christ's Body  
and work for the healing of the world.

Let us, we pray, be defined by what we are open to,  
not by what we fear; by the excess of our compassion,  
not by the walls along our borders.

We offer this prayer in the name of the God who welcomes all,



### 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: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

C: **Amen.**

**Communion Song:**

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

Marty Haugen

**Prayer after Communion:**

L: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: **Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

**Benediction:**

L: The world now is too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love. May your eyes be so blessed that you see God in everyone. Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor. May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch is a sacrament. Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love. May your feet be so blessed that you run to those who need you. And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, that your love changes everything. And the blessing of God, ✠ Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be upon you this day and every day.

C: **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised (ELW 810)



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

### Dismissal:

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

### Postlude:

“Little” Prelude in C

J. S. Bach

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Happy Birthday to:** Dick Hooey (6/23).

### **Lector/Reader volunteers needed**

We are currently looking for volunteers to lector/read throughout the summer. If you will be worshipping with us and would like to serve as lector/reader please contact Dale in the church office at 610-664-5503 or [holytrinitynarberth@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitynarberth@gmail.com). Thank you for your willingness to serve!

### **Church Workday thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent church workday. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to caring for our church.

A special thank you to Tom DelMonte for organizing the event and ensuring everything ran smoothly.

### **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.

### **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@holytrinitynarberth.org](mailto:pastorjessica@holytrinitynarberth.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)

David Rovner (friend of Holy Trinity)