

## Welcome to Trinity!

We rejoice in this opportunity to gather for worship in our sanctuary after having been prevented from doing so by COVID for so long! We know that some of you will feel more comfortable waiting for a bit longer to return in person. That's fine too! We will continue to rejoice in your presence with us virtually as you connect online!

Here at Trinity, we strive to follow our Lord Jesus in fully welcoming everyone into community. We seek to provide a place of true sanctuary in a world that too often offers judgment instead of grace and exclusion rather than embrace. As a Reconciling In Christ congregation, we rejoice to fully welcome LGBTQIA folks. We celebrate racial and ethnic diversity as a gift to the community. We seek to include those who are dealing with physical challenges and developmental disabilities. Beyond all this, we happily include people wherever they are on their faith journey, including seekers with deep doubts and questions, those who are new to the faith, and seasoned long-time believers.

In short, we believe that when Jesus commanded his followers to share the Gospel with ALL people – he meant it! Welcome!

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Recorded services will be archived on our website. [www.trinityevanston.org](http://www.trinityevanston.org)



### Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

9:30 am

### Trinity Lutheran Church

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**Transforming lives by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ**



**Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary....**The Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary allows for direct broadcast of the worship service to your hearing aid. We have two direct reception headsets available for those who have non-T-coil equipped hearing aids or no hearing aid at all. Our ushers are happy to assist you. We hope this enhancement is a blessing to you.

**JOIN US FOR ONLINE WORSHIP**

We continue to live-stream all of our services.

If you can't tune in for the live broadcast, or you want to go back and hear a part of the service again, you can access all of our previously recorded services archived on our website. [www.trinityevanston.org](http://www.trinityevanston.org) with a link to our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEvanston/>

**Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day  
of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

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**Prelude**

**Confession and Forgiveness:** *(Stand as you are able)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful God,

C **we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings.**

**We have hoarded your bounty.**

**In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

**Amen.**

P Righteous God,

C **we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have failed to be honest.**

**We have lacked the courage to speak.**

**We have spoken falsely.**

**In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

**Amen.**

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: ACS 979..... "Making their Way"



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have  
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble  
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,  
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,  
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



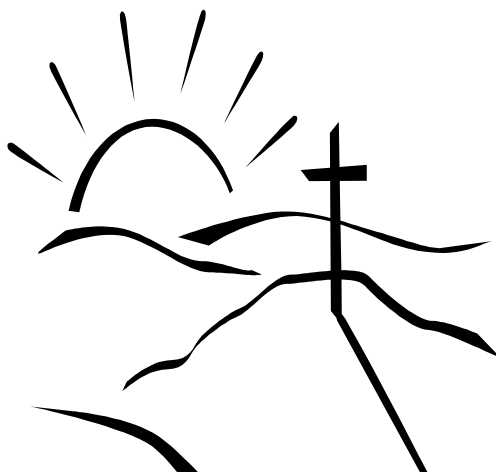
Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor-ship, of - fer-ing thanks,  
learn-ing to walk in Je-sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
car - ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



the great-est with the least have come to share this feast.  
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG. A. Valerius. *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*. 1626



**Greeting:**

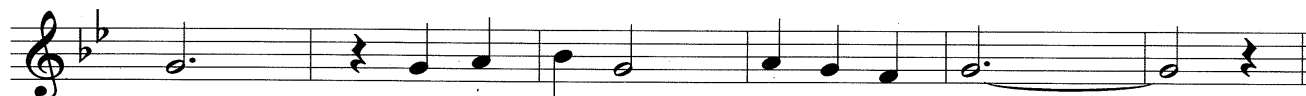
P The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

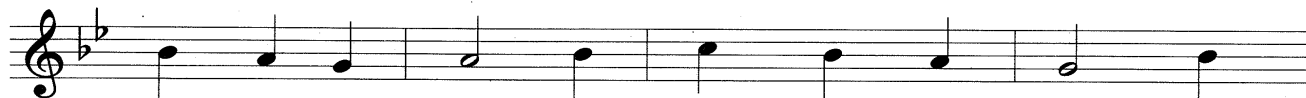
**Canticle of Praise: "This Is the Feast"**



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



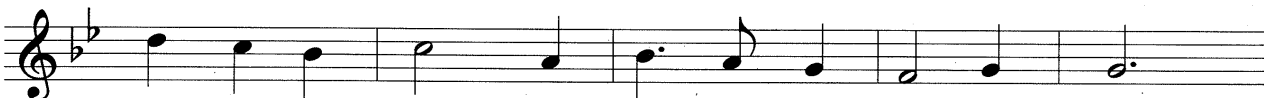
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

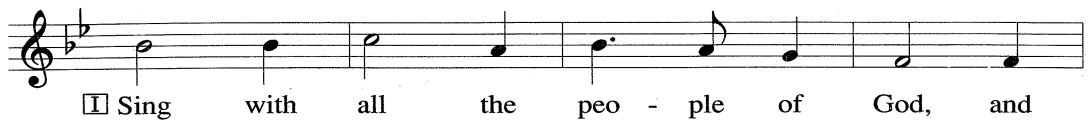


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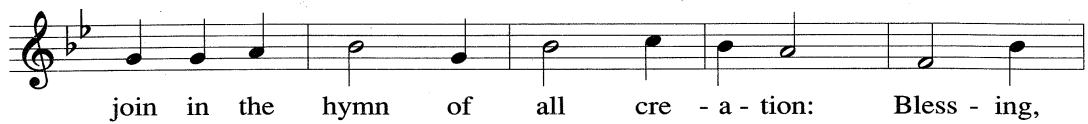


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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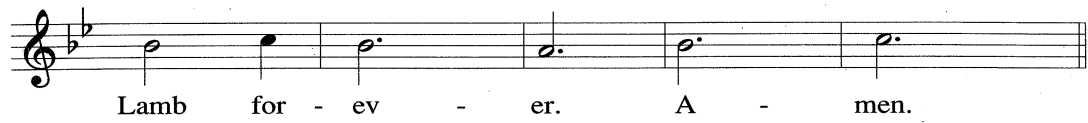
I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing,



hon - or, glo - ry and might be to God and the



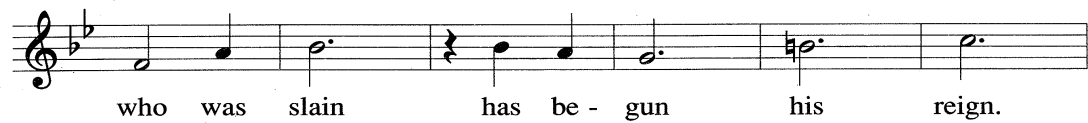
Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



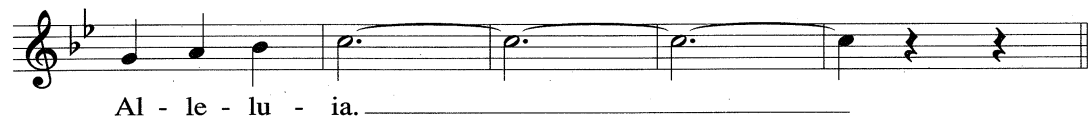
☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. III For the Lamb



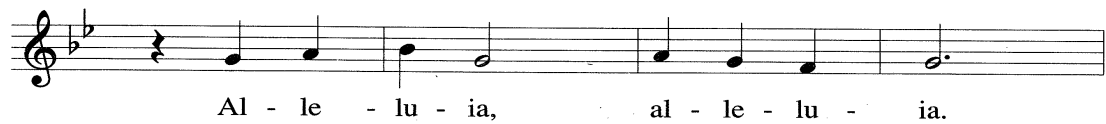
who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! *rit.*

### Prayer of the Day:

P O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Word

*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

### Word for the Children

#### First Reading: Isaiah 51: 1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. <sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

#### Psalm: Psalm 138 *(Read responsively)*

L <sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

C <sup>2</sup>**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

L <sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

C <sup>4</sup>**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

L <sup>5</sup>They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

C <sup>6</sup>**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

L <sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

C <sup>8</sup>**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** *(Stand)*

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

**P** The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

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

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”<sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”<sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.”<sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.<sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”<sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!



**Apostles' Creed:**

**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 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:**

**P** Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

*After each petition:*

**A** Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

**Peace**

*Please be seated.*



**Announcements**

**Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

Raised to new life, filled with the Holy Spirit, and gifted richly by God, we respond with joy and thanksgiving for all that God has first given us.

If you are joining us virtually, you may share your offerings by mailing your checks to the church office or by using your bank's bill-pay system. If you would rather, you can use our Vanco online giving option. Here's the link to the secure site: [bit.ly/TLCgives22](https://bit.ly/TLCgives22) Or scan this QR code: However it is that you share your offerings, we thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministry we share!



**Offertory**

*Stand as you are able.*

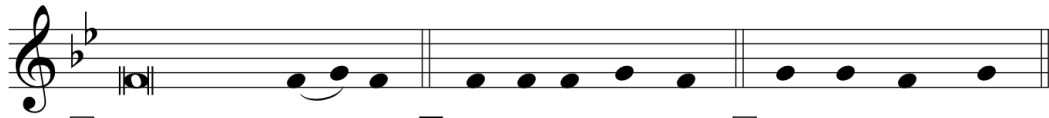
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**Offering Prayer:**

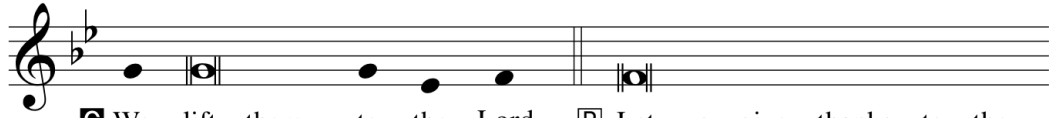
A God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

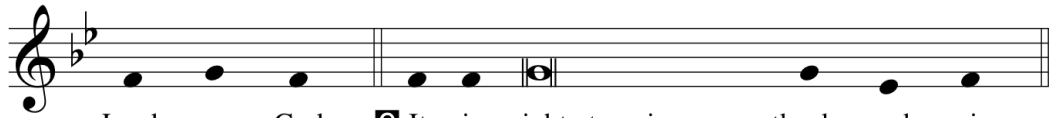
Great Thanksgiving:



Ⓟ The Lord be with you; Ⓞ and al-so with you. Ⓟ Lift up your hearts;

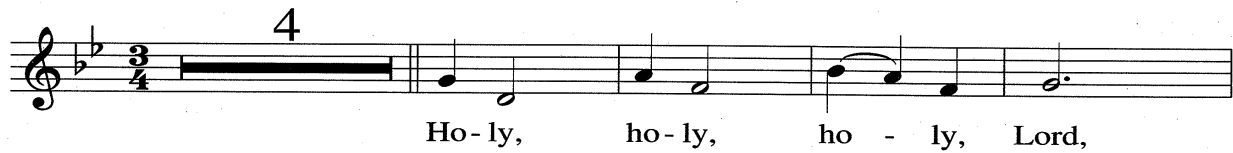


Ⓞ We lift them to the Lord. Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the



Lord, our God. Ⓞ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

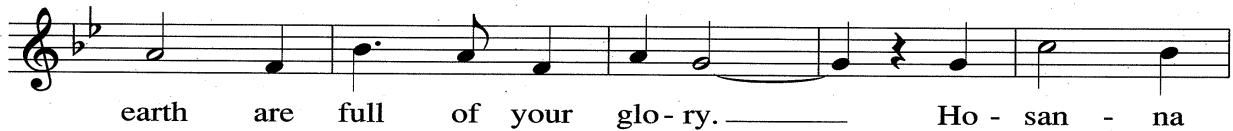
Ⓟ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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,



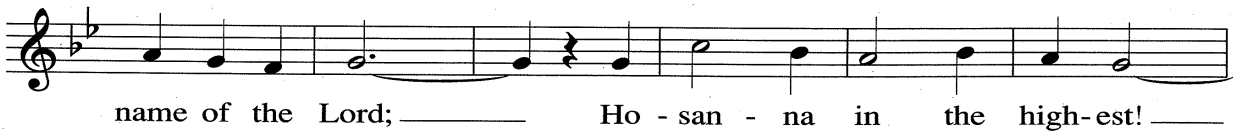
God of pow-er, God of might, Hea-ven and



earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na



in the high-est! Bles-sed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high-est!



Ho - san - na in the high - est!

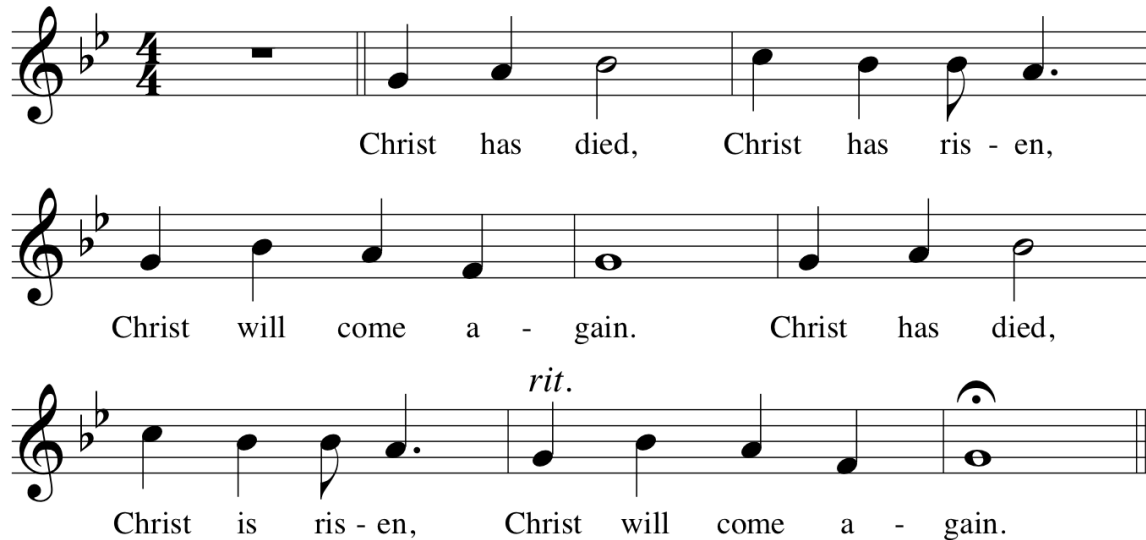
## Thanksgiving at the Table:

P 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.

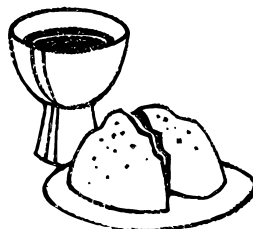
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
this cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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



Christ has died, Christ has risen,  
Christ will come again. Christ has died,  
*rit.*  
Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

P 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;



Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Ho-ly Spirit, all  
 glory and honor are yours, al - might - y Father, now —  
 and — for - ev - er. A - men,  
 A - men, A - men! A - men,  
 A - men, A - men!

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, © 1978, Augsburg Fortress  
 Music: *Holy Communion: Creation Setting*; Marty Haugen; © 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

### The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the language of your heart.

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom,  
 the power, and the glory  
 are yours, now and forever.  
 Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion:**

**P** All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

*We rejoice to share this holy meal with all baptized believers.  
Children not yet receiving communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Please be seated.*

**Communion Instruction**

You are invited to come forward via the center aisle at the direction of the ushers.  
Pastor will distribute the bread, and a deacon will distribute the wine in individual, recyclable plastic cups.  
Communicants will take a cup from the tray and will dispose of it in the basket provided before returning to their seat via the side aisle.

**Gluten free wafers** are available. **Grape juice** is located in the inner circle of the tray.

*If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion, please tell an usher and communion will be brought to you.*

For those who prefer to remain in the pew, individual communion sets containing grape juice are available in the narthex as people enter.

**Lamb of God:**

The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is written in a single system with six staves. The first staff is a prelude consisting of two measures, each with a '2' above it, indicating a two-measure rest. The second staff begins the vocal melody with the lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God; \_\_\_\_\_ you take a - way the'. The third staff continues with 'sin of the world, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy on \_\_\_\_\_ us.'. The fourth staff has a repeat sign and the lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God; \_\_\_\_\_ you'. The fifth staff continues with 'take a - way the sin of the world:'. The sixth staff concludes with 'grant us your \_\_\_\_\_ peace.'. The music features various time signatures: 3/4, 2/4, and 4/4. The key signature has one flat (Bb).

Music during Communion:

ELW, No. 468 ..... "Around You, O Lord Jesus"



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still  
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—

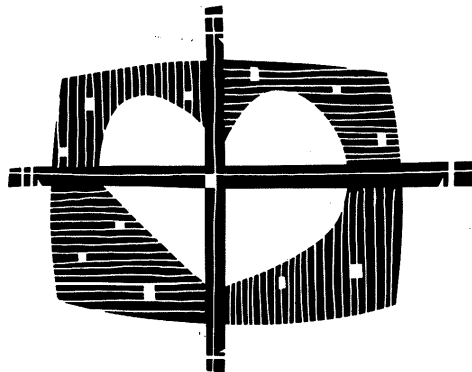


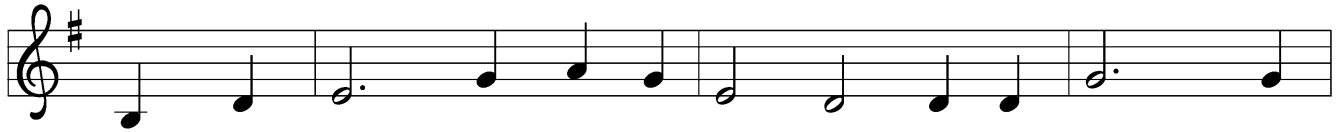
You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite  
Music: O JESU, ÄN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569





1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

**Prayer after Communion:**

A Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord..

C Amen.

**Sending**

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

**Blessing: (Stand)**

P The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C Amen.



Sending Hymn:

"The Church Song"

*Refrain*

A B E Esus E A B E Esus E

We are the church, the bo - dy of our Lord;

A B E C#m A B<sup>7</sup> E

we are all God's chil - dren. We have been re - stored.

E

- 1 The church is not a build - ing
- 2 You can go to wor - ship
- 3 The church is not a busi - ness,
- 4 The church, it is the peo - ple

where peo - ple go to pray;  
but you can - not go to church;  
a com - mit - tee or a board;  
liv - ing out their lives,

it's not made out of sticks and stones,  
you can't find a build - ing that's a - live  
it's not a cor - por - a - tion for  
called, en - light - ened, sanc - ti - fied

E<sup>7</sup> *Refrain*

it's not made out of clay.  
no mat - ter how you search.  
the busi - ness of the Lord.  
for the work of Je - sus Christ.

**Dismissal:**

- A Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**COFFEE HOUR IS SERVED FOLLOWING THE SERVICE in the GATHERING SPACE.**

**Join us for refreshments and conversation. All are welcome!**

**MISSION POSSIBLE FOR AUGUST: LSSI—Lutheran Social Services of Illinois**

**Note: TRINITY OFFICE AND STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Trinity office is open Monday—Thursday only.**  
**Send us an email to confirm the staff member you wish to meet is in the office.**  
**For a quick response, email is best: [office@trinityevanston.org](mailto:office@trinityevanston.org)**

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**\* LABOR DAY, MONDAY Sept. 4th —CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.**

**TRINITY PRAYER LIST:**

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**MEMBERS:**

- Joan Borgeson
- Robert Gertenrich
- Geof Hiltwein
- Signe Kilen
- Judi McKiernan
- Bill Olson (rehab at home)
- Hortense Plummer
- Bill Sachse
- Donna Schroeder
- Arlene Sigle
- Gail Slamar
- LaVerne Stamer
- Lorna Van Houten (healing in preparation of upcoming surgery)
- Chris Viau
- Dave Yandell (hospitalized)

**FAMILY & FRIENDS:**

- Whitman Brisky (Valerie Braun's dad, multiple myeloma; will need a bone marrow transplant this summer)
- Peter Burke (brother of Peg Lee)
- Rick Corona (brother of Joe Corona, recovery from fall)
- Eleanor Ehresman (friend of Carol Wilson, battling leukemia)

- Sarah Graebner (cousin of Susan Hilkevitch)
- Katie Grassmann (colleague of Charlie Slamar) injuries from riding accident.
- Sanah Khan (friend of Cathi White, recovery from reconstruction surgery)
- Dave Kallstead (cousin of Roy Skogsberg, recovery from hip surgery)
- Robert Lins (friend of Laurel Lovestrom, cancer surgery)
- Raoul Maniquis (neighbor of Cathi White, hospitalized —motorcycle crash)
- Keaton McCormick (Arlene Sigle's sister's grandson, complicated medical issues)
- Mindy (request of Peg Lee, brain tumor)
- Vickie Nowakowski (Carole Rivera's sister-in-law, recovering)
- Ryan (Lorna Van Houten's son, healing)
- Sherri (friend of Gina Musielski, healing from medical challenges)
- Dave Skvarla (friend of Sandie Schlauch, recovering from open heart surgery)
- Debbie Stahr (sister-in-law of Julie McWilliams)
- Ruth Straseske (friend of Carol Wilson, continued recovery from ovarian cancer)
- Linda T (friend of Sandie Schlauch, recovering from a fall)
- Steve and Dawn Taskay
- Tito Urian (friend of Phos Rivera, recovering ALS)
- Jennifer McWilliams (niece of Gary McWilliams, treatment for breast cancer)
- Tim McWilliams (nephew of Gary McWilliams, recovering from a stroke)
- Theresa Wilson (cousin of Carol Wilson, facing lupus and cancer diagnosis)
- Sharon Yandell (mother of Dave Yandell)