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! Join us on facebook, https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEvanston/

Recorded services will be archived on our website. www.trinityevanston.org



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 16, 2023 9:30 am

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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-steam 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**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.

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.

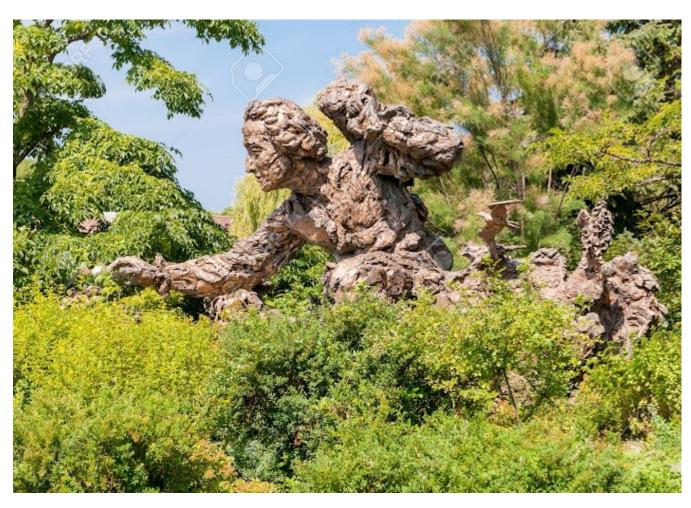
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

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.





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"





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Prayer of the Day:

- P Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Please be seated.



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

Word for the Children



First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

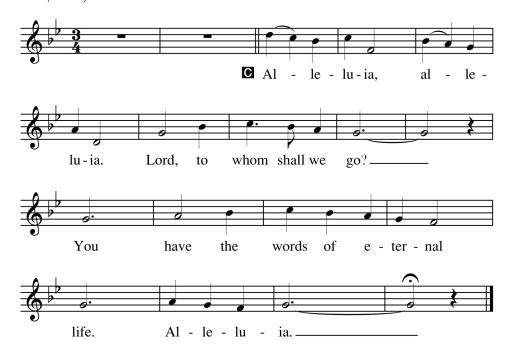
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 65:9-13 (Read responsively)

- L You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.
- C ¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
- L 11You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
- C 12The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,
- L ¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Gospel Acclamation: (Stand)



- P The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

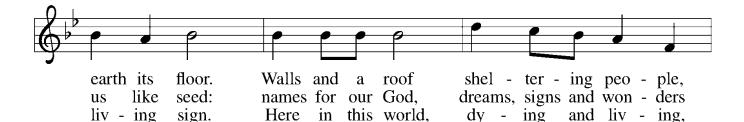
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Sermon



- 1 What is this place where we are meet-ing? On ly a house, the
- 2 Words from a far, stars that are fall ing, sparks that are sown in
- 3 And we ac cept bread at this ta ble, bro ken and shared, a





win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re-ceive



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Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck, 1626

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Apostles' Creed:

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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 Christian church, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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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.

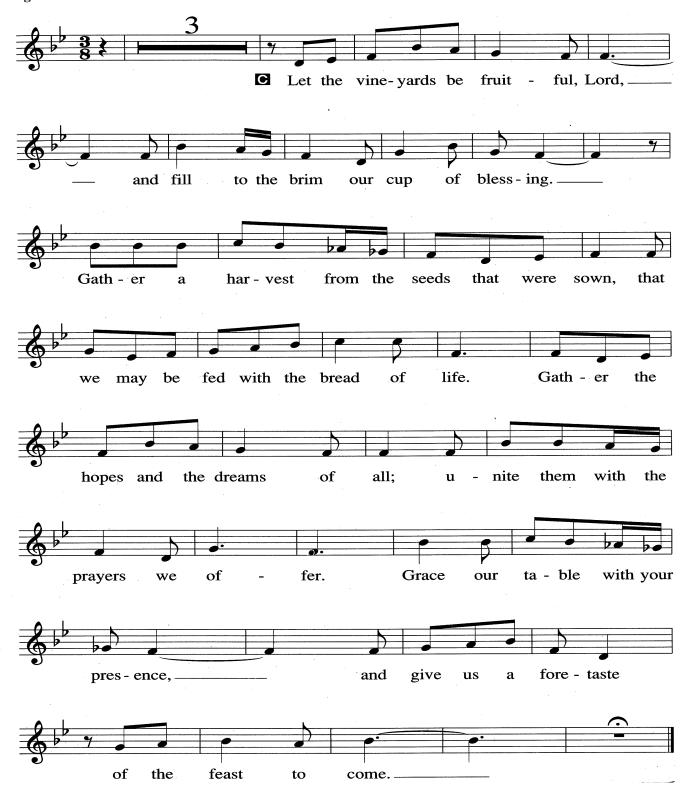
Offering

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 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!



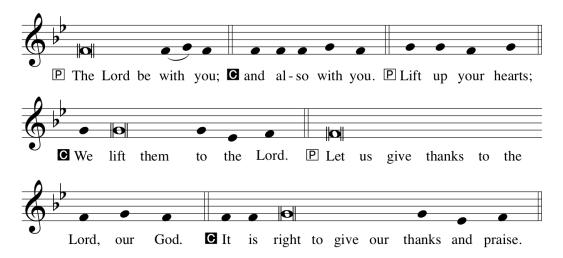
Setting the Table:



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:



P 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:



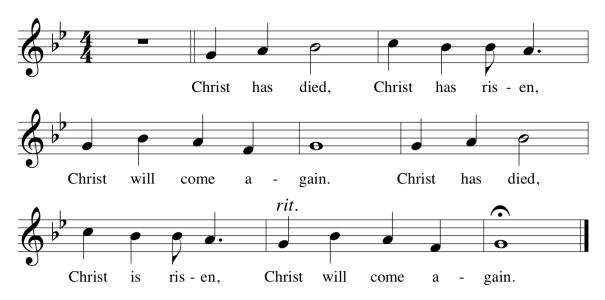
Thanksgiving at the Table:

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.

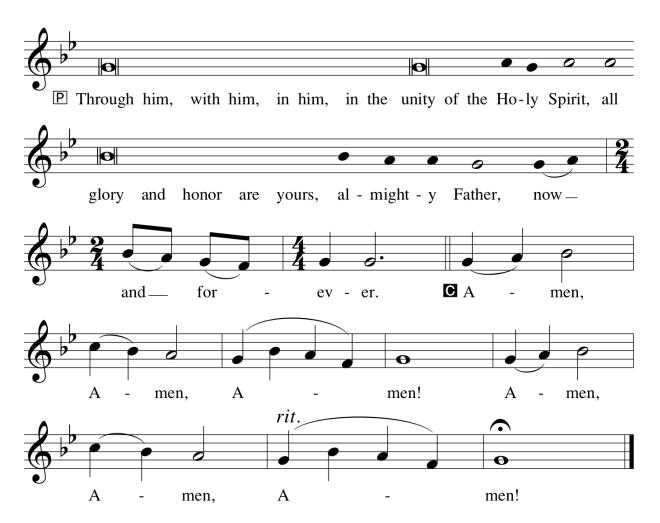
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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



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;





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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.

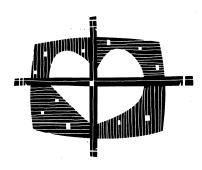
Lamb of God:



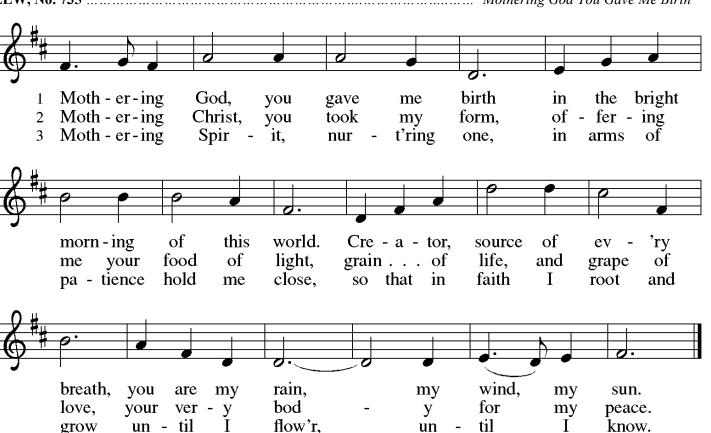
Music during Communion:

"Hymn of Promise"

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Prayer after Communion:

- A We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.



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.



Dismissal:

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

Postlude

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by:

- July 16 Dick Lee in honor of the 98th birthday of my mother Virginia Lee. In gratitude for the faithful service of Rick Merrell.
- July 25 With Thanks for a Loving and Caring Trinity Congregation by Phos and Carole Rivera.
- Aug 13 Lee/Fester Family celebrating Rosemary's 7th birthday!

2023 ALTAR FLOWERS — There are dates available. **The cost of flowers is \$40**, and your dedication will be printed in the bulletin announcements. Find the chart is located by the bulletin board in the Gathering Space or in the Narthex. For more information, contact the office — Paula (847-673-8564), office@trinityevanston.org. Thank you. Donors may take the flowers after worship.

Memorial Service for Richard Lind Merrell — Monday, July 17, 2023 11:00 AM with the committal of ashes in the Memorial Garden. A light luncheon will follow.

The service will be streamed at https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEvanston/ More information on our website: http://www.trinityevanston.org/

In lieu of flowers, Rick and the family gratefully suggest that donations be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church and designated for the "Memorial Garden in memory of Rick" to maintain it's peaceful beauty for generations to come.

Memorial Donations may also be made online Go to our website: http://www.trinityevanston.org/ using Vanco online giving platform, or simply paste this link into your browser: bit.ly/TLCgives22 and select Other, and note Memorial—Rick on your donation.

Notes of sympathy may be addressed to his sister, Dyna Martin, 6421 McKinney Ranch Pkwy # 3028, McKinney, TX 75070

TRINITY PRAYER LIST:

Contact the office if you desire to add someone to our prayer list. To make changes, contact the office@trinityevanston.org
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MEMBERS:

Joan Borgeson

Mickey Gaza

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Geof Hiltwein

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Judi McKiernan

Bill Olson (rehab at home)

Hortense Plummer

Bill Sachse (Citadel Wilmette; recovery and healing from surgery)

Donna Schroeder

Arlene Sigle

Gail Slamar

LaVerne Stamer

Lorna Van Houten (healing from surgery and support))

Chris Viau

Dave Yandell (hospitalized)

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Jack Bakke, (brother of Bob Bakke, hospitalized/cancer treatment)

Robert Bond (friend of Ken Schaefle, kidney related surgery)

Whitman Brisky (Valerie Braun's dad, multiple myeloma; will need a bone marrow

transplant this summer)

Robert Bond (friend of Ken Schaefle,kidney related surgery)

Peter Burke (brother of Peg Lee)

Rick Corona (brother of Joe Corona, recovery from fall)

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)

Rosita Meggs (mother of Lorna Rubio, recovery from knee surgery)

Mindy (request of Peg Lee, brain tumor)

John Mullin (friend of Ken Schaefle, complications from Covid)

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)

Sharon Yandell (mother of Dave Yandell)

SYMPATHY:

The family and friends of Rick Merrell, who died on April 29. A memorial service will be held July 17, Monday at 11 am with a luncheon to follow at Trinity.

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