

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

September 18, 2022 9:30 AM – 15th Sunday after Pentecost



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# WELCOME

# to Holy Trinity

# Reconciling in Christ

At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—



regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.

You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.

You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.

Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.

You are wanted here.

# September Celebrations!

### **Happy Birthday!**

Tracy Barry, Steve Bauer, Erik Bygd, Bill Clapp, Serena Gerome, Judy Gessner, Don Gindlesperger, Emily Goupil, Russ Hilliard, Edie Hudak, Peter Johnson, Mary Kuck, Leo Larson, Heidi Morrison, Joan Parseghian, Yosua Siagian, Rick Swiatocha II, Sonia Talabessey.

### **Happy Anniversary!**

Martha and Rich Belanger, Mark and Erlinde Beliveau, Dan and Lara Scammon, Paul and Lauren Gianino, Carl and Eileen Kackenmeister, Angie and Paul Eide.

### A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today!

Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Your presence at worship is a gift!

We love having children worship with us! At this moment, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

**Prayer Requests:** Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

Emergency Pastoral Contact: If you need a Pastoral Visit, or you're experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact Mark in the Church office and he will provide you with the Contact Pastor information during daytime and after work (emergencies) hours. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

# **Donate to Holy Trinity:** You can

place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.



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#### PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, George Parseghian, Sarah Meier, Judy Hollister, Marilee Clark, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders. Homebound: Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Bernie Olsen, Anita Lindstrom. Military: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

**Friends:** Martha LaPerle (Betty King's friend), Cinda DeWerff (Rich Wilcox's sister), Evertt Thorne (Rich Wilcox's friend), Sage Pirnie (Jessica Feeley's friend's grandchild), Christine Karmen (Joan Bauer & Stephanie Goupil's friend), Anita Creager (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Jay Bartel (Bobbi Febbo's son), Susan Fischer (Lois Kfoury's cousin), Jill Duncan (Bobbie Febbo's friend), Katy and Sherry (Shirley Jackson's daughter and sister).

Prayers will be listed for 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at office@htelc.com.

### **NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE**

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

#### **LECTIONARY**

**This Week:** Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13; Jeremiah 8:18--9:1; Psalm 79:1-9

**Next Week:** Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31;

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Musician(s): Jon Bock Choir Director: Ken Galle

**Sound System:** Rey Bororing & Mark Donahue

**Counters:** Phyllis and Barry Philbrick

Altar Guild: Bobbie Febbo

**Lector:** Julie Kath

Liturgical Deacon: Tom Bernth

### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

**WEDNESDAY, September 21** 

9:30 AM: Bible Study

**THURSDAY, September 22** 8:00 AM: Property Team

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship 10:45 AM: Confirmation Class

### ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**Sunday, September 4:** 44 (*In-Person*) + 21 (*Online*) = 65 **Offering:** \$3,676.45 **Sunday, September 11:** 64 (*In-Person*) + 23 (*Online*) = 87 **Offering:** \$2,748.90

### **Announcements**

**Sending of Rev. Dr. George Koch:** After Worship today, we will have a special celebration for Pastor George Koch, who has gone above and beyond serving our congregation over the past summer.

**Faith Formation Teachers:** Looking for teachers, so we can restart our children's programs. Interested? Contact Lara Scammon (dscammon@aol.com) or the church office.

**God's Work Our Hands:** Our church is approaching a very busy season. We will be dedicating three Sundays in October to visits from service organizations that HTELC supports locally. In addition to Ministry Minutes, these representatives will be available after services to answer any questions. The scheduled speakers are: *October 2:* Tammy Josslyn, Operation Blessing; *October 9:* Jen Berry. Ending 68 Hours of Hunger (Portsmouth); *October 16,* Bret Hudson, Good News Garage

On October 23, we have an off-site event scheduled at 1:00. Operation Blessing needs to get their warming building prepped for the winter season. This structure is used for homeless people to sleep when the temperature falls below 20F. The chores include vacuuming floors, cleaning windows, making up the beds and cleaning the Plexiglas partitions. There is also a coffee bar that will need to be set up. It is hoped that we will have enough help to complete this task in less than 2 hours. (As an aside, the Pats are on MNF that week!) A signup sheet at the welcoming table in the Narthex. Please help in any way that you can!

Walk the Walk Final Results: Thanks to our Congregation, Holy Trinity walked 6,463 miles between 35 members in order to help raise funds for Camp Calumet in July and August. Good job, Team Holy Trinity!

It's Not Too Late to Start Confirmation Classes. All grade 7 & up students who want to be confirmed may still sign up for confirmation classes and events although the first 2022-23 confirmation class was on September 11. Students will get their personal copy of the Here We Stand Student Book and an NRSV Bible. They and their parents will also receive Class & Event Plan Outlines for the coming school year. Students also sign-up for involvement in the life of our church and their respective communities. Parents are asked to periodically help as chaperones, drivers and class monitors. The 2022-23 confirmation classes and events are taught/led by the team of Pastor Luther, Lara Scammon and Glenn Oswald. Second and third year confirmation students who've had one or more years with Pastor Krick and who wish to be confirmed this year can be assured that their sessions with Pastor Krick are taken into account in determining their individual requirements.

**Next Sunday, September 25, Pastor Luther Zeigler** will be returning to Holy Trinity as our interim pastor. He will remain in this position on Sundays and Wednesdays through the end of the year.

# **Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

15th Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday, September 18, 2022 — 9:30 a.m. Readings and Lessons from Holy Cross Day

### Welcome

# **Confession and Forgiveness**

Please stand as able

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

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.
- C: Amen.
- P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

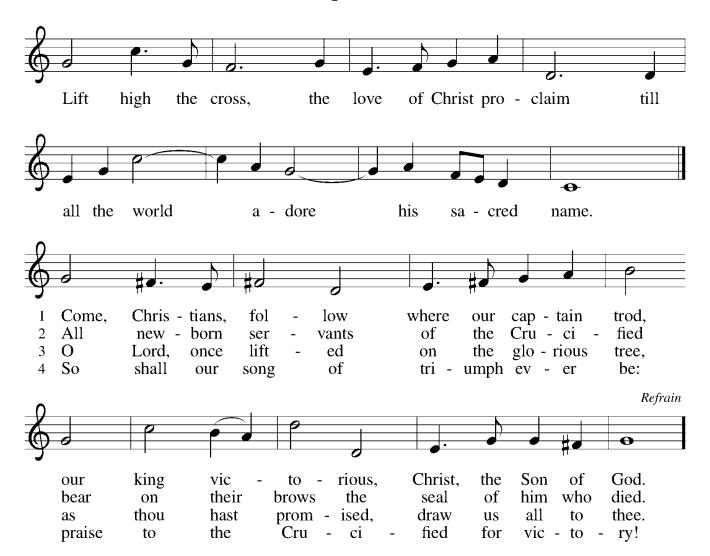
### —A brief silence—

- P: God of mercy and forgiveness,
- C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

### Amen.

- P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven  $\pm$  and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

# Lift High the Cross



Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

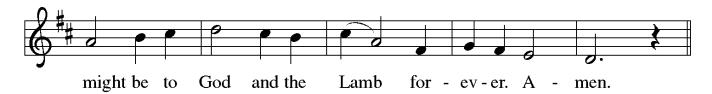
Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

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# Greeting

- P: May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C: Amen.







This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



# **Prayer of the Day**

- P: Let us pray.
- C: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

### WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

# **First Reading**

—Please be seated—

L: A reading from Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

# **Second Reading**

- L: A reading from Psalm 98
- L: <sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
- C: <sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.
- L: <sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- C: <sup>4</sup> He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- L: <sup>5</sup> [Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- C: <sup>6</sup> Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- L: <sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- C: 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.
- L: <sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- C: <sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.]
- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

# Children's Message

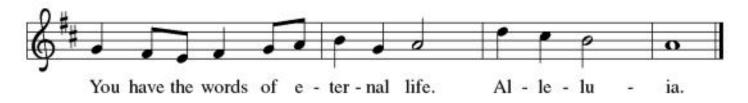
The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

# **ELW pg 151a**

# Please stand as able





# Gospel

Please stand as able

- P: The holy gospel according to St. John 31-36a
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. <sup>34</sup>The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

# Sermon

# **Hymn of the Day**

### ELW 803

### Please stand as able

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



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Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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# **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 the People**

LD: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

### —A brief silence—

LD: God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,

### C: hear our prayer.

LD: Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources,

and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,

### C: hear our prayer.

LD: Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace,

# C: hear our prayer.

LD: Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace,

### C: hear our prayer.

LD: We lift before you all those whose work puts them in harm's way for the sake of others, especially first responders and servicewomen and men who are stationed around the world. Allow all people to return home safely and keep them close to you. God of grace,

# C: hear our prayer.

LD: Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently.
 —A brief silence
 God of grace,

# C: hear our prayer.

LD: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop
Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop
James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone
Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos

Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. God of grace,

- C: hear our prayer.
- LD: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C: Amen.

# The Sharing of God's Peace

- P: May the peace of God Father, Son and Holy Spirit which passes all understanding, be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them. Please remain seated and avoid physical touch in the interests of everyone's health and safety.

### **MEAL**

# Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

# **Offertory Hymn**

**Church Choir** 

# **Offertory Prayer**

—Please stand as able—

- P: Let us Pray.
- C: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

# The Celebration of Holy Communion

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the glass in the basket by the baptismal font or the lectern. Pre-filled Communion Cups are still available for anyone uncomfortable coming forward to the altar. If you would like to receive communion from the Pastor, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

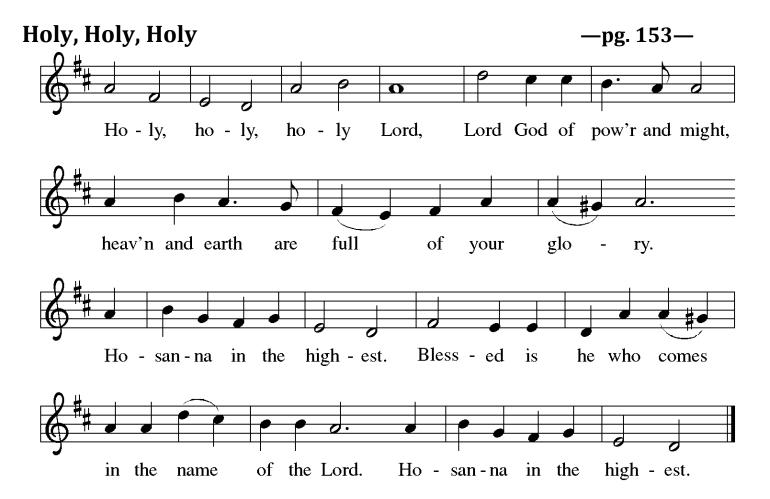
# Dialogue

—Please remain standing—

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

### **Preface**

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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



# Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

# **Lord's Prayer**

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

P: Now, as our Lord taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# **Invitation to Communion**

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

# **Communion**

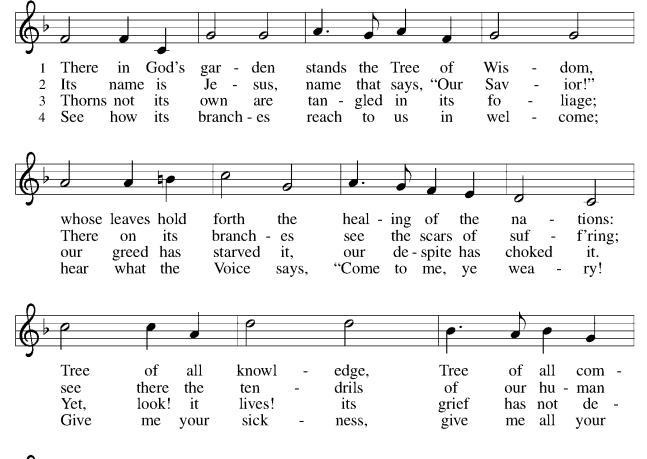
Please be seated—

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

# **Communion Hymns:**

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. Communion Hymn #1: ELW 342

### There in God's Garden





- 5 This is my ending this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit. This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.
- 6 All heav'n is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon. Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!" Amen! My Master!

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Music: Shades Mountain, K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

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### I Am the Bread of Life



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## **SENDING**

# The Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

# **Rites of Passage and Announcements**

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

### The Old Rugged Cross

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# **Blessing**

# —Please remain stading—

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

### **Dismissal**

LD: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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