

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

March 26, 2023 9:30 AM - Fifth Sunday in Lent



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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.

#### March Celebrations!

#### **Happy Birthday!**

Susie Reny, Margareta Claesson, Dot Kasik, Bill Larson, Jaxon Small, Anders Claesson, Avelino Talabessy, Noah Berg, Nathan Goupil, Ken Galle, Judy Evans, Frank Moore, Chris Dunn, Kathy Beals, Lauren Eide, Lou Spoto, Bruce Clement, Jeff Galle, Warren Mellor, Grover Marshall, Ethan Crawford, Gabriel Simamora, Lynne Clement, Penelope Williams, Anggiat Sihotang.

## **Happy Anniversary!**

Mike and Nancy Gilmore, Mark and Linda Edwards, Matt and Ann Stephen.

#### 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.

#### **Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:**

Church Office: Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm

Pastor Luther: Wednesdays 11am-2:30pm

If you need a Pastoral Visit, or experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact the Church Office and he will provide you with the Pastoral 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, Sarah Meier, Bob & Judy Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Jean Klein, Joe Lugalla, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Grover Marshall, Shirley Jackson Homebound: Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom. Military: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

**Friends:** Linda Smith and Bill Hutchins (Jill Larson's friends), Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Danielle Elwanger & family (Bobbie Febbo's granddaughter), Lynn Geraci (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Robert Gjellstad (Jerry Schock's cousin), Helaine Wemple (Gisela Wemple's daughter), Frank & Lucille Febbo (Bobbie Febbo's cousins), Mark and Janet Febbo (Bobbie Febbo's cousins).

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**

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.

#### **LECTIONARY**

This Week: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130;

Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Next Week: Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a;

Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;

Matthew 26:14--27:66; Matthew 27:11-54.

#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Musician(s): Jon Bock & Dick Topping

**Choir Director:** N/A

**Sound System:** Franklyn Vosburg & Mark Donahue

**Counters:** Phyllis & Barry Philbrick

Altar Guild: Bobbie Febbo Lector: Gisela Wemple Liturgical Deacon: TBD

#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, March 29

9:30 AM: Bible Study

7:00 PM: Holden Evening Prayer

**THURSDAY, March 30** 8:30 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, April 5

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship 10:30 AM: Confirmation class

10:30 AM: Lenten Book Discussion

#### ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**Sunday, March 12:** 72 (*In-Person*) + 29 (*Online*) = 101 **Offering:** \$10,345.90 **Sunday, March 19:** 86 (*In-Person*) + 21 (*Online*) = 107 **Offering:** \$4,103.40

#### Announcements

Welcome Pastor Donald Larsen: On Easter Sunday, Pastor Don Larsen will be joining us as a temporary, part-time interim pastor, while Pastor Luther returns to the summer congregation in Manchester by the Sea, Massachusetts. Pastor Larsen will be with us beginning Easter Sunday, and will be with us throughout the summer. During these summer weeks, he will be with us for Sunday worship, join us for Bible Study on Wednesdays, and be available for other pastoral concerns. Prepare yourself for a lively summer at Holy Trinity. And stay tuned for word coming soon about the Fall and beyond!

**Dover Friendly Kitchen** will be on Tuesday, March 28 at 3:45pm. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dover. Volunteers are welcome to help support this important ministry. Additionally, please drop off cookies with the Church Office by noon on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to Bonnie Sanders for more information: larbonsand@comcast.net, 603-749-2472 or cell: 603-767-6186.

**Holden Evening Prayer** will begin during the season of Lent, every Wednesday, at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to join us for this special service, written by Marty Haugen.

**Faith Formation:** Faith Formation is offering children's Easter story activities on April 2nd from 10:45-11:30 am in the rear Sunday school room. Confirmation class continues to meet weekly and will attend a retreat at Camp Calumet April 14-16. Families with a child in 3rd-grade or older, looking to have first communion should tell Lara Scammon or Mark Donahue.

**Operation Blessing:** The manager in the food room of Operation Blessing told me they were low on the following items: juice, jam/jelly, sugar and canned pasta. In addition, they are in need of regular plastic bags that the supermarkets put your food in. Thank you all for thinking of others.

Holy Week: Please note the upcoming schedule for Holy Week 2023.

- Palm Sunday, April 2 (Worship at 9:30 AM)
- Maundy Thursday, April 6 (Worship at 7:00 PM)
- Good Friday, April 7 (Worship at 7:00 PM)
- Holy Saturday, April 8 (Online Worship only on htelc.com no in-person service)
- Easter Sunday, April 9 (Worship at 9:30 AM), Easter Breakfast to Follow.

Easter Breakfast: The council is excited to announce that our Annual Easter Breakfast will be returning on Easter April 9th after the 9:30 service. This is a "Potluck" breakfast where you can bring any breakfast or dessert dish to share. The church will provide baked ham for all who attend. The ovens will be in use that morning, so please bring a dish that is already heated or doesn't need to be warm. There will be a setup for tables, chairs, accessories on Saturday April 8th at 1:00pm. We will also need volunteers to help on Easter morning during the breakfast, but not during the actual Easter service. Many hands make the work light and fast. Speak to Tom Bernth if you're interested in helping.

# **Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Fifth Sunday in Lent - Sunday, March 26, 2023 — 9:30 a.m.

#### 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 journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

#### —A brief silence—

- P: Holy God,
- C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.

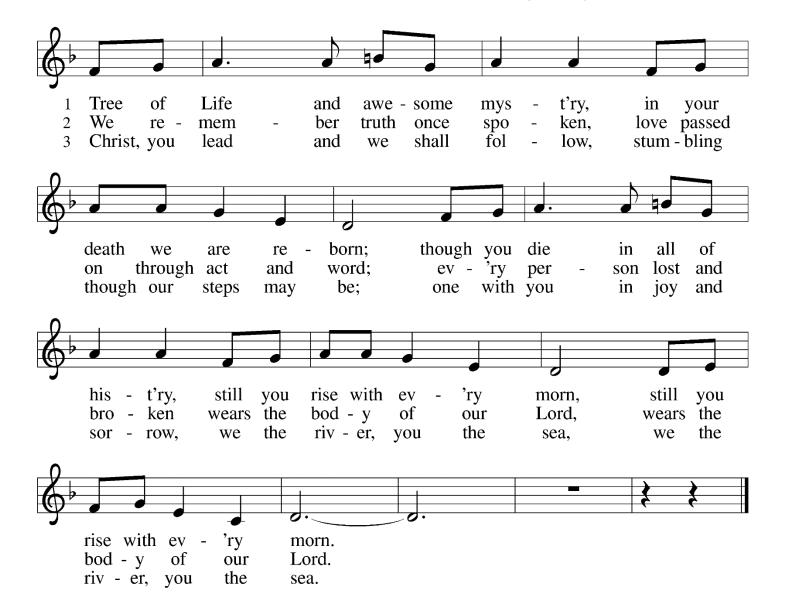
#### Amen.

- P: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.
- C: Amen.

## **Gathering Song**

## ELW 334 — Please remain standing—

# Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



Lent 5
God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as every breath.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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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: And also with you.

## **Kyrie**



## **Prayer of the Day**

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh

had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

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

#### **Second Reading**

- L: A reading from Psalm 130
- L: <sup>1</sup>Out of the depths
  I cry to you, O Lord;
- C: <sup>2</sup>O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
- L: <sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C: <sup>4</sup>Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

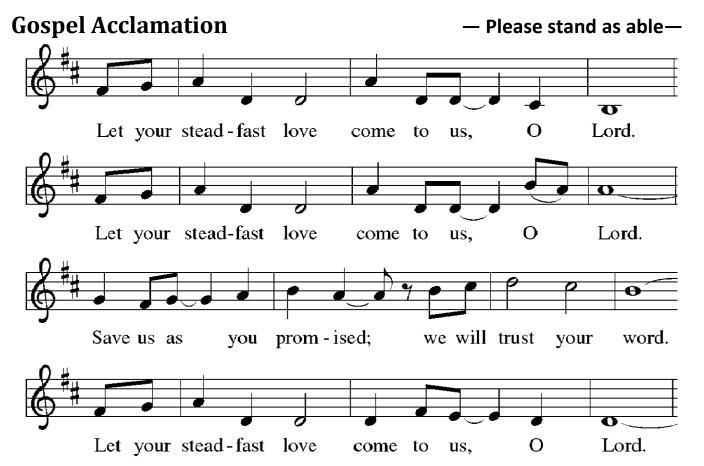
- L: <sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.
- C: <sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

- L: <sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.
- C: 8For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.
- 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.



- P: The holy gospel according to St. John 11:1-45
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console

them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a

stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

—Please be seated—

# Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land



Text: African American spiritual

Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

## **Apostles Creed**

LD: Let us confess our faith using the 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 into hell.
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: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

#### —A brief silence—

LD: You have breathed into us the breath of life. Enliven your church.

Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches around the globe, and bless the work of missionaries who accompany them.

Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: Your spirit brings life to creation. Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing. Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil beneath our feet and the air all around. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: You redeem the world and its peoples. Free us from systems of oppression. Unbind nations and societies from the sins of racism, sexism, and homophobia. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving and in songs of lament and prayer. Merciful God,

## C: receive our prayer.

LD: You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness. You hear us when we call to you. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. We

pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently.

—A brief silence— Merciful God,

#### C: receive 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. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

#### C: Amen.

## The Sharing of God's Peace

P: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

#### C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them.

#### **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: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

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.

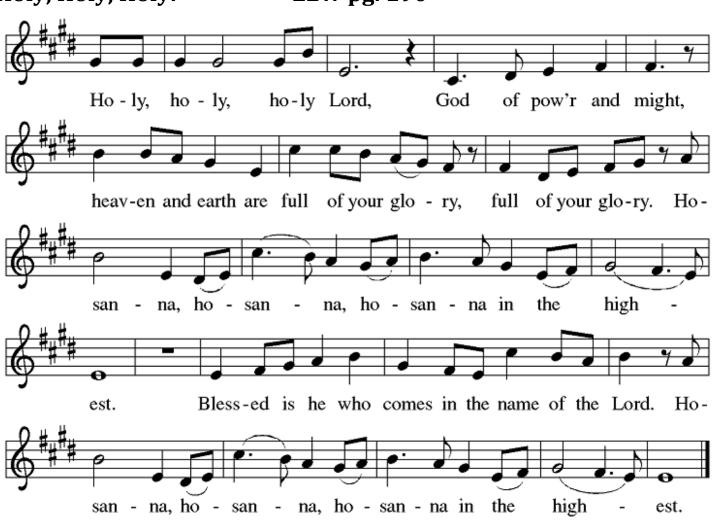
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **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, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace, we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for Him who died for us and rose again. 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:



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## 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: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

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. To follow along with the Communion Hymns, please locate the cranberry Hymnal under your seats.

ELW 666 – What Wondrous Love Is This?

ELW 592 – Just As I Am Without One Plea

ELW 487 – What Feast of Love

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#### **SENDING**

## The Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

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.

#### **Blessing**

—Please stand as able—

Pastor Zeigler will now lead a blessing for the end of our worship service.

#### **Sending Hymn**

#### **ELW 412**

#### Please stand as able

# Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



- 1 Come, join the dance of
- Trin i ty, be fore all worlds be gun— Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 2 Come, see the face of 3 Come, speak a - loud of
- Trin i ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With in the dance of Trin i ty, be fore all worlds be gun,



the in - ter-weav-ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, blood-ied by a crown of thorns out side Je - ru - sa - lem. then Pen - te - cost to peo - ple free tell the Sav - ior's name. set at sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, we



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance, Trin - i - ty The dance of is meant for hu - man flesh and bone; sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; We know the voke of Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set



the Three, in and hope, made room with in their dance. but love as when fear con-fines dance in death, God rolls the a - way the stone. weight and woe that tell the world of are free to move! we this life: the to shape in song this joy, dance of Trin - i - tv.

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## Dismissal

LD: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: Thanks be to God.