

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

July 9, 2023 9:30 AM - Sixth 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.

June Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

Ed Mallon, Michelle Bernth, Patrio Marcus, Donna Huot, Avani Pakasi, Sydney Small, Jackie Refsdal Carol Arrington, Martha Belanger, Joe Lugala, Evelina Roberts, Dave Mercer, Bill Kath, Mike Gass, Rick Wilcox, & Robert Mohr.

Happy Anniversary!

Grover & Linda Marshall, Fred & Betty King, Joan and Steve Bauer, Betty & Dave Smith, Mark & Sarah Cutting, Eva & Robert Mohr, Ron Indorf & Donna Elliott, & Barry & Phyllis Philbrick.

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's Office: 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, Bob Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Grover Marshall, Shirley Jackson, Julie Moore, Dick Topping. Homebound: Carol Saufley, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein. Military: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

Friends: Bonnie Bly (Sue Althof's sister-in-law), Dave Bly (Sue Althof's brother), Cinda DeWerff (Rich Wilcox's sister), Kathy Wyrick (Linda Marshall's friend), Jacquelynn & Richard Murray (Jessica Feeley's sister and brother-in-law), Rich Conway & Karin Otero (Lois Laurence's friends), Renee Chin (Sue Althof's friend).

Prayers will be listed for at least 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

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

LECTIONARY

This Week: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30; Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Next Week: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23; Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock & Ken Galle

Choir Director: Ken Galle

Sound System: Franklyn Vosburg

Counters: Julie & Bill Kath **Altar Guild:** Pam Shaw

Lector: Bill Kath

Liturgical Deacon: Ken Galle

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, July 12 9:30 AM: Bible Study

THURSDAY, July 13 8:30 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, July 16

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, June 25: 67 (*In-Person*) + 24 (*Online*) = 91 **Offering:** \$2,745.05

Sunday, July 2: See Next week's Bulletin

Announcements

Mark Donahue will be out of the office and on vacation today. Mark will return to the office tomorrow, on Monday, July 10. In case of a Pastoral Emergency, please reach Pastor Larsen at InterimPastor@htelc.com.

Vacation Bible School is happening from July 9 through July 12 in the evening from 5:00 - 7:30 PM. We will begin with dinner 5-5:30 PM with activities from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. We welcome you and any friends or grandchildren you invite to come join us each evening to learn about God's grace given through his gift of Jesus our Savior. For our volunteers, we ask you to come to a training meeting at church on the evening of Thursday, July 6 from 6-8 PM. We will go over the plans and do a little preparation work. We will assign you jobs for the days you can be at VBS. The activities will be straightforward and easy to do. Thank you for participating or volunteering. Please know that everyone is welcome any evening. Come as you are able! Lara Scammon (Please reach out to me at dscammon@aol.com or 603-781-0853)

Walk the Walk: The time has come for Calumet to start their annual fundraiser: "Walk the Walk", beginning July 30 and ending on September 16. This is a wonderful and fun way for Holy Trinity to band together and support our favorite Lutheran Summer Camp. Every week, you will log and report your miles to the church office, who will in turn, report our church's miles to Calumet. Please sign up at calumet's website and follow the *register* link: https://calumet.org/ontheroadagain

Confirmation Classes 2023-2024: Are you the parent or quardian of a youth who'll be entering Grades 7-12 this fall? This applies to all youth and families who participate in either Immanuel Indonesian Lutheran Church or Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please call Mark, our Office Coordinator, to register your interest before August 15th, so that he can forward your contact information to the confirmation class leaders. There is no need to call Mark if your youth is already active in the confirmation program. Lara Scammon and Glenn Oswald are preparing suggestions for our newly called Pastor Luther regarding 2023-2024 confirmation program curriculum, procedures, sessions and other activities. There'll be a Confirmation Class kick-off event around the first of September if Pastor Luther concurs.

The New Hampshire Department of Education is partnering with New Hampshire camps and school-age summer programs across the state to offer students financial aid to attend a New Hampshire summer camp, including Camp Calumet! Eligible students and corresponding youth recreation camp fees include:

- Students with a disability are eligible for a \$750 camp fee.
- Students from families at or below 250% federal poverty level are eligible for a \$600 camp fee.
- Students from families at or below 400% federal poverty level are eligible for a \$450 camp fee.

For more information, visit https://rekindlingcuriosityeducation.nh.gov/

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Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

-Please stand as able-

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: Amen.

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

— A brief silence—

P: To you, O God,

C: all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of + Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

ELW 733

-Please remain standing-

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

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Greeting

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

ELW pg 149







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: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through 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 Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

- ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

 I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

 ¹²Return to your stronghold. O prisoners of hone:
- ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.
- L: Word of God, word of life
- C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 145:8-14

- L: 8The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- C: ⁹Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.
- L: ¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O Lord,

and your faithful ones shall bless you.

C: 11They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

L: ¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C: 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

L: ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Second Reading

L: A reading from Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 S188 — Please stand as able— Al-le-lu - ia. Lord, whom shall we You have the to go? words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 11:16-19,25-30

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

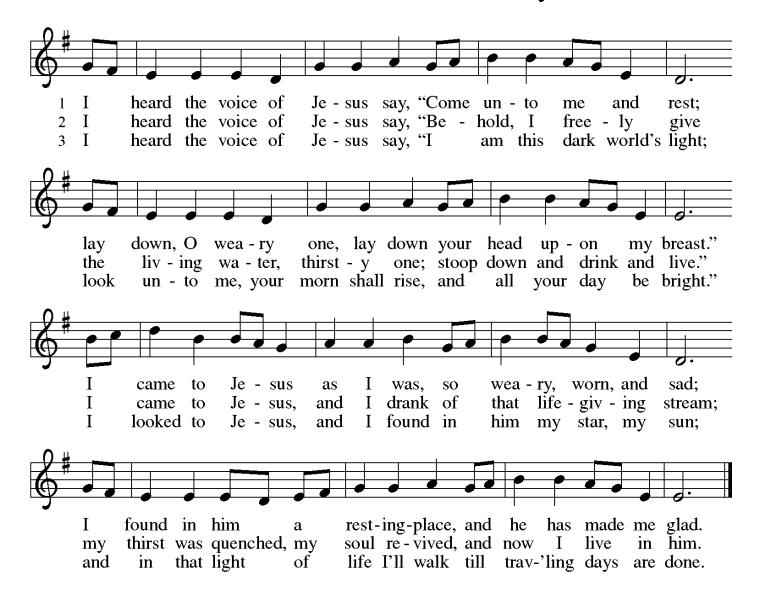
²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ^{29Take} my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Sermon — Please be seated—

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

— A brief silence—

LD: God of the covenant, you call ministers to proclaim your gospel of grace throughout the world. Inspire pastors, deacons, church musicians, and all ministers of your word as they carry out your work. Hear us, O God.

C: hear our prayer.

LD: God of all creation, you reveal your goodness through all you have made: rivers and seas, plants and animals, and endangered species.

Prosper the work of conservation organizations, botanical gardens, zoos, and wildlife sanctuaries. Hear us, O God.

C: hear our prayer.

LD: God of the nations, you desire that all the peoples of the world live in peace. Guide government leaders at all levels—national, state/province, and local—to work for justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

C: hear our prayer.

LD: God of compassion, you bring healing to those who are sick, consolation to those who are grieving, and well-being to those who are distraught.
 Send skilled caregivers to all in need, and make your presence known among all who suffer. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. — A brief silence— God, in your mercy,

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, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: God of rejoicing, you have brought us together this day to worship around word and sacrament. Encourage children in their learning and growing, and watch over those who are absent today. Lead us all to places of renewal and refreshment. Hear us, O God.

C: hear our prayer.

LD: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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.

MEAL

Offering

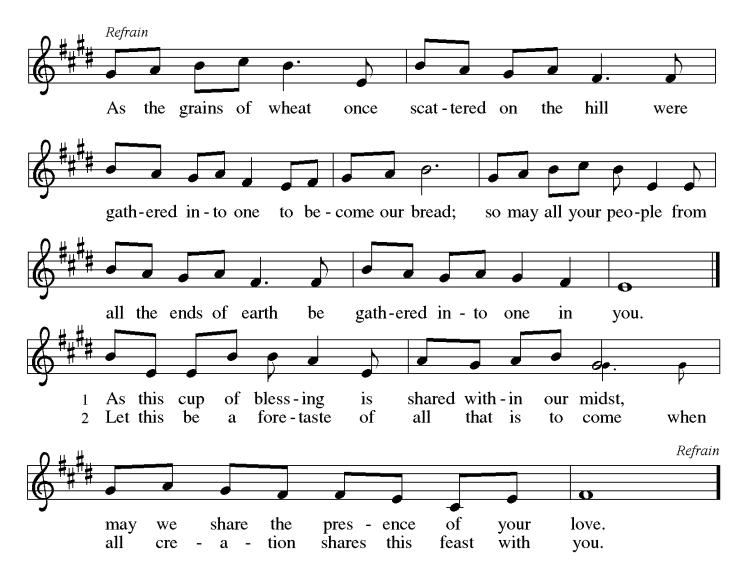
An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.

Choir Anthem

Offertory Song

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward. The offerings will be brought to the altar during this hymn.

As the Grains of Wheat



Offertory Prayer

LD: Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: 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

- 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 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

—To the tune hymn Holy, Holy, Holy—

Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory and Your grace.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who

Comes in the name of the Lord God most high.

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 proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C: Christ has died. 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; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

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.

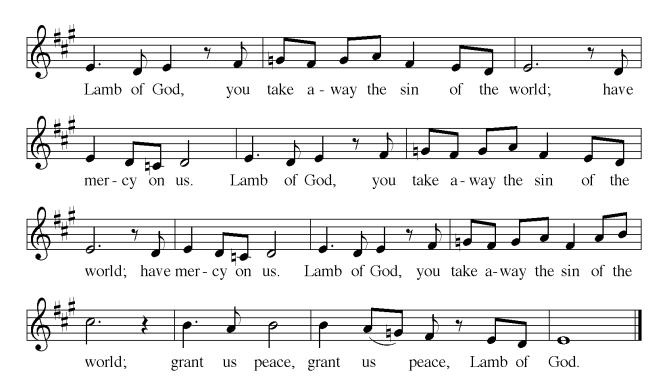
Invitation to Communion

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

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

Communion

Please be seated—



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 790 – Day by Day. ELW 502 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is.

Communion Blessing

Please stand as able

- P: The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ keep you in God's grace.
- C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

LD: Let us pray.

C: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

Rites of Passage and Announcements

—Please be seated—

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.

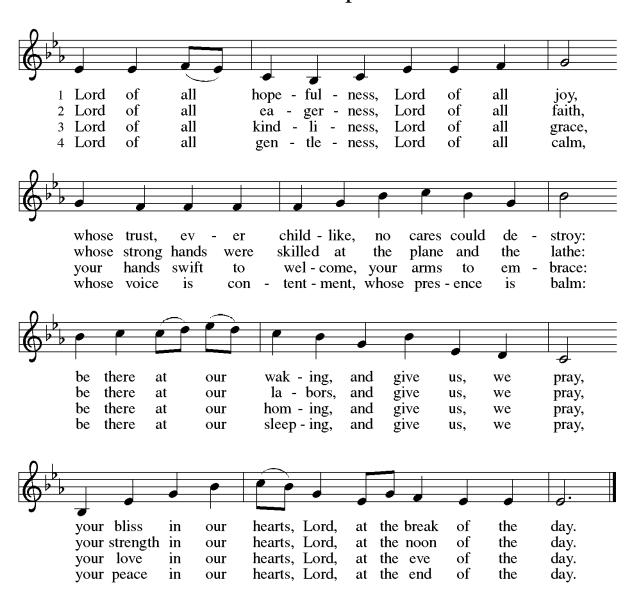
Blessing

—Please stand as able—

- P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus; and the blessing of God, the Voice, the Word, and the Listener, be among you and remain with you always.
- C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

ELW 765 —Please stand as able—Lord of All Hopefulness



Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

Dismissal

—Please remain standing—

LD: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

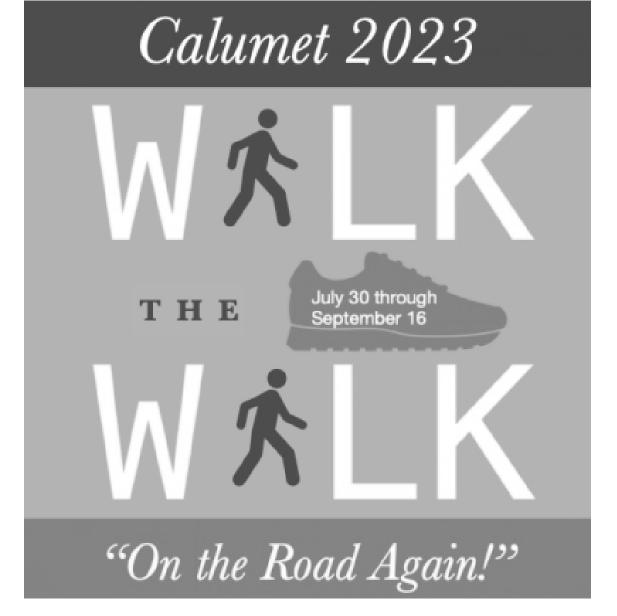
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Vacation Bible School

JULY 9-12, EVENINGS

Sign up near the whiteboard near the kitchen. We're looking for volunteers. Contact the church office for assistance



Be part of a HUGE community of people walking for Calumet by signing up for Walk the Walk 2023. The theme this year is **On the Road Again!**

Registration begins now! \$25 per participant (whether two legged or four legged). Report your miles on a weekly basis to the Church Office, beginning July 30.

To join Holy Trinity's Team, Select "Congregation Team" and in the box below, select "Holy Trinity—Newington, NH".

Get ready to help Calumet Nation walk lots of miles, raise lots of money, and be in great shape!

Sign up by visiting www.calumet.org/ontheroadagain