

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

September 24, 2023 9:30 AM - 17th 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!

Erik Bygd, Annie Wesley, Janet Maleski, Elijah Bygd, Serena Gerome, Tracy Barry, Leo Larson, Mary Kuck, Bill Clapp, Peter Johnson, Rich Swiatocha, Don Gindlesperger, Ann Stephan, Emily Goupil, Steven Bauer, Yosua Siagian, Edie Hudak, Paul Eide, Heidi Morrison, Sonia Talabessy, Russ Hilliard, Joan Parseghian, Cam Eide, Judy Gessner.

Happy Anniversary!

Rich & Martha Belanger, Mark & Erlinde Beliveau, Jim & Kathy McKenna, Dan & Lara Scammon, Paul & Lauren Gianino, Carl & Eileen Kackenmeister, Angie & 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.

Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:

Church Office: Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm

Pastor's Office: Tuesday afternoons & 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 we will connect you with our Pastor as soon as possible. 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, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson. 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: 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), Carol & Charlie Dunican (friends of Bobbie Febbo).

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

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

LECTIONARY

This Week: Jonah 3:10--4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16; Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45.

Next Week: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32; Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock, Jon Koelker, and Dick Topping

Choir Director: Jon Koelker Sound System: Franklyn Vosburg Counters: Phyllis & Barry Philbrick

Altar Guild: Joan Bauer

Lector: TBD

Liturgical Deacon: Tom Bernth **Ushers:** Linda and Peter Johnson

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, September 27

9:30 AM: Bible Study

THURSDAY, September 28 8:30 AM: Property Team SUNDAY, October 1

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

4:00 PM: Pastor Luther's Installation Service

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, September 10: 59 (*In-Person*) + 34 (*Online*) = 93 **Offering:** \$4,794.90 **Sunday, September 17:** 118 (*In-Person*) + 19 (*Online*) = 137 **Offering:** \$11,305.40

Announcements

There will be an Adult Forum after Worship today about Pastor Luther's new ministry at our Church.

A Celebration of Life for Jeanne Dalzell will be on Friday, September 29 at 11:00 AM, followed by a light lunch.

Pastor Luther's Installation Service will be on Sunday, October 1 at 4:00 PM for a "Celebration of New Ministry" as we formally install Pastor Luther Zeigler as our 12th Pastor. A choir rehearsal will be held today at 1:00 PM. All are welcome to join the Installation choir.

A photographer is needed for this special event. We are not looking to pay for a professional, just a member with a camera who is willing to do it for free. Photos must be given to the Church Office same day. If you have a DSLR or other kind of high quality camera, please speak to the Church Office.

A Celebration of Life for Gisela Wemple will be held on Saturday, October 7 at 2:00 PM.

Dover Friendly Kitchen will be on Tuesday, September 26 at 3:45 PM. 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 26th. Please speak to Bonnie Sanders for more info.

New Member Classes will begin next month for all prospective members who wish to join our congregation. We anticipate there to be three classes on Sundays after our 9:30 AM Worship, with a Celebration of New Members in January. Further details coming soon. Those interested in becoming a member, please leave your contact information with the Church Office.

Looking for "Green Christians": Do you think and feel that stewardship of God's Creation, environmental justice, climate change and/or sustainability the like are important in the life of the Christian church? If so, then you likely are a "Green Christian" ... and our church needs you! The HTELC Council recently endorsed the formation of a "Creation Care Task Force" to study and explore the possibilities of our church becoming a "green church." If you would like to learn more about this possibility for service, please contact Glenn Oswald (603-507-7363 or glenncanoe@gmail.com).

Social Ministry Guest Speakers: During the month of October, our Social Ministry team will welcome three guest speakers to talk about the ministries they run and how Holy Trinity supports them. On Sunday, October 8, we welcome LaTonya Williams, Communications Director for the NH Community Loan Fund. As a church, we gave our hem an \$8000 interest free loan, which is renewed every two years. On Sunday, October 15, Tammy Joslyn of Operation Blessing will speak to our congregation about how they support individuals and families in need. On Sunday, October 22, Marguerite Ferrer will speak about Dover Friendly Kitchen.

OPERATION BLESSING Needs. For food: Macaroni and Cheese, any kind of pasta, and sauce or cans of pasta, peanut butter and jelly, any kind of juice (either a large bottle or juice boxes). Clothes needed are children's clothing from size 5 to junior sizes. Thank you for all you can do. Please put in the green boxes under the mailboxes.

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 17th Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday, September 24, 2023—9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

—Please stand as able—

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
 - Silence is kept for reflection—
- P: Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

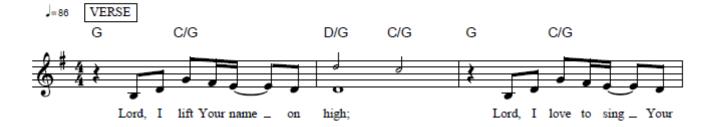
Amen.

- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of

 → Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C: Amen.

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

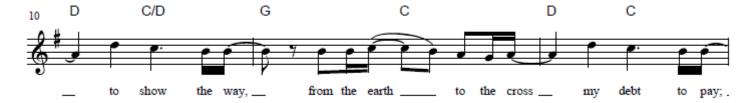
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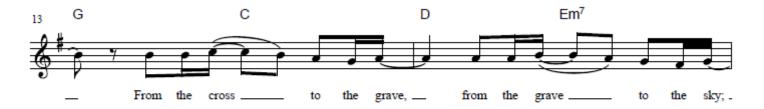






I'm so glad You came _ to save _ us. ___ You came from heav - en to earth .







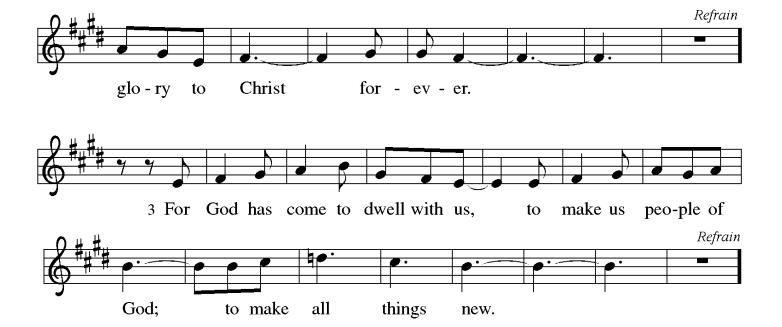
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Greeting

- 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





Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of 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 Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

Psalmody: Psalm 145:1-8

- L: ¹I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.
- C: ²Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
- L: ³Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

 There is no end to your greatness.
- C: 4One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.
- L: ⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.
- C: 6They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.
- L: ⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
- C: 8The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Children's Message

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



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Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 20:1-16

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saving, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

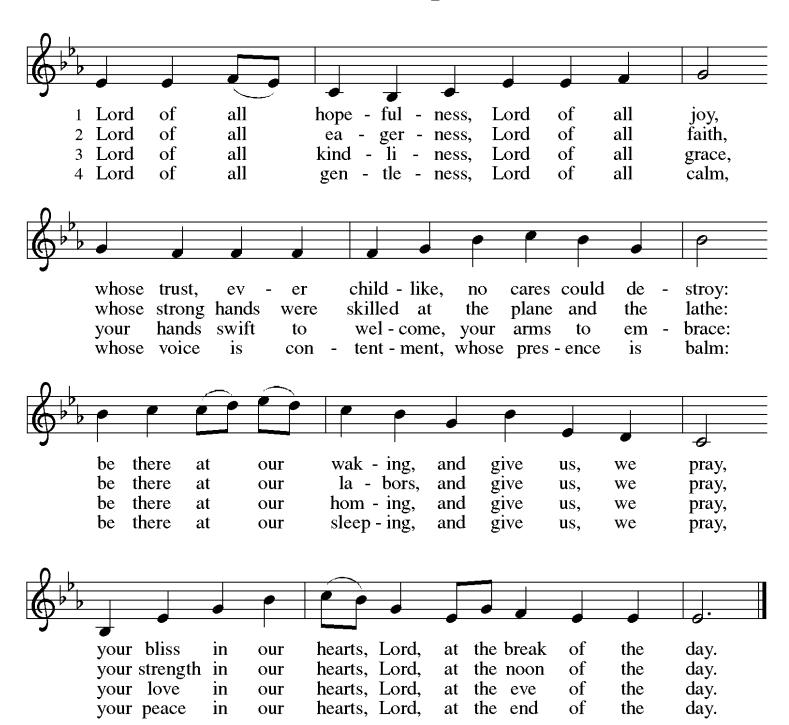
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

ELW 765

-Please stand as able-

Lord of All Hopefulness



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

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: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

— A brief silence—

LD: God who is gracious and merciful, teach your church to invite and welcome all. Lead us to be grateful for the blessing of community. Challenge your church to choose equity and compassion over judgment. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: God who sends the wind and the sun, you know every worm and bush by name. Help us remember that even the humblest parts of creation are precious to you. Show us how best to care for the earth and its creatures. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: God who is ready to relent from punishing, impart your compassionate wisdom to legislators, judges, members of the military, and law enforcement. Give them courage to serve their communities in times of uncertainty, stress, or exhaustion. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: God who saves, direct your people who are tempted by evil ways.
Protect your children from calamity and disaster. Strengthen all who are incarcerated. Encourage all who are in despair or pain of any kind. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. Guard their waking and their sleeping. — 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: God who is slow to anger, may we boast about the goodness of Jesus with the confidence of Paul in prison. Inspire us to find abundance in whatever vocation we are called to in the world and in service to our congregation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

The Sharing of God's Peace

P: May the peace of the Lord, 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

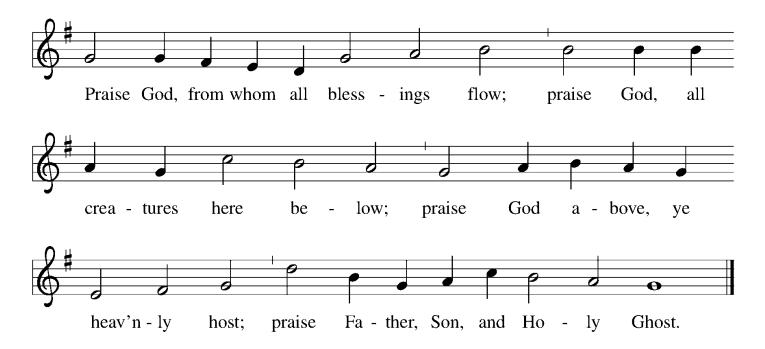
Offertory Song

ELW 885

-Please stand as able-

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.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

Offertory Prayer

LD: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

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 494 – For the Bread Which You Have Broken.

ELW 483 - Here is Bread.

ELW 487 – What Feast of Love.

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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: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

Rites of Passage and Announcements

-Please be seated-

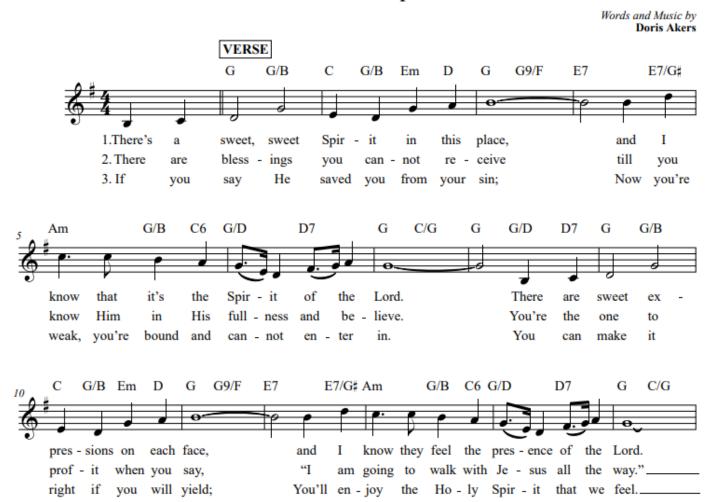
The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

Blessing

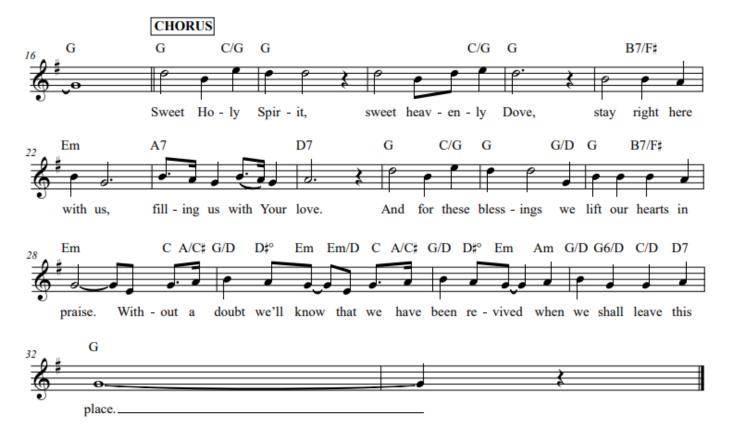
—Please stand as able—

Pastor Luther will lead our congregation with a Blessing.

Sweet Sweet Spirit



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Dismissal

-remain standing-

LD: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.