



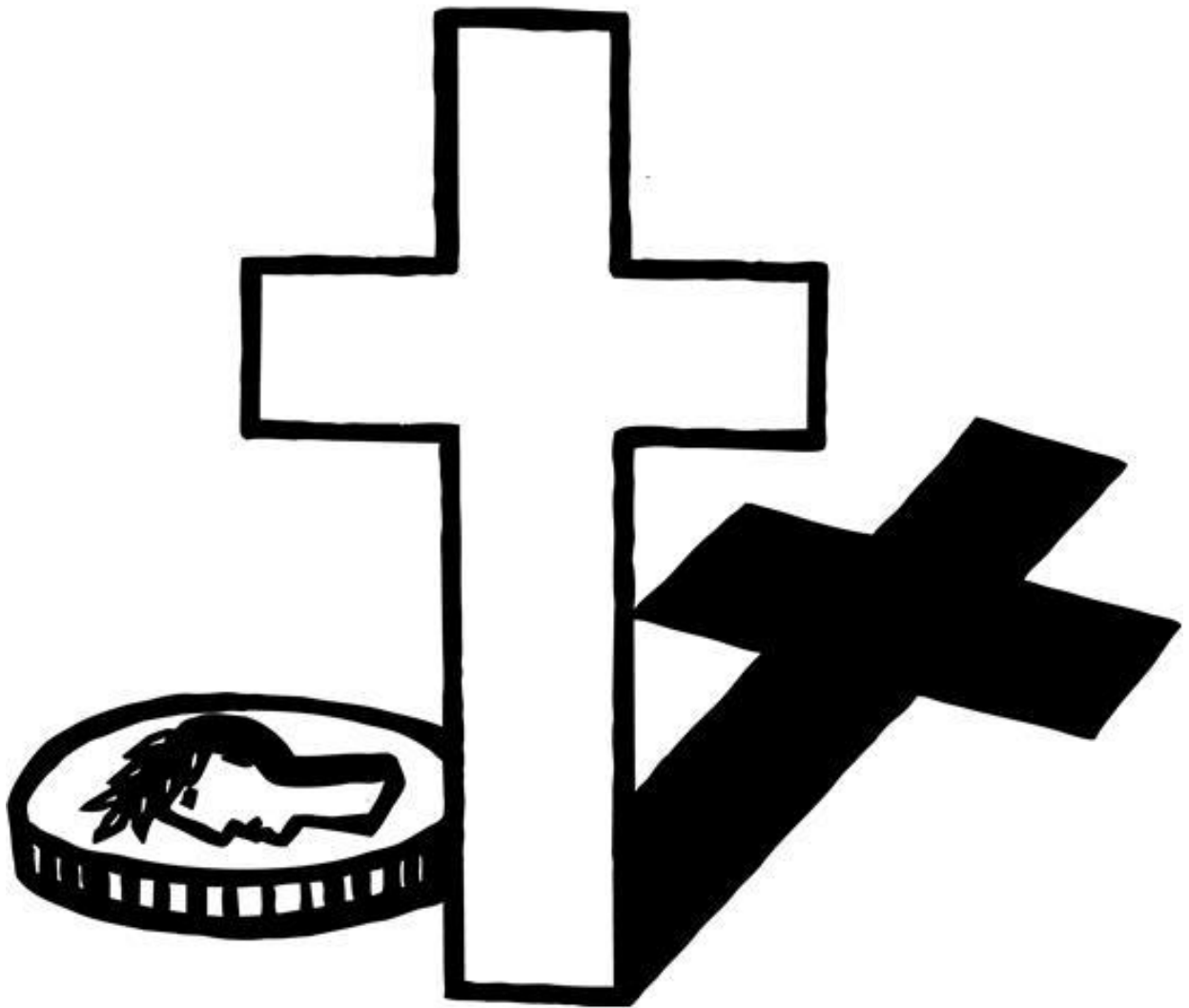
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

October 22, 2023 9:30 AM - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Sunday



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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.

October Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

Nina Opderbecke, Faith Bygd, Denise Burbank, Hannah Mei, Hazel Larson, Trixie Williams, Isabella Clemmons, Betty King, Jean Klein, Franklyn Vosburg, Lois Laurence, Lara Scammon, Frank Getchell, Kelly Rouleau, Nancy Gilmore, Jacob Reny, Holly Scammon, Aggrin Sihombing, Jon Koelker.

Happy Anniversary!

VJ & Craig Strehl, George & Carol Saulfey, Frank Getchell & Janet Maleski, George Koch & Elyse Demers, Bruce & Lynne Clement, Dave & Carol Arrington, Paulette & Rick Sirois, Tom & Michelle Bernth.

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.

To give online, visit

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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, 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), Scott Andrade (Bobbie Febbo's friend), Phil Cahners (Bobbie Febbo's son-in-law), David Roth (Bonnie Sanders' brother).

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

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

LECTIONARY

This Week: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22; Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99

Next Week: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock, Jon Koekler & Dick Topping
Choir Director: Jon Koekler
Sound System: Mark Donahue and Franklyn Vosburg
Counters: Dave Smith and Angie Sihombing
Altar Guild: Joan Bauer
Lector: TBD
Liturgical Deacon: TBD
Ushers: Peter & Lynda Johnson

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, October 25

9:30 AM: Bible Study

THURSDAY, October 26

8:30 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, October 29

9:30 AM: Reformation Sunday Worship

10:45 AM: New Member Class

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, October 8:	78 (In-Person) + 22 (Online) = 100	Offering: \$9,729.20
Sunday, October 15:	74 (In-Person) + 62 (Online) = 136	Offering: \$3,844.56

Announcements

Adult Forum after Worship: I hope you will join me for an Adult Forum during which I will share some of my personal faith journey. This Adult Forum is called: **“Why I am a ‘Lutherpalian’:** How a fellow named after the Great Reformer, and who was baptized into the ELCA, ended up an Episcopal priest, only to return home and fall in love all over again with the Lutheran church.” In the course of reflecting on my own journey, I will share with you what I find compelling and beautiful about both traditions, and will invite you to offer your own perceptions of the similarities and differences between our two denominations. – Pastor Luther.

This is Stewardship Sunday: As you enter the church this Sunday, please pick up a Stewardship Packet, which includes a letter from Pastor Luther, some financial data about pledging, and a pledge card. You can place completed pledge cards in the collection plate, drop them off to Mark in the office, or mail them in at your convenience (although no later than November 12, please). For those people who are not here on Sunday to pick up their pledge packet, these materials will be mailed on Monday to your home address. And please remember, "God loves a cheerful giver!" 2 Cor. 9:7.

Social Ministry Guest Speakers: Today, we welcome Marguerite Ferrer, who will speak about Dover Friendly Kitchen. The Friendly Kitchen provides meals twice a week at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Locust Street in Dover on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Our church helps out on the fourth Tuesday of every month. To volunteer, please read the next announcement.

Dover Friendly Kitchen will be on Tuesday, October 24 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 same day. Please speak to Bonnie Sanders for more info.

Reformation Sunday is NEXT Sunday, October 29. Please remember to wear red on Sunday, October 29 as we celebrate the Reformation and the Holy Spirit’s presence in our lives.

New Member Classes: Classes have been delayed a few weeks, with a new date for the first class scheduled on Sunday, October 29 after worship. If you would still like to join Holy Trinity as a New Member, please speak with Pastor Luther.

A Celebration of Life for Grover Marshall will be held on Saturday, November 11 at 2:00 PM. All who knew Grover are welcome to attend.

Indonesian Cooking Class returns this November 5! The class we held last Spring was successful, we decided to do it again. This time, we’re calling it the “Noodle Cooking Class”. For this event, we will have 8 people learn how to make an Indonesian Chicken Noodle Meatball Soup, and 8 others will learn how to make a Taiwanese Rice Noodle Meal. Additionally, if you don’t feel like cooking but still want to eat, we will allow up to 15 eaters for a nice meal after the cooking class has finished. Sign-ups in the Gathering Area

Thanksgiving Baskets and Mitten Tree: Once again, HTELC will be assisting Operation Blessing with procuring items for Thanksgiving Baskets. Items can be placed in the Narthex and will be delivered to them to Operation Blessing. The items being requested are canned vegetables, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy (no glass jars, please), pie crust mix (no filling) and brownie mix. They are also asking for gift cards to Hannaford's, Market Basket and Aldi's. These are to be used to specifically purchase ready-made rolls and butter.

We will be collecting for the Mitten Tree during the four (4) weeks immediately preceding Advent. The "Tree" will be in the Narthex from November 6 -26. All sizes of mittens, gloves, hats and socks are greatly appreciated. To this I will add Gisela Wemple's yearly reminder that adult sized work gloves are always needed. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

All Saints Sunday: We hold in remembrance those who have lived and died in the faith this past year. Please contact the church office if you have a name you would like remembered in the Prayer of the Church on Sunday, November 5.

Honoring our Veterans: On November 12, Holy Trinity will honor our veterans who are on Active Duty or retired from service. If you or a loved one has served in the military, please contact the Church Office so we can recognize you in the bulletin. Thank you for your service.

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 glenn canoe@gmail.com).

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Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

—Please stand as able—

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

ELW 733

—Please remain standing—

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

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 fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through 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 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in

Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 96:1-9

L: ¹Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**C: ²Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

L: ³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

**C: ⁴For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

L: ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

**C: ⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

L: ⁷Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

C: ⁸Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.

L: ⁹Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

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, to whom shall we go? You have the
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 22:15-22

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

— Please be seated—

As Saints of Old



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
 3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
 to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
 The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
 O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
 teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

Text: Frank von Christierson, 1900–1996, alt.

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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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: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray
for the church, the world, and all in need.**

— A brief silence—

**LD: Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and
binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the
work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace,**

C: hear our prayer.

LD: Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. Accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering. Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. 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, Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance, and Camp Calumet. God of Grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. Fill us with gratitude and a spirit of generosity, so that we can continue to support the work of your Church and the building up of your Kingdom. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: Gracious God, we pray for all those who have died, including especially Craig Richardson. Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, consisting of quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: **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.**

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, 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 493 – Taste and See.

ELW 483 – Here is Bread.

ELW 588 – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy.

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Prayer after Communion

—Please stand as able—

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

Ministry Minute

Marguerite Ferrer

Today, we welcome Marguerite Ferrer, who will speak about Dover Friendly Kitchen. The Friendly Kitchen provides meals twice a week at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Locust Street in Dover on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Our church helps out on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Speak with Bonnie Sanders, our DFK team leader, for more info.

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

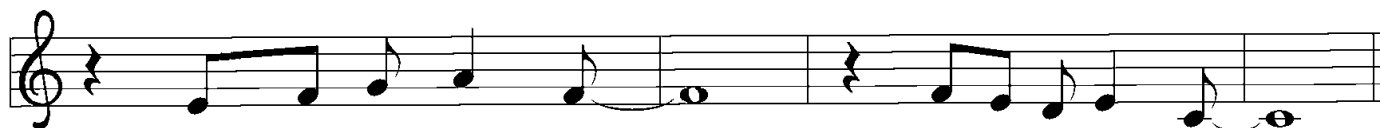
—Please stand as able—

Pastor Luther will lead our congregation with a Blessing.

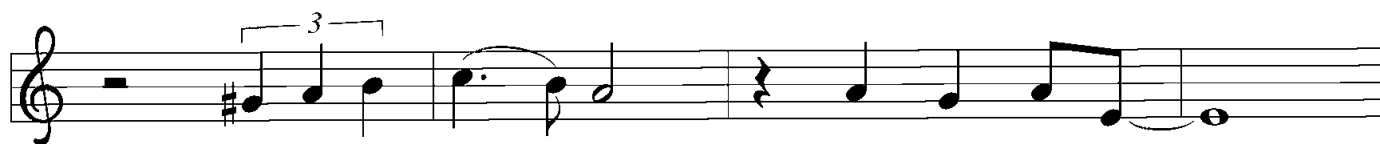
Change My Heart, O God



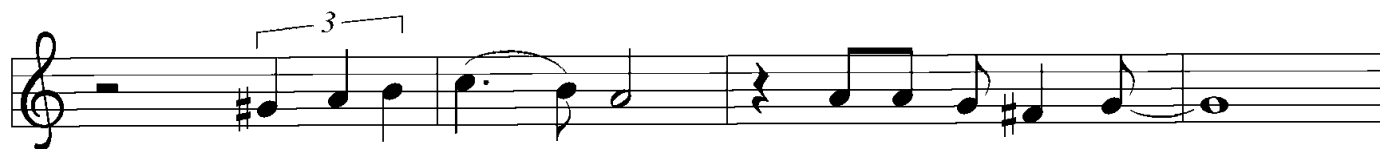
Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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Dismissal

—remain standing—

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**