

**+ Holy Communion +**  
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## ***A cordial welcome to all!***

Welcome to Trinity! Please help us know you're with us by completing the attendance card included in this folder. Those who are able are encouraged to follow the directions for sitting, standing and turning as they appear in this service folder.

As a Reconciling in Christ community of faith, Trinity intentionally welcomes all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. With other Valparaiso area churches, we resist and oppose racism and other forms of prejudice in our churches and in our community. We commit ourselves to welcome all people as equally loved, forgiven, accepted, and blessed children of God.

### ***Church facilities***

An **elevator** and **parking lot** are located on the west side of the building. **Activity bags** for children five years and under are located in the coatroom. Main floor **restrooms**, including one that is **handicap-accessible**, are in the educational wing hallway. (These include restrooms accessible through Room 204 and the Nursery.) These restrooms are **gender neutral**; please lock the door as you enter. **Restrooms** are also located on the bottom floor near the Fellowship Hall. A **handicap-accessible** family restroom is across the hall from the Fellowship Hall.

### ***Communion Statement***

At Trinity, we celebrate Holy Communion in accordance with Holy Scripture and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church. In the Sacrament of the Altar Our Lord offers his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the church to those who are baptized. **Baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to receive the Sacrament with us.** If you have a question whether you should receive the Sacrament, please see the pastor before the beginning of worship.

### ***Communion Options***

Our Lord instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion using consecrated bread and wine. Please let the pastor know if you wish to have **gluten-free bread**. The communion assistant on the pulpit side has both **grape juice** and wine.

## + The Holy Communion +

*The assembly's responses are listed in **bold**.*

### GATHERING

#### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

#### GATHERING MUSIC

"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

"Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ"

setting, Anne Krentz Organ

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Piano and Ringers

#### WELCOME

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

## ENTRANCE HYMN # 822

**“Oh, Sing to the Lord”**

*Verse 1 – Deb Porter in Spanish*

*Verse 1 – All in English; Verse 2 – Women; Verse 3 – Men; Verses 4 and 5 - All*

1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.  
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.  
 3 So dance for our God, and blow all the trum - pets.  
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.  
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## OPENING DIALOG

*The presiding minister introduces the dialog.*

God calls us to live life on purpose.

*The assisting minister leads the assembly in the dialog.*

God of all things,  
 you are the source of all we value.

**God of movement,  
 you open us to change.**

God who calls,  
 you call us and our neighbors.

**God who notices,  
you direct our attention.**  
God the crucified,  
you carry our regrets to the cross.  
**God who is present,  
you are acting here and now.**

## PRAAYER OF THE DAY

*At the end of the prayer all respond, Amen.  
Then the assembly sits.*

WORD

## TEMPLE TALK

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## VOCARE CALLING PRAYER

*The presiding Minister leads the prayer.*

O God who calls, open us to what the spirit is saying to the churches. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*The reading ends:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 1 Kings 19:9-18

## PSALMODY

*Cantor and the assembly sing the psalm responsively.*

## Psalm 85:8-13



<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the Lord <sup>|</sup> God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their <sup>|</sup> hearts to you.

**<sup>9</sup> Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

**<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness shall go be- | fore the Lord  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

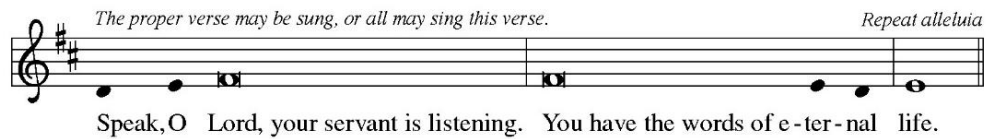
*The reading ends:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

*The reading ends:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Sit*

## SERMON

*Following the sermon, there is silence for reflection.*

*The assembly stands for the hymn.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY # 763

**“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”**

## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**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 INTERCESSION**

*Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world.*

*Each petition ends:*

**. . . Merciful God,  
receive our prayer.  
. . . Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **PEACE**

**The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.**

*All greet one another with a gesture of peace, using words such as, "Peace be with you."*

### **MEAL**

*Sit*

### **OFFERING**

*Music during the offering:*

**"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"**

**setting, Anne Krentz Organ  
Piano and Ringers**

*Once the anthem is finished and the gifts have been gathered, the ushers lead the procession forward to the altar. Children are invited to join the procession, carrying items donated to the Christian Food Pantry.*

*As the gifts are brought forward, all stand and sing:*

**HYMN # 721**

**“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”**

*Sing twice*

Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;

light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is

ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is

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**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . And so, with all the choirs of angels, with all the faithful of every time and every place, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, you alone are holy . . .

...with every breath.

**We praise you, O god.**

Generations bless your faithfulness . . .  
...into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks...  
...with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

In the night . . .

... we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

We pray...

...in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*The minister addresses the assembly:*

Christ has carried our regrets to the cross.

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

*Sit*

## **COMMUNION**

*By Christ's invitation, baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to receive the Sacrament with us. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicating so by either crossing their arms over their chest or by folding their hands. There is no dismissal. Please follow the ushers' directions for getting to and from the Table. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond Amen.*

*Music during communion:*

“Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”

setting, Anne Krentz Organ  
Piano and Ringers

## HYMN ACS # 964

## “Here Would I Feast”



1 A - quí del pan par - ti - do to - ma - ré,  
 2 La cul - pa del pe - ca - do mi - a fue;  
 1 Here would I feast up - on the bread of God,  
 2 Mine is the sin, but thine the righ - teous - ness;



y de la co - pa de tu co - mu - nión;  
 mas tu - ya fue la san - gre de tu cruz.  
 here drink with thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing blood;



tu nom - bre, mi buen Dios, in vo - ca - ré  
 Por e - lla\_y tu jus - ti - cia ten - go, sé,  
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:



y go - za - ré la paz de sal - va - ción.  
 per - dón, con - sue - lo\_y paz, Se - ñor Je - sús.  
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
 thy blood, thy righ - teous - ness, O Lord my God.



3 Nos le - van - ta - mos de la ce - na\_a - quí;  
 3 Too soon we rise, the ves - sels dis - ap - pear;



la fies - ta pa - sa, mas no\_a - sí\_el a - mor.  
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



To - do se va, mas tú te que - das, sí,  
 The bread and wine re - move, but thou art here,



cer - ca, muy cer - ca\_a - ma - do Sal - va - dor.  
 near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

## HYMN # 466

“In the Singing”



1 In the sing-ing, in the si-lence, in the hands ex-pect-ant, o-pen,  
2 In the ques-tion, in the an-swer, in the mo-ment of ac-cept-ance,



in the bless-ing, in the break-ing, in your pres-ence at this ta-ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal-ing, in the cir-cle of your peo-ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

*After the Lord's Table is cleared, the people stand.*

### PRAYER

*At the end of the prayer the people respond, **Amen.***

*Then the assembly sits for the announcements.*

## SENDING

### BLESSING

Mother, Lover, Friend,  
✠ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN # 632

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

### DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

“Tell Out, My Soul”

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

## **Silencing the Wind**

In a world filled with noise and empty words, God comes to us as stillness and silence, even to the point that wind ceases (Matt. 14:32). Jesus walks over stormy waters to his disciples, entering their boat and being present with them despite their fears and doubts. Today's readings encourage us to keep our words spare and meaningful, to lay aside our little faith with its wordy worries, and to listen for God, who comes to us as quieting comfort.

The wind blows us powerfully, frighteningly, making even familiar places seem strange, stirring up the water to obscure our vision and make our journey fearful and slow. Today Jesus comes to us in our drowning panic, quickly responding to our "Lord, save me!" (v. 30). The "little faith" (v. 31) of Peter (and our little faith) is not only a chiding to "do better" in our faith lives and respond to Jesus' call with discipline. It holds room for forgiveness. Even when we risk and screw up anyway, God's hand is there to reach out and catch us.

To command even the wind to be still is a powerful thing. If a very strong wind suddenly stopped near one of us, we would probably panic, wondering who did it, whether it was the calm eye of a storm, or whether a still bigger tornado is coming. But Jesus walked out upon the water and helped Peter in his fear to return to the boat's safety and security. Jesus gives powerful reassurance and the gift of presence. God is not distant from our fears, but close to keep us safe.

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