

+ 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

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Jessie Irvine; arr. Richard Nichols
Clarinet, Shelly Sager

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 # 655

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

At the end of the prayer all respond, Amen.

Then the assembly sits.

WORD

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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

The reading ends:

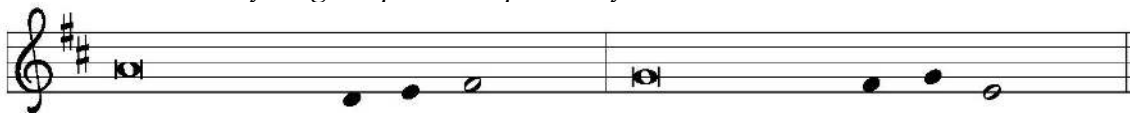
The Word of the Lord. or Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 26:1-8

Cantor and the assembly sing the psalm responsively.



- ¹ Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.
- ² **Test me, O | Lord, and try me;**
examine my heart | and my mind.
- ³ For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.
- ⁴ **I have not sat | with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.
- ⁵ I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.
- ⁶ **I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O Lord,**
that I may go in procession | round your altar,
- ⁷ singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.
- ⁸ **Lord, I love the house in | which you dwell**
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

The reading ends:

The Word of the Lord. or Word of God, word of life.

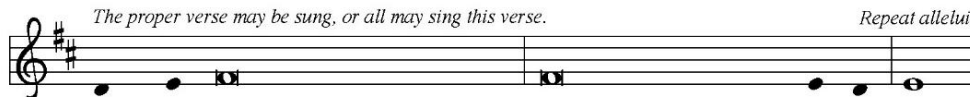
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16: 21-28

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 # 808

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

THE RITE OF HEALING



The minister invites those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing to come forward. Then the assembly sits. Those who wish may forward at any time. Music during the rite of healing:

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

arr. Gerhard Krapf

HYMN # 752

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

HYMN # 741

“Your Will Be Done”

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho. Ma -
Your will be done on earth, O Lord. Your

ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi -
will be done on earth, O Lord. Your will be

we 'nta - ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta -
done on earth, O Lord. Your will be done on

ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.
earth, O Lord. Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

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:

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

William Bradbury; arr. Richard Nichols
Clarinet, Shelly Sager

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 # 460

“Now the Silence”



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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:

“Song without Words”

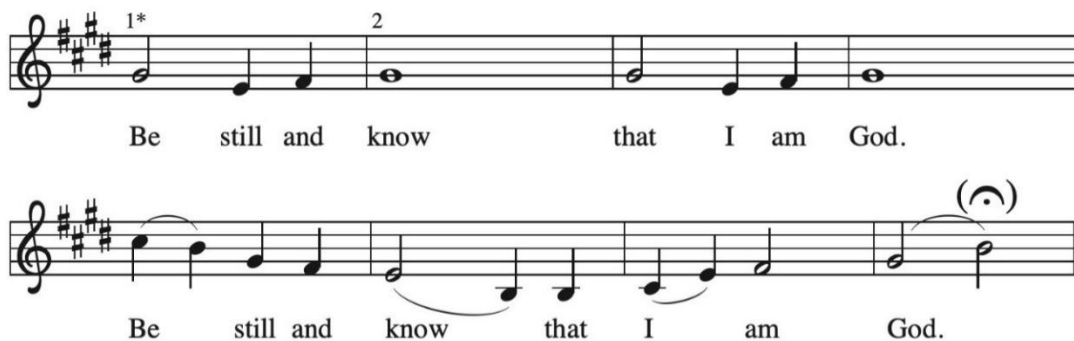
Paul Schreiner

HYMN # 488

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

HYMN ACS # 1083

“Be Still and Know”



** May be sung in canon*

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 # 548

“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“Chorale”

Raymond Haan

There Must Be Another Way

Peter may be the “rock” on which Christ will build the church (Matt. 16:18), but when Jesus reveals the suffering that will come first, Peter becomes a tempter and stumbling block.

Assuming God must have a different way to save the world, Peter protests Jesus’ suffering and death. Jesus explains to Peter and all his disciples that, in fact, this is the way to life—losing one’s life in order to find it.

By tempting Jesus to an easier way than his journey through suffering to resurrection, Peter personifies a temptation common to all generations of Jesus’ disciples: seeking a way to avoid “losing oneself” instead of surrendering all to and with the one we follow. Rather than losing our lives—our selves, possessions, and time—we hold on more tightly, afraid of what will happen to our comfort, success, and identity if we let go. Those things we hold onto then become, like Peter, stumbling blocks along the way of self-giving love.

But while “saving one’s life” sounds sensible, those things also stand in the way of the new life into which Jesus beckons us to follow him. Perhaps Peter’s problem is that he sees only the suffering and death, without grasping the new life that comes through it. In times when we too are tempted by worldly ways of comfort and success, convinced that *surely* God must have an easier way than the way of self-giving love, this gospel reminds us that resurrection and life await on the other side of suffering and death.

This is the way of our God who becomes human in Jesus: emptying himself of power and dignity, losing his very own life for the sake of the world’s life. Seen through the lens of resurrection just ahead on the journey, what other way could there be?

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