

+ 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.

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

GATHERING

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

"Song Without Words"

Paul Schreiner

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN # 825

“You Servants of God”

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

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

Isaiah 45:1-7

The reading ends:

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Refrain: 1st time – cantor, 2nd time – all



Cantor and the assembly sing the psalm responsively.



- ¹ Sing to the Lord | a new song;
sing to the Lord, | all the earth.
- ² **Sing to the Lord, bless the name | of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**
- ³ Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.
- ⁴ **For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods. R**
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have | made the heavens.
- ⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**
- ⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power.
- ⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the Lord. R**
- ⁹ Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, | all the earth.
- [¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The | Lord is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peo- | ples
with equity."**
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.
- ¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O Lord,
for you come to | judge the earth.**
- ¹³ You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth. R

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

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 # 686

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

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.**

The liturgy continues with the prayers

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Each petition ends:

**. . . Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.**

**. . . through 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:

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

**J. Rosamond Johnson; arr. Rollo Dilworth
Adult Choir**

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 # 694

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Verses 1 & 3



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
 2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
 the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing,
 the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
 God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
 Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,

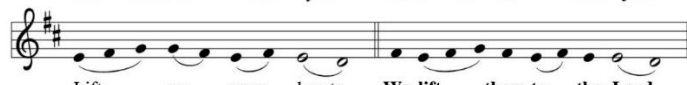


sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
 and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
 and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



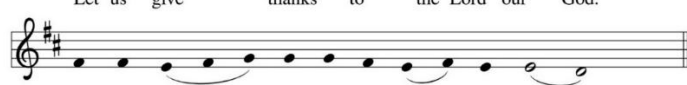
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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:



Salvation belongs to our God
and to the Lamb. Amen.

Blessing and glory...
 we proclaim this mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Spread now this feast among us,
 emptying yourself and filling all things.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Enliven our banquet,
 and make of these gifts a holy sacrament to us.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Bless us and all creation...
 ...Salvation belongs to our God
and to the Lamb. 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-communicating 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:

"You Lord"

Deborah Govenor
Adult Choir

HYMN ACS # 1082

"O God, You Search Me"

HYMN # 814

"Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN # 580

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Fantasia”

Anthoni Van Noordt (1619-1675)

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