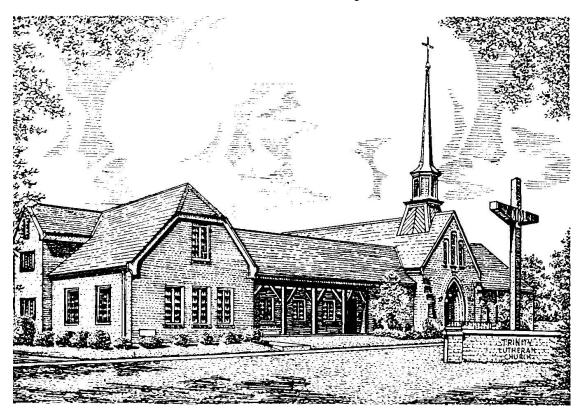
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Good Morning! We welcome you today as a part of God's family here at Trinity! We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.

Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. Today's service is being live streamed to YouTube and will be available later in the day on Trinity's Facebook page and Website. The receiving of communion will not be recorded to preserve the sanctity of the sacrament. During this time, the recording will be directed to the stained-glass window above the altar so communion hymns can still be shared. By entering the service, you consent to the video recording to be used for live streaming, inclusion on our web site and Facebook, and/or any other purpose by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Visitors – We are so happy you are joining us for Worship today. If this is your first visit at Trinity, please take a moment to complete the Visitor Card found in front of you in the pew. Then place the card in the Offering Plate as it is passed during the service.

PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR — Flo and Richard Ball, Suri Capehart, Janet Eddy, Chuck Edsall, Pastor Charles Froehlich, Pat Gregory, Terry Ingmire, Jan Knickelbein, Paul Lass, Julie and Sam Locklear, Mary Ann Medlin, Brenda Pendry, Bob and Carol Petrie, Sherrie Schirmer, Boyd Sylvester, Linda Vernick, and Sarah Von Moll.

The flowers gracing our altar today are given to the glory of God by Paul Lass in loving memory of his wife, Doris, on their anniversary.

HOLY COMMUNION — In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus comes to us with **His very body and blood** to eat and to drink **for the forgiveness of sins** and **to strengthen our union with Him and with one another**. He invites to His table those who trust His words, **repent of all their sin** and forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because **Holy Communion is a confession of the faith** which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to **speak with the Pastor before communing**.

For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Cor. 10:16, 11:17-34

Other Christians and children who have not completed instruction may come forward, cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing. **During distribution, the Common Cup will be offered first followed by the Individual Cup.** For those who prefer it for any reason, the cups in **the center of the tray contain a grape juice option**. Please let the pastor know if you need a **Gluten Free wafer**.

(Before communing, we ask that first time guests and visitors please speak with the Pastor.)

Today's Worship Participants

Greeter Ushers Lector Communion Assistant Host/Hostess

Participants for Next Sunday

Greeter Ushers Lector Communion Assistant Host/Hostess Doug Wolvin Errol Jennings and Anne Starke Anna Carter Roger Medlin Holiday Happenings

> Orry Watts Ted Smith and Doug Sulak Boyd Sylvester Bill Sontag xxxxx

Divine Service Setting Four

The congregation sits quietly. Please be aware that some people use the time prior to the service for reflection and meditation in the sanctuary. You are encouraged to talk to God before the Service, let God talk to you in the Service, then talk to one another after the Service.

Organ Prelude

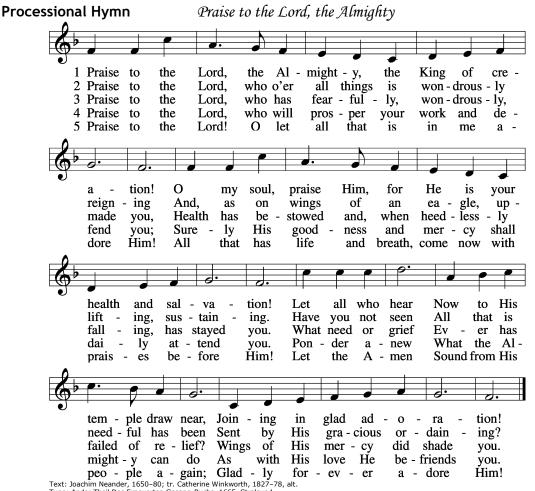
Partita on Royal Oak, Nos. 2, 3

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LSB 790

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Stand and face the Processional Cross (rear of the Church)



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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- Who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;

I ponder the work of your hands.

I stretch out my hands to you;

my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

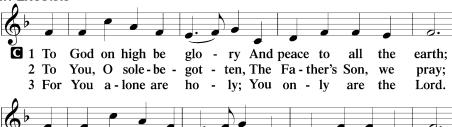
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

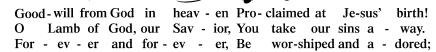
Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis







We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.
- Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Ouarter. a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

C These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

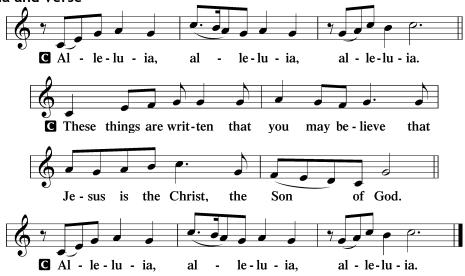
Epistle 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more,' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him. 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

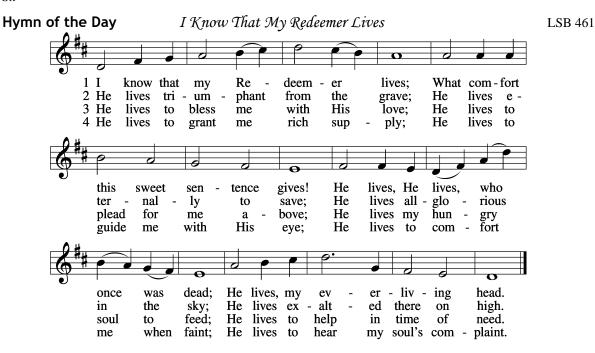
Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

> And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life 🛨 of the world to come. Amen.





- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.

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- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Children's Message

Sermon

Offering Loose coins directly support LCMS families studying for the ministry through Coins for Christ.

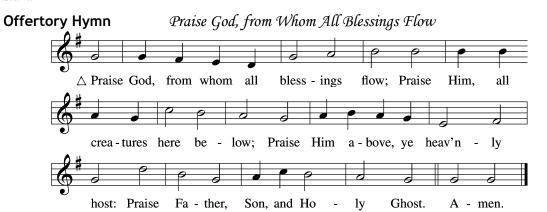
Members, Returning Visitors and Active Guests -

Please take this time to sign-in the Welcome Book found at the end of your pew.

Anthem

Oh, Come, Let Us Sing Unto The Lord

David W. Music



LSB 805

Prayer of the Church

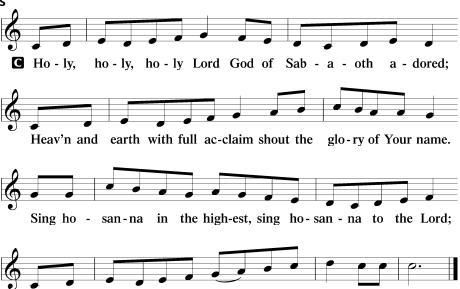
- P Lord, in your mercy...
- Chear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- **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 Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tru - lv

Text: Stephen P. Starke

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

in the name of the Lord!

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

blest is He who comes

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

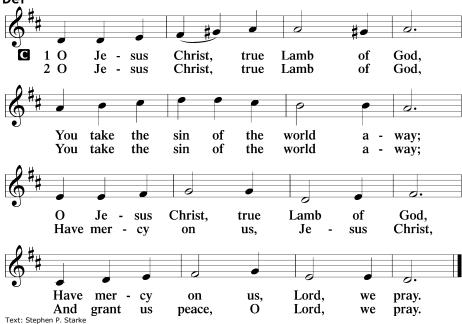
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Hobody, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





Sit

Please respect the time of silence at the beginning of the Eucharist before the Distribution Hymns are begun. While this is time for some to commune it is also a time for introspection and helps quiet our imagination, our worries and our toils so as to join our hearts to the prayers and be fully attentive to whatever the Holy Spirit should inspire in us. This silence is an active, not a passive disposition. This form of interior silence does not impede, and indeed favors, full and active participation in those parts of the celebration where the community is united in acclamation and song, for each person is more fully aware of what he or she is doing.

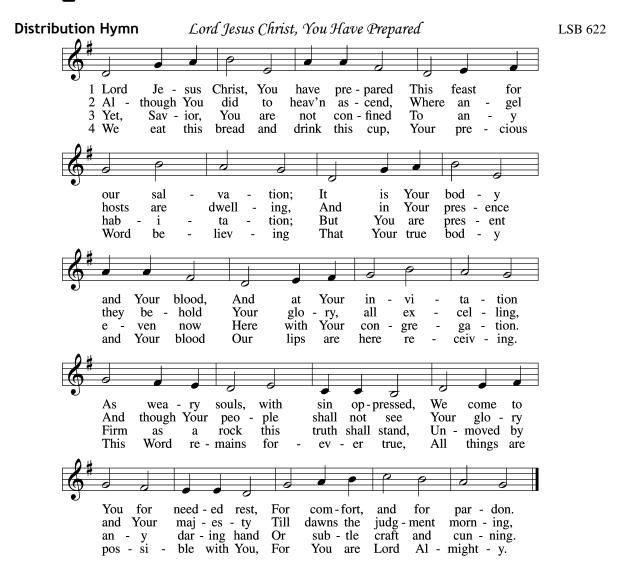
Distribution

The body and blood of Christ are distributed to those who come to receive.

The Common Cup will be offered first followed by the Individual Cup.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- C Amen.

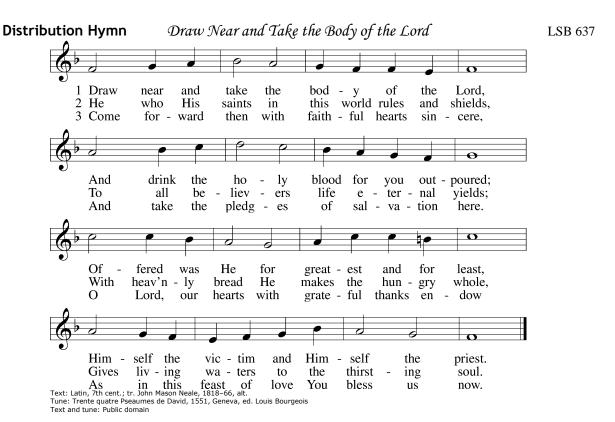


- 5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces: Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places. I leave to You how this can be: Your Word alone suffices me: I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me. Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me. Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears

And is my priceless treasure. Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603–68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt. Tune: Peter Sohren, c. 1630-c. 1692, alt. Text and tune: Public domain

Grant that we worthily receive 7 Your supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages. Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me When living and when dying.





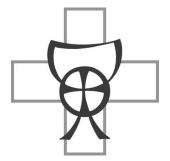
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Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

- Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessèd food from heaven,
 For our good, Your glory, given.
- Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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Nunc Dimittis



Post-Communion Collect

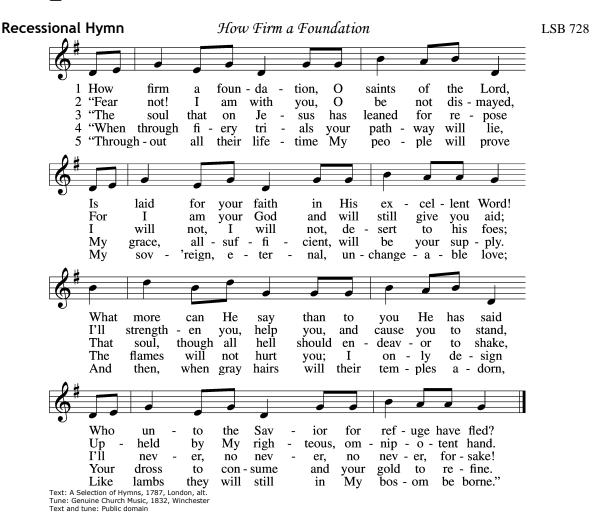
- **P** Let us pray.
- We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benedicamus

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 - The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
- C Amen.



Sharing the Peace of Christ

- **P** Go in peace and serve the LORD.
- Thanks be to God.

Following the service, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Organ Postlude

Partita on Royal Oak, No. 4

Robert W. Jones

Stewardship Sunday will be celebrated TODAY. Letters from the Board of Stewardship were mailed this week. If you do not receive yours, please contact the Church Office. Help us to share and celebrate God's word as we continue to spread his Gospel into a world that so desperately needs to hear it. Thank you for being a part of the family of Christ at Trinity. In order to carry out our mission at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, we need the support of all of our members through your financial gifts as well as your time and talents. May God bless you to be a cheerful giver! We are asking you to prayerfully consider your gifts to Trinity.

LWML News - LWML Holiday Happenings will be held TODAY after the service. All baked goods will be packaged to take home with you. Please make plans to stop by the Welcome Center and make a purchase to help support our missions.

Thanksgiving Worship Service - Our traditional Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we thank God for all He has given us!

All ladies are invited to the Women's Advent Tea on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 2:00 pm at Hope Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach. Advent season is the time to prepare for the Coming of Christ. The ladies of Hope would like to celebrate this special time of the year with you and hope you can attend. For those wishing to attend please contact Cathy George so that she can give Hope a count of how many ladies will be attending. Deadline for RSVP is TODAY, November 19th.

This year at Trinity we will be celebrating Advent with Worship Services at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings, December 6th, 13th and 20th. We hope that you will be able to join us for our special *Peace Came to Earth* Advent Mid-week Services as you prepare for Christmas this year! During the Advent season, we prepare our hearts to focus on Jesus being born as a humble human baby. He is both son of Mary and Son of God, the ultimate son of Adam who fulfilled the Law and Prophets. Through Him, we take on our identity as children of God, heirs to heaven and made new in baptism. Explore the theme of sonhood through Jesus, biblical sons, and our identity as children of the heavenly Father. The Christian Growth Committee has purchased Advent Devotionals, *Peace Came to Earth*, and they are available this morning. If you have not done so, please pick up your copy in the Narthex as you leave. We ask that you only take one per family.

Greening of the Church - On Sunday, December 10th, we will decorate the Church for Christmas. Our tradition is to place handmade Chrismons on the two large Christmas trees that stand on either side of the altar. Please join us after the Worship Service to participate in this fellowship event.

Christmas Caroling to the Homebound will be held on Sunday, December 17th. Trinity's shut-in members look forward to visits from you. Share the Christmas spirit by lending your voice and enjoy good fellowship. A light lunch will be served after the Worship Service before we go caroling. There is a sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AIDE - In a new effort we are looking for an additional aide each Sunday in the children's class. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Welcome Center. There will be no need to make or review the lesson before the Sunday you volunteer, just that you arrive by 9 am. Contact Lisa Otero with any questions.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, November 19th	Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost/Stewardship Sunday	
-	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:00 am
	New Member Class	9:00 am
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am
	Holiday Happenings	
Monday, November 20 th	Bowling League	6:30 pm
Wednesday, November 22 nd	Thanksgiving Eve Worship	7:00 pm
Thursday, November 23 rd	Thanksgiving	Office Closed
Friday, November 24 th	Thanksgiving Holiday	Office Closed
Sunday, November 26 th	Christ the King Sunday/Last Sun	nday of the Church Year
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:00 am
	New Member Class	9:00 am
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am

Scriptures for November 26th

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 ~ 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 ~ Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, November 12, 2023 Worship Attendance - 94 General Offerings - \$4,205.21

PLEASE DO NOT BRING FOOD OR DRINKS INTO THE SANCTUARY!



If you must eat or drink, please do so in the Welcome Center or the Nursery. We are seeing an increase of critters in the building especially now that the weather is cooler. We appreciate your assistance!

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