

Today's Ministers

Presider: Vicar Aaron
Preaching: Vicar Aaron
Assisting Minister: Bryce Quarve
Crucifer: Jason Mills
Acolyte: Abigaill Radke
Reader: Jason Mills
Children's Message: Vicar Aaron
Music: Karissa Armbrust
Audio/Streaming: Jason Mills
& Andrew Hanson

Greeters: Darrel & Peggy Miller
Ushers: Lloyd & Judy Kellar
Altar Guild: The Benoits
Counters: Bryce Quarve & Darrel Miller
Fellowship: **TBD**
Bread: Judy Kellar
Wine: Randy & Martha Miller
Eternal Candle: Randy & Martha Miller
Flowers: **TBD**

Next Week's Ministers – August 10

Presider: Vicar Aaron
Preaching: Vicar Aaron
Assisting Minister: Kim Mills
Crucifer: Aldwin Kellar
Acolyte: Elizabeth Schnabel
Reader: Jeff Henderson
Children's Message: Steve VanAtter
Music: Karissa Armbrust
Audio/Streaming: Jason Mills
& Sarah Henthorn

Greeters: Judy & Lloyd Kellar
Ushers: Steve & Renee VanAtter
Altar Guild: Kristina Radke & Leiningers
Counters: Larry Mills & Phil Cronk
Fellowship: Janie Stubson
Bread: Judy Kellar
Wine: Randy & Martha Miller
Eternal Candle: Randy & Martha Miller
Flowers: **TBD**



Eighth Sunday of Pentecost
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Welcome!

Mission Statement

*Trinity Lutheran is a place to gather, refresh the faithful,
and reach out with word and service to all others
through the Holy Gospel.*

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Land Acknowledgement

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homeland of the Shoshone-Bannock, Nüümü (Northern Paiute), Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla tribes.

Our location here was made possible by the displacement and dispossession of these tribes. We acknowledge and honor these tribes, who have and continue to care for this land, which is their home since time immemorial.

Follow us on



Who We Are

Trinity Lutheran Church is a congregation in the **Treasure Valley Cluster**
in the **Northwest Intermountain Synod**
of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)**
which is one of 150 member churches in 96 countries that are
part of the **Lutheran World Federation**.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Today	10:00 am 11:15 am	Worship Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	12:00 pm 1:00 – 3:00 pm	Al-Anon (Sunday School room) Study Group (Koinonia Room)
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IN OUR PRAYERS

For healing: Colton (Fran & Elwood’s grandson – brain tumor)
Sharon Jones’ nieces (Alzheimer’s)
Monica Perez (friend of Edith Hannett – in need of a kidney)
Francis Frisbee (recovering from surgery – Amanda Hanson)
Angel Bray (Margreta Spady’s granddaughter – cancer)
Abby (Fran & Elwood’s granddaughter – seizures)
Eileen Warner (Received pacemaker. Kristina Radke’s Mom)
Karen Bair (doing well, thanks for all the prayers!)
Linda Larson (in treatment for lymphoma – Mary Braudrick)
Tina Zielinski (Ankle/Leg healing daughter of Randy & Martha Miller)
Cody (Youth with heart condition – Emily Bentley)
Addie (Teenage Crohn’s disease – Cathy Winwood)
Rita (Renee’s sister -- Renee VanAtter)
Linda Dombeck (heart issues – Mary Braudrick)
Gail Leininger (recovering from shoulder surgery – Mary Helen)
Trent Glover (recovering from a fall and surgery)

For Andrew (from Elizabeth Schnabel)
For Berger Family (mourning loss of daughter from Mary Helen & Gail)
For Klayton Hanson (from Karson Hanson)
For Dan Baldwin (from Jessica & Aaron Carr)
For Diana (searching for employment – Elizabeth Schnabel)
For Chris & Cooper Koons (hoping for good test results – Anita Koons)
For Ward Family (mourning loss of Sylvia Ward)
For Jeff (Son awaiting test results – Elwood & Fran Webb)
For Family of Amy Bal (died from pneumonia -- from Radke Family)
For Colton family & friends (mourning loss of Travis Colton – Kellar family)
For Sharon Jones’s family (mourning loss of Sharon Jones)
For Kellar Family (mourning loss of James R. Kellar, Lloyd’s brother)
For Family of Di Seba (mourning loss of Diana Seba)

People in the Armed Services:

Brett Collins (grandson of Helen Collins – Marines)
John C. Collins II (Helen Collins’ grandson – Navy SEAL)
Bill MacDonald (Navy)
Amanda Love (Cathy Winwood’s Niece – Army)

Prayer concerns will be removed after two months on the list unless you let the office know otherwise.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Guide to the Bulletin

C: Congregation P: Presider A: Assisting Minister R: Reader

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer ELW #618

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. The lyrics are: 1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. The lyrics are: bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn. The lyrics are: with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer, safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn. The lyrics are: feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more, shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm, I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

GREETING

P: The God who created space and time, journeyed with us in human form, and travels with us still, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us when we travel.

Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: And also with you.

You may be seated.

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-12

P: ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

C: ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

P: ³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

C: ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

P: ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

C: ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

P: ⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

C: ⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

P: ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

C: ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

P: ¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

C: ¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

CONGRATUALTIONS – are in order to Trinity Community Gardens. Who, this weekend at the Canyon County Fair, won first place in their division for garlic they grew here at our humble church garden. It is amazing what some love and care can do for the things we can grow! Great job, ladies!

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Friday, August 08, 2025

Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST NOISY OFFERING – on August 31st will be for The Shoe that Grows. Over 1.5 billion people suffer from soil transmitted diseases worldwide. Without shoes, children are especially vulnerable to disease & parasites that cause illness and even death. Since children's feet grow so quickly, they often outgrow the donated shoes within a year, leaving them, exposed to illness and disease. That is where the Shoe that Grows can change things. The shoes are made of durable materials that last a child for 5 years and the cost is only \$20 a pair. The Shoe that Grows is based right here in downtown Nampa! Check out what the shoe looks like on the table in the Narthex.

GRATITUDE – Our congregation has experienced the deaths of several of our members during the past months. Along with their family and friends, we mourn them; we miss them. In Philippians 1:3, St Paul's words encourage us: "I thank my God every time I remember you." As you think of Mona Lisa, Sylvia, Sharon, Di and Ed (Anderson), what are you thanking God for?

DONATIONS MADE EASY – Keep an eye open for a verse or prayer in the Sunday bulletins that mentions a food item. Please bring the food items mentioned for that month. In August the bible reading for the 31st is from Psalm 81 Verse 16. In which God promises to give the people of Isreal the finest of wheat and the best honey. Following this example, please bring in cereals, oatmeal (boxes of individual packages), rice (microwaveable and bagged), and cream of wheat. Thank you! – Church in Community

ON YOUR TRAVELS – This summer, while traveling, collect and bring in unused travel toiletries. These items will be used in our food pantry and are always needed and appreciated. Items to give include: shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes. Please place items in the designated box in the Narthex. Thank you! – Church in Community

RALLY WEEKEND BBQ – On September 6th at 6:00 pm, we will gather on the church lawn for a "kick off the fall season" barbecue. Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, plates/utensils, and water are furnished. Please bring a lawn chair and a side dish to share. Invite a friend. Take time to catch up with people you have rarely seen since May!

CAMPOUT 7/25 - 7/27 -- Thank you to each and every person who participated in this year's Campout! For your presence, your conversations, the food you brought, the joy you gave us. And particularly - thanks to Steve and Julie Ward for hosting.

ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET -- You have just about 2.5 months to get YOUR entry written for the 2025 booklet! Tick Tock!!

PLANS AND PREPERATIONS

READING: Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

A brief silence for prayer and meditation

DIALOGUE AND PRAYER

P: What should we pack as we begin our journey?

C: What should we bring along?

P: The word of God to illumine our path.

C: The light of Christ to show us the way.

P: The gifts of the Spirit to share with those we meet.

C: The love of God to be our compass and guide.

P: Let us pray. God of our salvation,

C: you are the source of all our beginnings.

As we plan for our journeys, strengthen us through your word.

Orient our lives toward Christ, the bright Morning Star.

Send your Holy Spirit as our companion along the way. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please rise as you are able

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P The Lord watch over your going out and your coming in,
 from this time forth forevermore

In the name of the Father,

✠ Son,

and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

C: I love this Church!

*Consider taking your bulletin home with you
 so that you can pray for those on our prayer list during the week
 and will know what activities are happening this week at Trinity.*

Notes

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Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



Refrain

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

SETTING OUT

READING: Genesis 12: 1-9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

A brief silence for prayer and meditation

DIALOGUE AND PRAYER

P: God called to Abraham:

C: "Go! Set out! And I will bless you."

P: God calls to us:

C: "Come! Feel the water on your head!"

P: Hear the promise of new life.

C: Spread my word through all the world."

P: Let us pray. God of beginnings,

C: you called Abraham and Sarah, leading them to unknown places.

In the waters of baptism, you claim us and send us out as your children.

Wash us with your grace and shower us with your Spirit, so that we journey into the world overflowing with your love.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Please rise as you are able.

We Are Marching in the Light of God

ELW #866

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...
We are praying ...
We are singing ...

OFFERING PRAYER

C: O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go; thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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 INTERCESSION

A: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A: God of the journey,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Into your hands, Gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

C: And also with you.

ON THE ROAD

READING: Mark 1:35-39

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

A brief silence for prayer and meditation.

DIALOGUE AND PRAYER

P: On the Galilean road, Jesus stopped to reflect and pray.

C: We, too, long for rest and a balm for our souls.

P: Seeing those in need, Jesus healed, taught, and fed.

C: We are called to live as servants, loving our neighbors as ourselves

P: Holding the children close, Jesus blessed them;

C: for to such as these the kingdom of heaven belongs.

P: On the road to Bethlehem, the true light came into the world.

C: And the Word became flesh and lived among us and we have seen his glory.

P: Let us pray. God of incarnation,

C: you entered our world as a tiny baby and you journey with us through each stage of our lives. Be with our children and youth who are growing in your love.

Guide us all as the years and decades pass.

Send us in the light of your grace and truth.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

How Small Our Span of Life

ELW #636



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;
3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch-ing of a breath,
our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.
to share the short-ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.
il - lu - min - ing our pil-grim-age through mists of doubt and fears;



a drop with-in the o - cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,
While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos-mic space,
You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end
for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass-ing days;



a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.
while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.
and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans-cend.
for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

REFLECTION

Guided conversation among those present.

P: God's word is a lamp to our feet

C: and a light to our path.

(Please sing)

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me

Nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering

Jesus, be my guide
And hold me to your side
And I will love you to the end

Nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

And a light unto my path
You're the light unto my path

Songwriters: Amy Lee Grant, Michael Whitaker Smith


Just a Closer Walk with Thee

ELW #697

Refrain



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;




dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?
 3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

Refrain



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

WHEN THE WAY BECOMES HARD

READING: 1 Kings 19: 1-8

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

A brief silence for prayer and meditation.

DIALOGUE AND PRAYER

P: We sit like Elijah alone in the wilderness.

C: "It is enough, O Lord."

P: The troubles of life overwhelm our spirits.

C: "It is enough, O Lord."

P: The way seems too dark; the valleys, too deep.

C: "It is enough, O Lord."

P: God rescues us from despair and grants us strength.

C: "You are beloved, my precious child."

P: Let us pray. God of our sorrows,

C: **when we grieve a loved one, face an illness, or lose a job, the road seems long, lonely, and treacherous. Comfort us in our despair, guide us through the wilderness, and enfold us in your loving embrace.**

Grant your mercy and peace. To all those in need this day.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Please rise as you are able.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW #779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

JOYFUL HOMECOMINGS

READING: Philippians 3:12—4:1

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

A brief silence for prayer and meditation.

DIALOGUE AND PRAYER

P: "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

C: We believe in God, we believe in Christ.

P: "I go to prepare a dwelling place for you."

C: You are the way, the truth, and the life.

P: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you."

C: Lord, we abide in your love.

P: "You know the way to the place where I am going."

C: Jesus, lead us in the path of your peace.

P: Let us pray. God of resurrection,

C: neither death nor life will separate us from your love.

Walk with us when our journeys lead toward home.

Strengthen us to follow the way of the cross and bring us at last Into the joy of your heavenly kingdom.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.