## **Today's Ministers**

Greeters: Karen Bair & Penelope Smith Presider: Vicar Aaron

> Ushers: Lloyd & Judy Kellar Altar Guild: The Benoits

> > Counters: Cedar Hilger & Sierra Armbrust

Fellowship: TBD

Bread: Penelope Smith

Wine: VanAtters

Eternal Candle: VanAtters Flowers: Edith Hannett

Preaching: Vicar Aaron Assisting Minister: Pat Benoit Crucifer: Steve VanAtter Acolyte: Elizabeth Schnabel Reader: Amanda Hanson Children's Message: Vicar Aaron

Music: Bryce Leifeste

Audio/Streaming: Sarah Henthorn

& Andrew Hanson

## Next Week's Ministers - September 28

Presider: Vicar Aaron Preaching: Vicar Aaron Assisting Minister: Karissa Armbrust

Crucifer: Alexa Ward Counters: Andrew Hanson & Lloyd Kellar

> Fellowship: Ardelle & Judy Bread: Penelope Smith

Wine: VanAtters

Eternal Candle: VanAtters

Flowers: VanAtters

**Greeters: The Hanson Family** Ushers: Jeff & Nancy Henderson Altar Guild: Kim Mills & Leininger

Reader: Tami Robinson Children's Message: Vicar Aaron

Music: Bryce Leifeste

Acolyte: Zander Radke

Audio/Streaming: Sarah Henthorn

& Larry Mills



Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost Year C September 21, 2025





# 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



Services are live streamed on our Facebook and YouTube pages, and the bulletin is available on the website to follow along.

### 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 W	EEK
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Today 9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
12 – 3:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons session

Peace Day

Monday 9:00 am Epistle articles due

Tuesday 12:00 pm Al-Anon (Sunday School room) 2:00 – 4:00 pm Study Group (Koinonia Room)

Thursday 6:30 pm Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)

## **NEXT WEEK**

September 28 9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship (Noisy Offering)11:15 am Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday 12:00 pm Al-Anon (Sunday School room) 2:00 – 4:00 pm Study Group (Koinonia Room)

Wednesday 6:30 – 8pm Pet Blessing (on lawn)

Thursday 6:30 pm Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)

### IN OUR PRAYERS

**For healing:** Colton (Fran & Elwood's grandson – brain tumor)

Monica Perez (friend of Edith Hannett – in need of a kidney)
Francis Frisbee (recovering from surgery – Amanda Hanson)
Angel Bray (Cancer is dormant – Margretta's granddaughter)
Vicki (exhibiting terrible temper – Janie Stubson)

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 (health issues – Mary Braudrick)

Gail Leininger (recovering from shoulder surgery – Mary Helen)

Trent Glover (recovering from a fall and surgery)

Paulette Blaseg (recovering from heart in AFIB and "flat lining")

For Andrew (from Elizabeth Schnabel)

For Berger Family (mourning loss of daughter from Mary Helen & Gail)

For Chris & Cooper Koons (hoping for good test results – Anita Koons)
For Janna (trying for promotion – Janie Stubson)

For Family of Amy Bal (died from pneumonia -- from Radke Family)

For Sharon Jones's family (mourning loss of Sharon Jones)
For Family of Di Seba (mourning loss of Diana Seba)

For Doug (looking for employment – son of Tami Robinson)
For Shannon Miller (mourning loss of Pat Malloy, past member of Trinity)

## **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.

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.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET -- Just one month left until our October 20th deadline for YOU to submit your entry to this year's booklet. Have you figured out what you plan to say? Have you decided on your theme? Have you got a rough draft rattling around in your brain? Have you completed one entry but are now feeling prompted to write another? Wherever you are on your journey of authorship, we applaud you; but also remind you that the clock is ticking!!

## **COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK**

## Sunday, September 21, 2025 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them and chose Matthew to be a disciple.



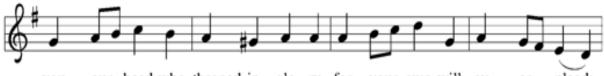
Son of God. Eternal Savior **GATHERING HYMN ELW #655** 



- of God, e ter nal Sav ior, source of life and truth and grace, you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
- Come, O Christ, and reign a mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
- of God, e ter nal Sav-ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race, Free - ly have your gifts been grant-ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give. hush the storm of strife and pas-sion, bid its cru-el dis - cords cease. Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



our head, who, throned in glo-ry, for your own will ev - er plead: Yours the gold and yours the sil-ver, yours the wealth of land and sea: your pa-tient years of toil-ing, by your si-lent hours of pain, your will-ing that your peo-ple should be your pray-ing, by one.



us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need. but stew-ards of your boun-ty held in sol - emn trust will be. quench our fe-vered thirst of plea-sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain. oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLOOD DRIVE** – There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive held in the Fellowship Hall of the church on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please come and support this drive, and share the event with your friends, family, neighbors and anyone else you feel you can!

<u>GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS –</u> Thank you very much to everyone who participated in the God's Work, Our Hands project this year!

<u>SEPTEMBER NOISY OFFERING</u> – On Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> is to show appreciation to our neighbors at West learning Center. Money raised will be used to purchase snacks for the teachers and staff at the three alternative schools that are housed at WLC. Union is grades 6-12; Nampa Academy is grades 9-12, and RISE. There are cards to sign in the Narthex thanking the staff for working with Nampa's youth.

PET BLESSING -- October 1st from 6:30 - 8:00 pm - What does your pet say to God when it prays? What do birds and tigers and snakes say when they pray? Come to our pet blessing event and you might just find out!! In celebration of the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, we will hold our annual Pet Blessing event on the church lawn on 10/1. This is an ideal opportunity to invite friends and family members to join you. Bring your pet(s) or a photo of your pet(s) and a lawn chair. We will have a brief service, followed by a blessing of each individual pet. In addition, we will offer pet blessing certificates and paw-shaped cookies (some for dogs and others for the humans.) Pictures will be taken for the website, Facebook and Instagram pages.

**GRATITUDE** – Psalm 30:12 "To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever." Thankfulness and praise are recurrent themes in the book of Psalms. As children, we were told that gifts deserve a "thank you", and one way of doing this was to write a "thank you note". Kind of makes you think that thanks is a one-and-done activity! In truth, being thankful to God is an ongoing behavior --there is just so very much to say -- so we could definitely be giving thanks forever.

**EQUAL EXCHANGE** – provides a living wage for the farmers that grow the coffee, teas, and cocoa beans that are sold here at the church. When a purchase is made over the next month, your name will be entered into a raffle for EE items.

<u>DONATIONS MADE EASY –</u> 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. September food pantry request comes from the prayers of the people on Sunday September 7th. The prayers say, "God of Abundance, You bring grains from the earth and fruits of the vine." The food items to bring in are canned fruits and vegetables and jelly. Thank you! – Church in Community

### **GREETING**

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

C: And also with you.



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## P: Let us pray.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

You may be seated.

## WORD

## God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

## FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
<sup>5</sup> saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances,
<sup>6</sup> buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: Psalm 113

- R: <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.
- C: <sup>2</sup>Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.
- R: <sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.
- C: <sup>4</sup>The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.

### 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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- 1 Let jus tice flow like streams of spar-kling wa ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ-teous-ness roll on as oth-ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de fine our mea sure true,



en - a-bling growth, re - fresh-ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure. an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed. and jus-tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through. All: The Lord lifts up the poor from the ashes.

R: 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,

C: <sup>6</sup> but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

R: <sup>7</sup> The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

C: <sup>8</sup> enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.

R: <sup>9</sup> The Lord makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

All: The Lord lifts up the poor from the ashes.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God:

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.<sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 205



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

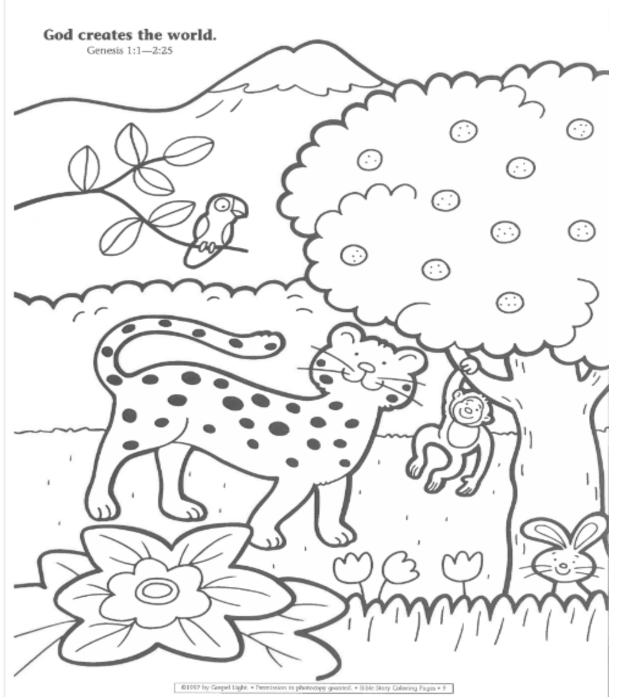
P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

## **GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13**

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'



## Gratitude for Kids



ACTIVITIES JAR SHARE

CONCEPT JOURNAL SHOW

CULTIVATE KINDNESS TEACH

ENCOURAGE LESSON UNDERSTAND

ENGAGE PRACTICE

<sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup> "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

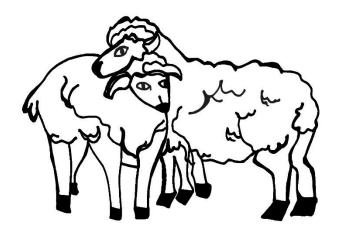
R: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.** 

You may be seated.

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

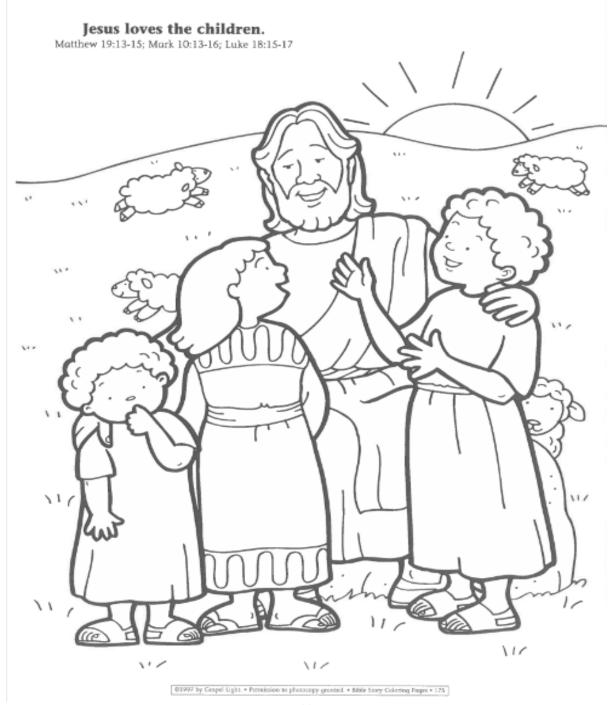
THE HOMILY

Please rise as you are able.



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## SENDING

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

Please rise as you are able.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

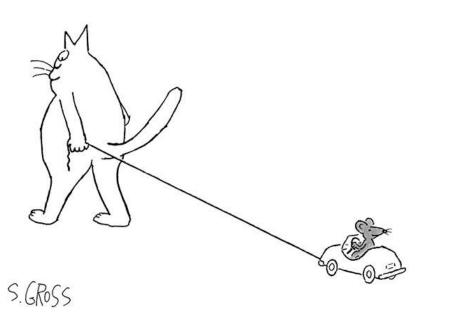
C: Amen.

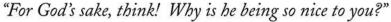
### **BLESSING**

P: Almighty God,
Father,

→ Son,
and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.





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## **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: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A: God of Grace.

C: receive our prayer.

A: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

You may now greet those around you saying "Peace be with you". You may shake hands, bump elbows, hold up two fingers in the "Peace sign". Do whichever is comfortable for you.

You may be seated. Our liturgy continues with the offering.

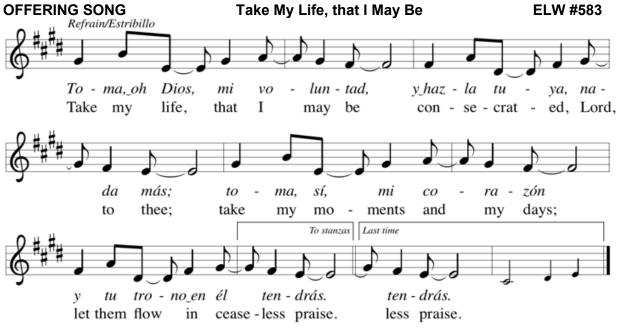


An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

You may also give online at: nampatrinity.org

## MEAL.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.





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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who are hungry, come!

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

All are welcome to Christ's table.

## You may be seated.

The ushers will tell you when it's time to go up to receive communion.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **Holy Communion**

Everyone, including children, who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to Christ's table.

Gluten free wafers are available. Simply ask the Pastor.

Cups in the tray: The inner ring of cups is white grape juice.

The outer ring of cups is rose wine.





## Please rise as you are able.

### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

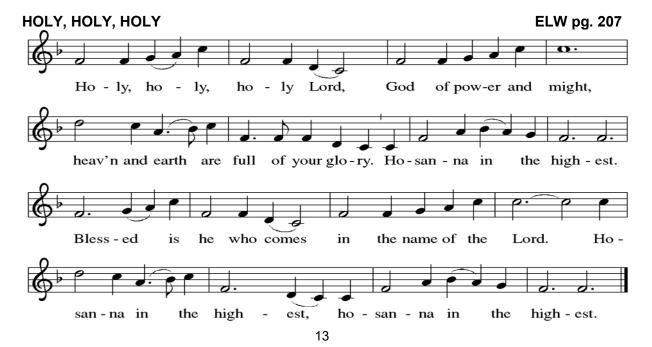
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....

.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

P: You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks.....

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,

and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,.....

Christ has died.

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

C:

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.