



The HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 A.M.

LECTIONARY 20

AUGUST 16, 2026

Congregational words are in bold print.

PRELUDE

Larghetto from Sonata in C-major

G.F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Peter Graf, recorder

*Please stand in body
or spirit and face the
processional cross.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we
cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden
is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Blessed be God forever.

Silence for reflection.

Continue to follow
the processional cross,
turning as it
passes you.

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

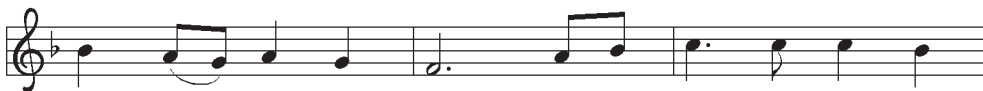
ELW 641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen,
b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS
Marty Haugen

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APOSTOLIC 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
God of all peoples, your arms reach
out to embrace all those who call
upon you. Teach us as disciples of
your Son to love the world with
compassion and constancy,

that your name may be known
throughout the earth, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

*This prayer relates
to the readings
appointed for the day
and asks for God's
help in applying them
to our lives.*

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

And the foreigners who join
themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him,
to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath
and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my
house of prayer;

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

*The Psalm is read
responsively.*

PSALM 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

*Please stand
in body or spirit to
welcome the Gospel.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of

Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Deaconess Deborah Matern Graf

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Healer of our Every Ill

ELW 612



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

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Music: HEALER OF
OUR EVERY ILL
Marty Haugen

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peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church,
those in need, and all of God's creation.

*After a brief silence
each petition
concludes:*

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

*After the final
petition:*

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised.
All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

*Please greet one
another and then
be seated.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

The Gift of Love

Barbara R. Broome
(b. 20th c.)

Bonnie DeTurck & Sarah Farrier, handbells

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God, we offer at your table
the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and
share freely of your love, so that all
creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us
now and forever.

Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS

IN IMMEDIATE NEED

- ♦ Ralph Unruh
- ♦ Family & friends
of Mary Drehs
- ♦ Matt Sawyer
- ♦ Miles Dechant

TRINITY HOUSEHOLDS

- ♦ Albert Beadencup
- ♦ Don Bechtel &
Jill Hull
- ♦ Nels, Hans, &
Marissa Becklin
- ♦ Wesley, Evelyn,
Sarah, & David
Bierly
- ♦ Virginia Biniek

ONGOING NEEDS

- ♦ Harry Feinauer
- ♦ Walter Schur
- ♦ Dar Unger
- ♦ Rob Unger
- ♦ Yadar
- ♦ Darryl Jeffries
- ♦ Linda Liptak
- ♦ Marian Jameson
- ♦ Carol P. Miller
- ♦ Pamela Reeves
- ♦ Carolyn Hoffman
- ♦ Jason Sbarbaro
- ♦ Dennis Stine
- ♦ Josie Brewster
- ♦ Ruth Sassaman

*The presider greets
the assembly and
invites all to give
thanks.*

DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

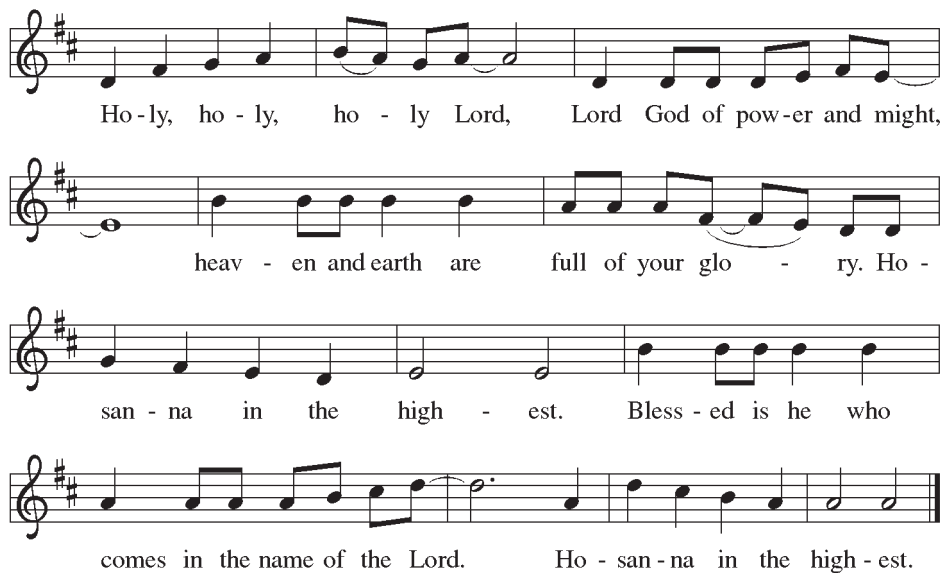
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED,
OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS;
BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING:
TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU.
DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS,
AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING:
THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD,
SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.
DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

*During the Words of
Institution, the bread
and wine are elevated
for the congregation
to revere and adore
Christ's presence in
our midst.*

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Silence is kept as the
bread is broken.*

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

*Detailed instructions
for communion can
be found on page 15.*



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Victor L. Gumma
(1936-2015)

Bonnie DeTurck & Sarah Farrier, handbells

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, through the
gifts of bread and wine our hearts
are filled with the abundance of
your love. Strengthen us that we,
through this holy meal, may share

your love freely, as you have shared
with us. We ask this in the name of
Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing
us now and forever.

Amen.

*Lay Eucharistic
Ministers come
forward to receive the
Eucharist that they
will share with the
homebound.*

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you
sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth
to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound.
In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this
sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the
body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

*As a sign of God's
blessing, you may
make the sign
of the cross.*

BLESSING

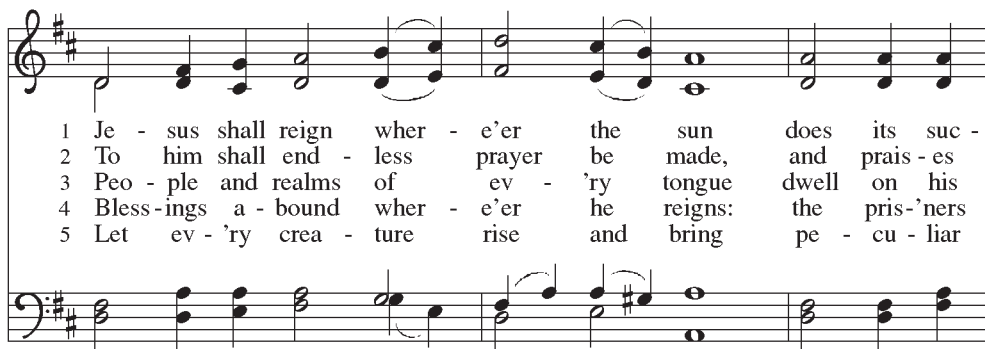
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen.

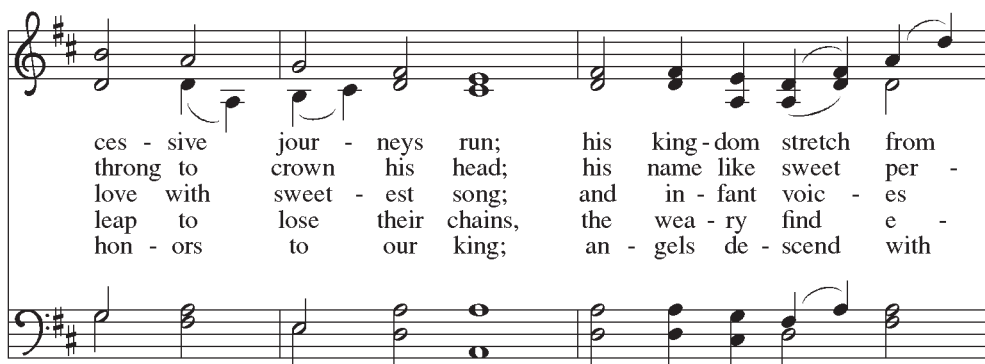
SENDING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts,
1674-1748, alt.

Music: DUKE
STREET
attr. John Hatton,
d. 1793

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro from Sonata in C-major

G.F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Peter Graf, recorder

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

10:00 AM

TRINITY SUNDAY WORSHIP
All Saints Room

11:15 AM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION
Welcome Center

11:30 AM

WORSHIP & MUSIC
Conference Room

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

12:00 PM

TLC-CG CHECK-IN - Conference Room

1:00 PM

PROGRAM STAFF MEETING
Conference Room

CLOTHING & FOOD DISTRIBUTION
Welcome Center

2:00 PM

DROP-IN CENTER: ACTIVITIES
All Saints Room

4:00 PM

COMMON GROUND WORSHIP & MEAL
All Saints Room

7:00 PM

VESTRY MEETING
All Saints Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

9:30 AM

STAFF MEETING - Conference Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

3:00 PM

PROPERTY COMMITTEE
Conference Room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

10:00 AM

TRINITY SUNDAY WORSHIP
All Saints Room

11:15 AM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION
Welcome Center

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS



All who trust that Jesus Christ is present in this holy meal are invited to receive communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

The four sections will commune sequentially, starting with the side closest to the lectern. Communion will be served continuously in a single file line at the front of each section.

First, the pastor will give you a piece of bread. If you prefer a gluten free alternative, please inform the pastor. If you wish to drink from the common cup or prefer grape juice, consume your bread and proceed to the line for the silver chalice. If you prefer intinction, take your bread to the line for the earthenware chalice.



The assisting minister will hold the earthenware chalice for intinction. Dip your bread into this chalice of wine and then consume the dipped bread.

Alternatively, you may drink from the silver chalice after consuming your bread. If you require grape juice, proceed to this station and take a filled cup from the acolyte, waiting to consume your juice until the communion assistant has said “The Blood of Christ, shed for you.” Place your used cup back in the acolyte’s tray.



If for any reason you wish to only receive one element, trust that Christ himself is fully present in the element you choose.

After receiving the sacrament, return to your seat for a time of prayer and meditation.

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PRESIDING MINISTER

Pr. Hans E. Becklin

ASSISTING MINISTER

Dcs. Deborah Matern Graf

CANTOR

Dr. Cameron Lee Wentz

LECTOR

Danielle Smith

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Hannah Long

ACOLYTE

Jacinda Motley

GREETER

Eric Rosenbaum

USHERS

Lawrence Fredericks, Lourdes Rivera

MEDIA TEAM

Steve Hofmann, Jorge Tomás,

Declan Rosenbaum, Jenn Smith

ALTAR GUILD

Anita Dolak, Amy Reinsel,

Jennifer Smith, Sue Randazzo

WORSHIP PLANNERS

Sandra Sittler,

Abbie & Danielle Smith

WORSHIP SPONSORS

These offerings help to defray the cost of altar flowers and the television broadcast.

DAR UNGER

In loving memory of her husband, Richard

SUE & BOB BREMS

in celebration of their 62nd
wedding anniversary

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUNDED IN 1751

*The Rev. Hans E.
Becklin*
SENIOR PASTOR

*Deaconess Deborah
Matern Graf*
DEACON FOR
FORMATION
AND SERVICE

*Dr. Cameron
Lee Wentz*
CANTOR

Matthew Mellen
DIRECTOR OF
TECHNOLOGY AND
COMMUNICATION

Rachel Gambone
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
COORDINATOR

Peter Graf
FINANCIAL
ADMINISTRATOR

Pam Wasmuth
BOOKKEEPER

John McKeon
PROPERTY MANAGER

Dave Troche
SEXTON



*The Rev. Fred S.
Opalinski*
PASTOR EMERITUS

*Karen S.
Eddinger*
MINISTER OF MUSIC
EMERITA



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY as we worship God through word and sacrament in this landmark building, home to our congregation since 1791. Our liturgy is rooted in tradition; all are welcome to participate as they feel comfortable.

TRINITY IS A VIBRANT CONGREGATION with members from around Berks County and beyond. If you are interested in learning more about membership, speak with a member of our staff.



DURING WORSHIP, we pray, sing, listen, chant, read, and move our bodies. Please silence your cell phone so as not to disturb this rich experience for yourself or others.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR WORSHIP is receiving the Eucharist, the true Body and Blood of Christ. All who trust that Jesus is present in this holy meal are invited to receive Him with us today. Detailed instructions for communion can be found on page 15 of the bulletin.

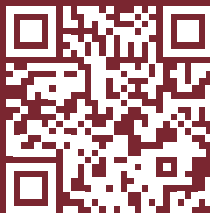


CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME in our worship! A changing table can be found in the all-gender restroom on the first floor. Restrooms can be found on the first floor and are accessible by elevator. Our AED is mounted on the wall in the stairway at the 6th street entrance.



WE WELCOME ALL LGBTQ+ people as full participants in our common life. We're proud to proclaim this publicly in our city and wider church as a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

OUR WORSHIP IS AN ACT OF OFFERING. By being here, we present ourselves and our time to God.



WE ALSO PRESENT our tithes and monetary offerings to God. During the offertory procession, they are brought forward along with the bread and wine used for the Eucharist.

WE NO LONGER pass an offering plate in the pew. However, an offering plate for cash or checks is available at the entrance to the All Saints Room. You can also share your offering electronically using this QR code.