



The HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 A.M.

LECTIONARY 18

AUGUST 2, 2026

Congregational words are in bold print.

PRELUDE

Andante molto *from Sonata No. 3*

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

*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.*

*We will sing this
hymn twice.*

Text: Miria T. Kolling;
English and Spanish tr.
Gerhard M. Cartford.
b. 1923

Music: NUESTRO
PADRE. Miria T.
Kolling

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GATHERING HYMN

God Extends an Invitation

ELW 486



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - nión; pues a - sí es la co - mu - nión.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

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.
Glorious God, your generosity
waters the world with goodness,
and you cover creation with
abundance. Awaken in us a hunger
for the food that satisfies both body

and spirit, and with this food fill
all the starving world; through
your Son, 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 55:1-5

Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that
which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not
satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

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

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
Now you shall call nations that you do not
know,
and nations that do not know you shall
run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One
of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

*The Psalm is read
responsively.*

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

**My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Virginia Biniek

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW 515

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A.
Lathbury.
1841-1913. alt.

Music: BREAD OF
LIFE. William F.
Sherwin. 1826-1888

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

Movement 2 *from Sonata No. 3*

G.F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Evan Derr, saxophone

*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
- ♦ Josie Brewster
- ♦ Mary Drehs
- ♦ Ruth Sassaman
- ♦ Carolyn Hoffman
- ♦ Jason Sbarbaro
- ♦ Kathrine Graf

ONGOING NEEDS

- ♦ Harry Feinauer
- ♦ Walter Schur
- ♦ Dar Unger
- ♦ Rob Unger
- ♦ Yadar
- ♦ Darryl Jeffries
- ♦ Linda Liptak
- ♦ Matt Sawyer and family
- ♦ Marian Jameson
- ♦ Carol P. Miller
- ♦ Pamela Reeves

TRINITY HOUSEHOLDS

- ♦ Kathleen Wright
- ♦ Amy Young
- ♦ David Zobian & Megan Sounders-Zobian, Ben and Jane Zobian
- ♦ Gholam & Diana Amadi
- ♦ Alexander Amadi

*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

*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.

BLESSING

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

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

Amen.

Face the processional
cross, turning as it
passes you.

SENDING HYMN

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

ELW 535

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

End



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am in wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Text: South African; tr.
Freedom Is Coming,
1984

Music: HALELUYA!
PELO TSA RONA,
South African; arr.
Freedom Is Coming

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegretto from Sonata quasi una Fantasia, Op. 27, no. 2 Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

10:00 AM

TRINITY SUNDAY WORSHIP
All Saints Room

11:15 AM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION
Welcome Center

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

9:30 AM

STAFF MEETING - Conference Room

6:00 PM

TRINITY SERVES AT
OPPORTUNITY HOUSE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

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. Virginia Biniek

ASSISTING MINISTER

Dcs. Deborah Graf

CANTOR

Dr. Cameron Lee Wentz

LECTOR

Amy Norton-Ritz

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Charlie Norton

ACOLYTE

Avery Mazur

GREETER

Larry Kummerer

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VIRGINIA BINIEK
to the glory of God

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Becklin*
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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.

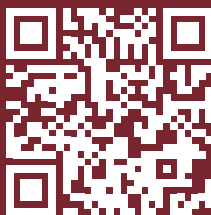


CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME in our worship! A changing table can be found in the all-gender restroom on the first floor. Restrooms can be found on the first floor and are accessible by elevator. Our AED is mounted on the wall in the stairway at the 6th street entrance.



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.