



The HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 A.M.

## LECTIONARY 29

OCTOBER 18, 2026

**Congregational words are in bold print.**

### PRELUDE

Prelude

Clara Schumann  
(1819-1896)

*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

## Earth and All Stars!

ELW 731



|   |               |     |        |        |             |             |             |
|---|---------------|-----|--------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | Earth         | and | all    | stars! | Loud        | rush - ing  | plan - ets! |
| 2 | Trum - pet    | and | pipes! | Loud   | clash - ing | cym - bals! |             |
| 3 | En - gines    | and | steel! | Loud   | pound - ing | ham - mers! |             |
| 4 | Class - rooms | and | labs!  | Loud   | boil - ing  | test tubes! |             |
| 5 | Knowl - edge  | and | truth! | Loud   | sound - ing | wis - dom!  |             |



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|--------------|-------|--------|-------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Hail,        | wind, | and    | rain! | Loud        | blow - ing  | snow - storm! |
| Harp,        | lute, | and    | lyre! | Loud        | hum - ming  | cel - los!    |
| Lime - stone | and   | beams! | Loud  | build - ing | work - ers! |               |
| Ath - lete   | and   | band!  | Loud  | cheer - ing | peo - ple!  |               |
| Daugh - ter  | and   | son!   | Loud  | pray - ing  | mem - bers! |               |



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Brokering,  
1926-2009

Music: EARTH AND  
ALL STARS  
David N. Johnson,  
1922-1987

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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

## 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.  
Sovereign God, raise your throne  
in our hearts. Created by you, let us  
live in your image; created for you,  
let us act for your glory;

redeemed by you, let us give you  
what is yours, 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.*

## READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and to strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
I will go before you  
and level the mountains;  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron;  
I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your  
name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob  
and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name;

I give you a title, though you do not know  
me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,  
so that they may know, from the rising of the  
sun

and from the west, that there is no one  
besides me;

I am the Lord, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;

I the Lord do all these things.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm is read  
responsively.*

## PSALM 96:1-9

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;  
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations  
and God's wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,  
more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

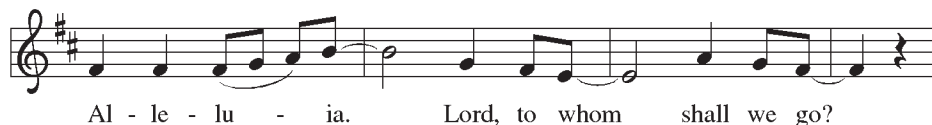
Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,

“Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

### Lift Every Voice and Sing

ELW 841



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

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Johnson,  
1871-19384

Music: LIFT EVERY  
VOICE  
J. Rosamond Johnson,  
1873-1954

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## 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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church  
 and the world.

Hear us, O God,  
**Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and  
 those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*After a brief silence  
 each petition  
 concludes:*

*After the final  
 petition:*

*Please greet one  
another and then  
be seated.*

PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Take My Life and Let It Be

Thomas Keesecker  
(b. 1956)

*The Mixed Ensemble  
Sandra Sittler, piano*

*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

- ♦ Matt Sawyer
- ♦ Bernie Hofmann
- ♦ Peter Graf
- ♦ Nancy Souders-Negri
- ♦ Darryl Jeffries

TRINITY HOUSEHOLDS

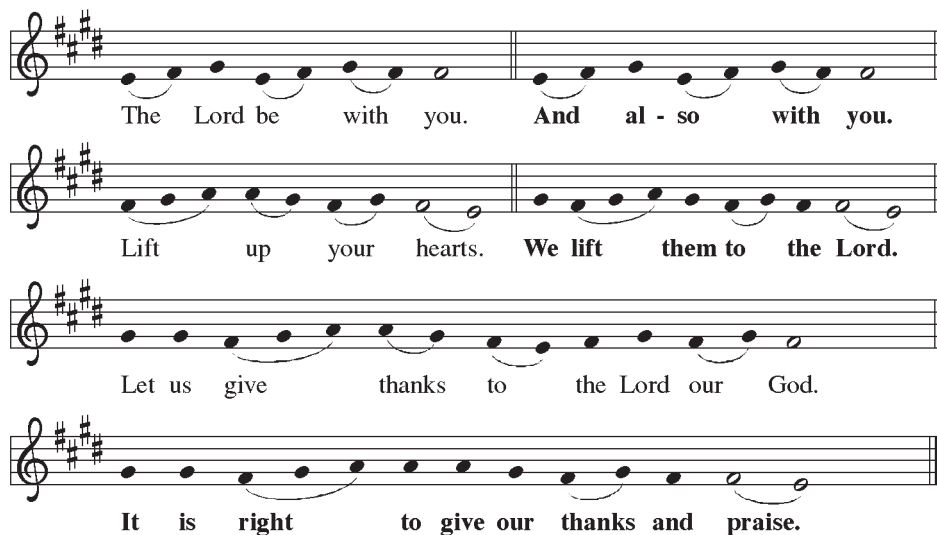
- ♦ Mike Faust
- ♦ Harry Feinauer
- ♦ Christie, Kyrie, Jordan, Holly & Chris Fisher
- ♦ Millie, Collin & Rashi Flatt
- ♦ Mark & Stacy Flatt

ONGOING NEEDS

- ♦ Harry Feinauer
- ♦ Dar Unger
- ♦ Rob Unger
- ♦ Yadar
- ♦ Marian Jameson
- ♦ Carol P. Miller
- ♦ Pamela Reeves
- ♦ Carolyn Hoffman
- ♦ Jason Sbarbaro
- ♦ Ruth Sassaman
- ♦ Fred Negri
- ♦ Ralph Unruh
- ♦ Miles Dechant
- ♦ Walter Schur

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

## DIALOG



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

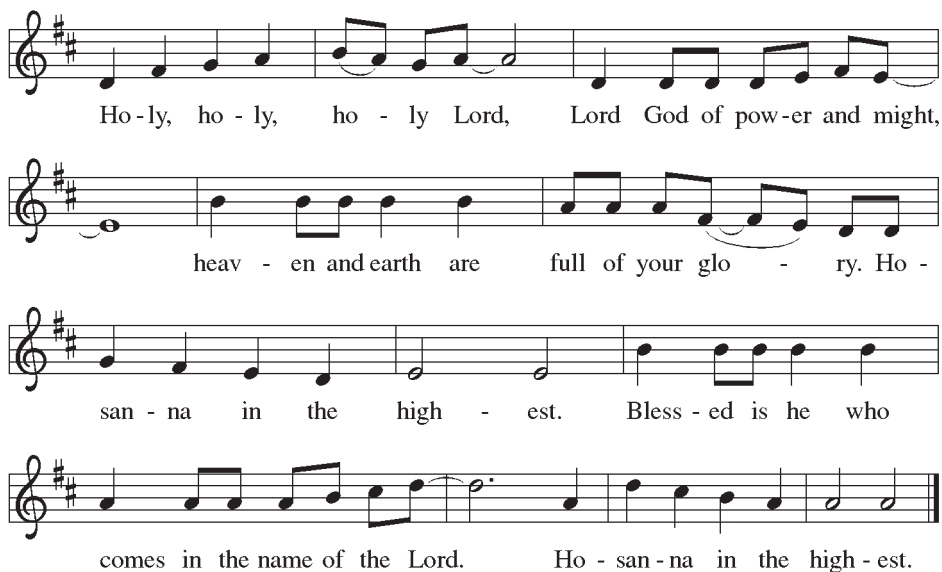
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...  
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.*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## 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.**

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

### SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

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

### SENDING HYMN

O God of Every Nation

ELW 713

### DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Fugue

Clara Schumann  
(1819-1896)

# SENDING HYMN

## O God of Every Nation

ELW 713

1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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 Reid Jr,  
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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:00 AM

TRINITY SUNDAY WORSHIP  
All Saints Room

11:15 AM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION  
Welcome Center

11:30 AM

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE  
Welcome Center

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

1:00 PM

PROGRAM STAFF MEETING  
Conference Room  
COMMON GROUND MINISTRY  
All Saints Room

5:30 PM

PROPERTY WORKNIGHT  
Sanctuary Prep

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:30 AM

STAFF MEETING - Conference Room

6:00 PM

PROPERTY WORKNIGHT  
Sanctuary Prep

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:30 PM

TRINITY RINGERS - Bell Room

7:30 PM

TRINITY CHOIR - Bard House

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

10:00 AM

MEDIA VOLUNTEER TRAINING  
Nave

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:45 AM

SANCTUARY RECONSECRATION &  
PROCESSION - Courtyard

10:00 AM

REFORMATION SUNDAY WORSHIP  
Nave

11:30 AM

CHAMPAGNE TOAST  
Welcome Center

12:00 PM

275TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET  
WCR Center for the Arts

5:30 PM

REVIVE YOUTH GROUP  
Corn Maze Trip

# 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. Fred Opalinski       | USHERS           | Jeff & Pam Wasmuth                                              |
| ASSISTING MINISTER  | Dcs. Deborah Matern Graf | MEDIA TEAM       | Jenn Smith, Declan Rosenbaum                                    |
| CANTOR              | Dr. Cameron Lee Wentz    | ALTAR GUILD      | Berni Ilgen, Linda Motley,<br>Charlie Norton, Robin Oberholtzer |
| LECTOR              | Martha Good              |                  | Beth Welz                                                       |
| COMMUNION ASSISTANT | Pam Wasmuth              | WORSHIP PLANNERS | Hannah Long,<br>Allison & Joe Rogers                            |
| ACOLYTE             | Avery Mazur              |                  |                                                                 |
| GREETER             | Lawrence Fredericks      |                  |                                                                 |

## WORSHIP SPONSORS

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

PAT PERFECT  
in loving memory of her mother,  
Marjorie Louise Hendel Perfect

LARRY KUMMERER & BRUCE BOWERS  
in loving memory of John Kirby

# 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*  
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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.

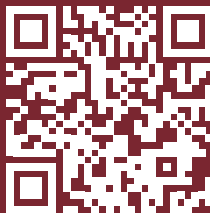


CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME in our worship! A changing table can be found in the all-gender restroom on the first floor. Restrooms can be found on the first floor and are accessible by elevator. Our AED is mounted on the wall in the stairway at the 6th street entrance.



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.