



The HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 A.M.

LECTIONARY 17

JULY 26, 2026

Congregational words are in bold print.

PRELUDE

Variation 7 from the Goldberg Variations

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.
Amen.

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

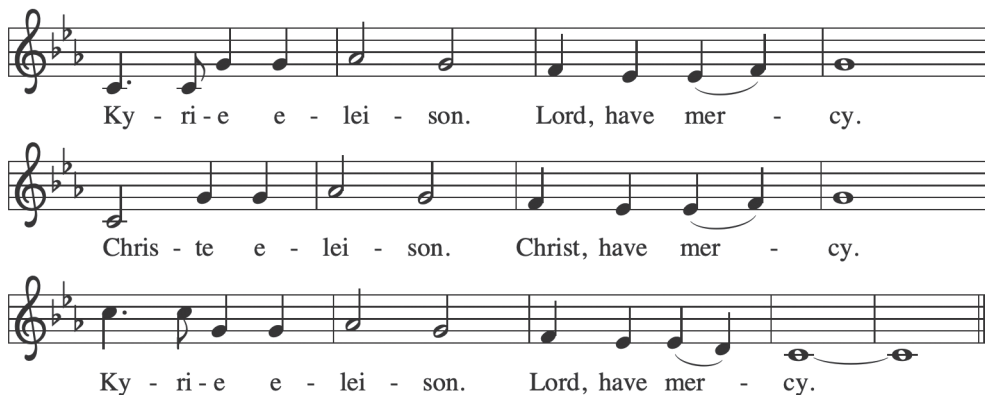
Silence for reflection.

Have mercy, O God,
**against you, you alone,
we have sinned.**
**In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.**
**Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.**
**Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.**
Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so
deep is God's compassion for you.
As high as heaven is above earth,
so vast is God's love for you.
As far as east is from west,
so far God removes your
sin from you,
renewing your life through
† Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God who crowns us
with mercy and love.
Blessed be God forever.

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

KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

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.
Beloved and sovereign God,
through the death and resurrection
of your Son you bring us into your
kingdom of justice and mercy. By
your Spirit, give us your wisdom,

that we may treasure the life that
comes from 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

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an

understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him

up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

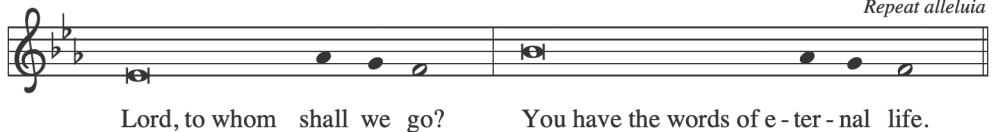
No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



Repeat alleluia

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

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding

one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.;
vers. Eleanor H. Hull,
1860-1935, alt.;
tr. Mary E. Byrne,
1880-1931

Music: SLANE
Irish traditional

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

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*After a brief silence
each petition
concludes:*

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

*After the final
petition:*

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

PEACE

*Please greet one
another and then
be seated.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Nocturne

Max Bruch
(1854-1935)

Mason Schultz, viola, Maya Kraft, clarinet

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours, and your
faithfulness is sure. Word and water,
wine and bread: these are signs of
your abundant grace. Receive the
gifts we bring, and

nourish us to proclaim your abiding
love in our communities and in the
world, through Jesus Christ, our
strength and our song.
Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS

IN IMMEDIATE NEED

- ♦ Ralph Unruh
- ♦ Carolyn Hoffman
- ♦ Josie Brewster
- ♦ Jason Sbarbaro
- ♦ Mary Drehs
- ♦ Kathrine Graf
- ♦ Ruth Sassaman
- ♦ Miles Dechant

TRINITY HOUSEHOLDS

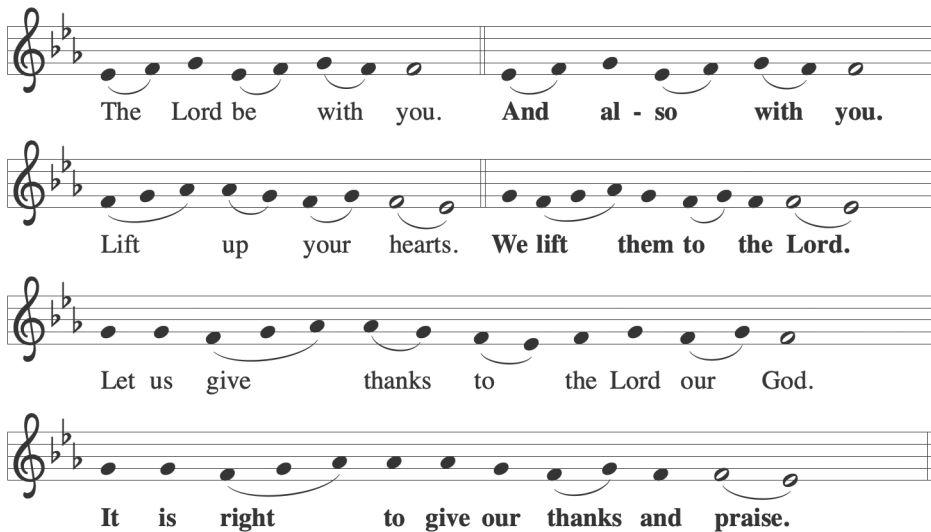
- ♦ Paul Watkins
- ♦ Raye & Bruce Watson
- ♦ Rebecca Watkins
- ♦ Steve & Beth Welz
- ♦ & Christopher Kissinger
- ♦ Cameron Wentz
- ♦ & Jorge Tomás

ONGOING NEEDS

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

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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,
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, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, 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 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.**

*Silence is kept as the
bread is broken.*

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION SONG

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



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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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.

Living God, as the disciples ate and
drank with their risen Lord, we
have been nourished with the very
presence of Christ. Through this
meal may we be strengthened to

keep your word and to proclaim
the power of your love in
Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

BLESSING

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

God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth
✠ bless you all, now and forever

Amen.

*This hymn can be
found on page 14.*

SENDING HYMN

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

ACS 942

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Variation 10 *from the Goldberg Variations*

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(1685-1750)

Face the processional
cross, turning as it
passes you.

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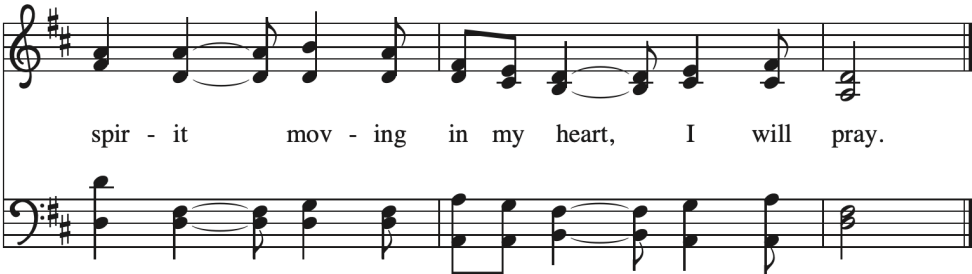
Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing



in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

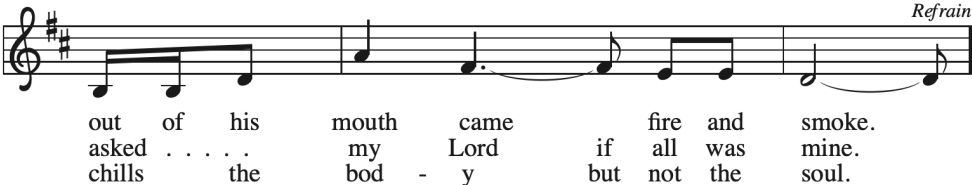


spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

Refrain



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked . . . my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African
American spiritual

Music: PENTECOST
African American
spiritual;

arr. Melva W. Costen,
1933-2023

Arr. © 1990 Melva W.
Costen,
admin. Augsburg
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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 Becklin

ASSISTING MINISTER

Dcs. Deborah Matern Graf

CANTOR

Dr. Cameron Lee Wentz

LECTOR

Andrew Smith

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Steve Welz

ACOLYTE

William Norton-Ritz

GREETER

Lourdes Rivera

USHERS

Lawrence Fredericks, Andrew Smith,
Joseph Speece

MEDIA TEAM

Danielle Smith, Jorge Tomás

ALTAR GUILD

Jacinda, Josh, & Linda Motley,

Charlie Norton, Robin Oberholtzer, Beth Welz

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AMY LITVINOV
in honor of Nina's 8th birthday

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUNDED IN 1751

*The Rev. Hans E.
Becklin*
SENIOR PASTOR

*Deaconess Deborah
Matern Graf*
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PASTOR EMERITUS

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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.

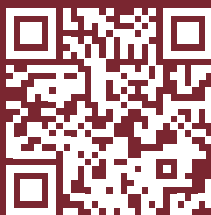


CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME in our worship! A changing table can be found in the all-gender restroom on the first floor. Restrooms can be found on the first floor and are accessible by elevator. Our AED is mounted on the wall in the stairway at the 6th street entrance.



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.