



The HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 A.M.

LECTIONARY 19

AUGUST 9, 2026

Congregational words are in bold print.

PRELUDE

No. 3 *from Mouvements Perpétuels*

Francis Poulenc
(1899-1963)

*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

Oh, Sing to the Lord

ELW 822



1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
3 So dance for our God, and blow all the trum - pets.
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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Text: Brazilian folk
song;
tr. Gerhard M.
Cartford,
b. 1923,
Spanish and English

Music: CANTAD AL
SEÑOR
Brazilian folk tune

Tr. © Gerhard Cartford,
admin. Augsburg
Fortress

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.
O God our defender, storms rage
around and within us and cause us
to be afraid. Rescue your people
from despair, deliver your sons and
daughters from fear, and preserve

us in the faith of 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

1 Kings 19:9-18

At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came
to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him,
saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
He answered, "I have been very zealous for
the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites
have forsaken your covenant, thrown down
your altars, and killed your prophets with the
sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking
my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain
before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass
by." Now there was a great wind, so strong
that it was splitting mountains and breaking
rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord
was not in the wind, and after the wind an
earthquake, but the Lord was not in the
earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire,
but the Lord was not in the fire, and after
the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah

heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle
and went out and stood at the entrance of
the cave. Then there came a voice to him
that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
He answered, "I have been very zealous for
the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites
have forsaken your covenant, thrown down
your altars, and killed your prophets with the
sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking
my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said
to him, "Go, return on your way to the
wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive,
you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.
Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as
king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha
son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet
in your place. Whoever escapes from the
sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever
escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall
kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel,
all the knees that have not bowed to Baal,
and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

*The Psalm is read
responsively.*

PSALM 85:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their
hearts to you.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before the Lord
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

[Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Hans E. Becklin

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Text: Robert Lowry,
1826-1899

Music: HOW CAN
I KEEP FROM
SINGING
Robert Lowry, alt.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



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

As High As The Sky

David Himes
(b. 1964)

David Himes, baritone, & Amy Stewart-Himes, mezzo-soprano

*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
- ♦ Matt Sawyer and family
- ♦ Mary Drehs
- ♦ Barbara Lykens
- ♦ Ruth Sassaman
- ♦ Miles Dechant

ONGOING NEEDS

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

TRINITY HOUSEHOLDS

- ♦ Franki Aitken
- ♦ Geroge Balchunas
- ♦ Tina & William Angstadt
- ♦ Sarah, Wesley, Christopher, & Rachel Bashore
- ♦ Barbara Auchenbach

*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.*

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

Ave Verum Corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

David Himes, clarinet, & Amy Stewart-Himes, flute

*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

When Peace like a River

ELW 785

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G.
Spafford,
1828-1888

Music: VILLE DU
HAVRE,
Philip P. Bliss,
1838-1876

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegretto from Sonata No. 14

Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

10:00 AM

TRINITY SUNDAY WORSHIP
All Saints Room

11:15 AM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION
Welcome Center

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

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 11

9:30 AM

STAFF MEETING - Conference Room

6:30 PM

275 COMMITTEE MEETING
Conference Room

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

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

Donna Osborne

CANTOR

Dr. Cameron Lee Wentz

LECTOR

Don Bechtel

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Amy Norton-Ritz

ACOLYTE

Abbie Smith

GREETER

Allison Kalbach

USHERS

Cecilia, Christine, & Josh Motley

MEDIA TEAM

Anna Litvinov, Danielle Smith,

ALTAR GUILD

Anita Dolak, Amy Reinsel,

Jennifer Smith, Sue Randazzo

WORSHIP PLANNERS

Sandra Sittler,

Abbie & Danielle Smith

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ANDREW & JENNIFER SMITH

AND SANDI SITTLER
in honor of Abbie’s birthday

PR. HANS, PR. MARISSA, NELS,

BOB & KATHERINE

In loving memory of
Alexandra Svetlana Becklin

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*
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*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.

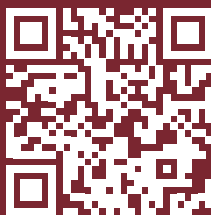


CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME in our worship! A changing table can be found in the all-gender restroom on the first floor. Restrooms can be found on the first floor and are accessible by elevator. Our AED is mounted on the wall in the stairway at the 6th street entrance.



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.