



The HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 A.M.

LECTIONARY 27

OCTOBER 4, 2026

Congregational words are in bold print.

PRELUDE

Shackleton's Cross

Howard Goodall
(b. 1959)

*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.

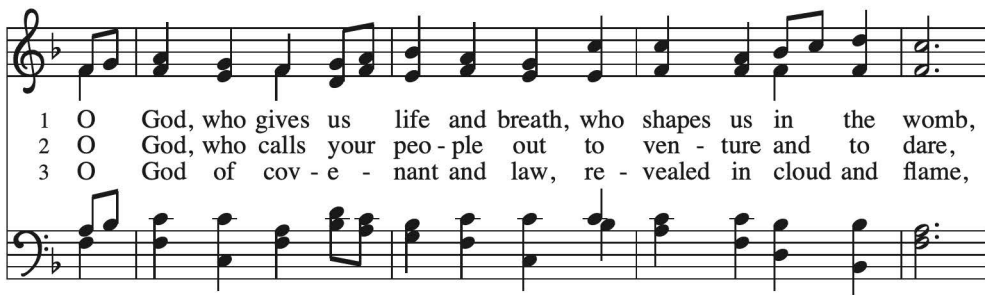
Silence for reflection.

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

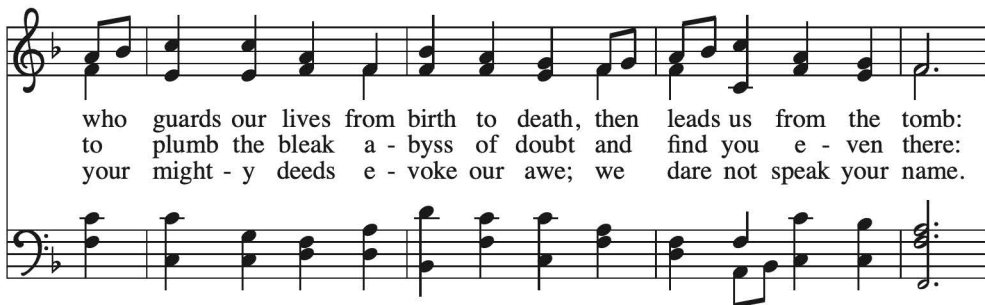
GATHERING HYMN

O God, Who Gives Us Life

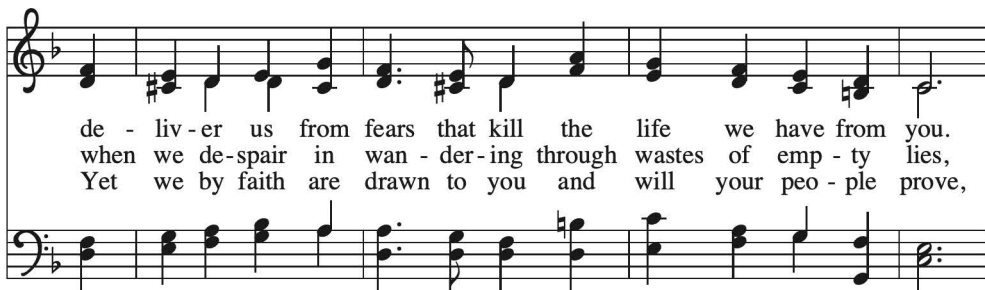
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1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr.,
b. 1944

Music: NOEL
English melody;
arr. Arthur S. Sullivan,
1842–1900

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Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

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 God, from you come all
things that are good. Lead us by the
inspiration of your Spirit to know
those things that are right, and by
your merciful guidance,

help us to do them, 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 5:1-7

I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

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

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and
thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

*The Psalm is read
responsively.*

PSALM 80:7-15

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt;

you cast out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it;

it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the sea

and its branches to the river.

Why have you broken down its wall,

so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,

and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts,

look down from heaven;

behold and tend this vine;

preserve what your right hand has planted.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

[Jesus said:] “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone;
 this was the Lord’s doing,
 and it is amazing in our eyes’?

“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Pastor Hans E. Becklin

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Creatures, Worship God Most High

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- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi,
1182-1226;
tr. composite.

Music: LASST UNS
ERFREUEN
Geistliche
Kirchengesänge,
Köln, 1623

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

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.

*After a brief silence
each petition
concludes:*

Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

*After the final
petition:*

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through 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

God be in my Head

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Trinity Choir

God be in my head and in my understanding
God be in mine eyes and in my looking
God be in my mouth and in my speaking
God be in my heart and in my thinking
God be at mine end and in my departing

*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

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| ♦ Matt Sawyer | ♦ Daniel Graf and |
| ♦ Bernie Hofmann | Macy Bauzon in |
| ♦ Peter Graf | celebration of their |
| ♦ Nancy Souders- | marriage |
| Negri | |

ONGOING NEEDS

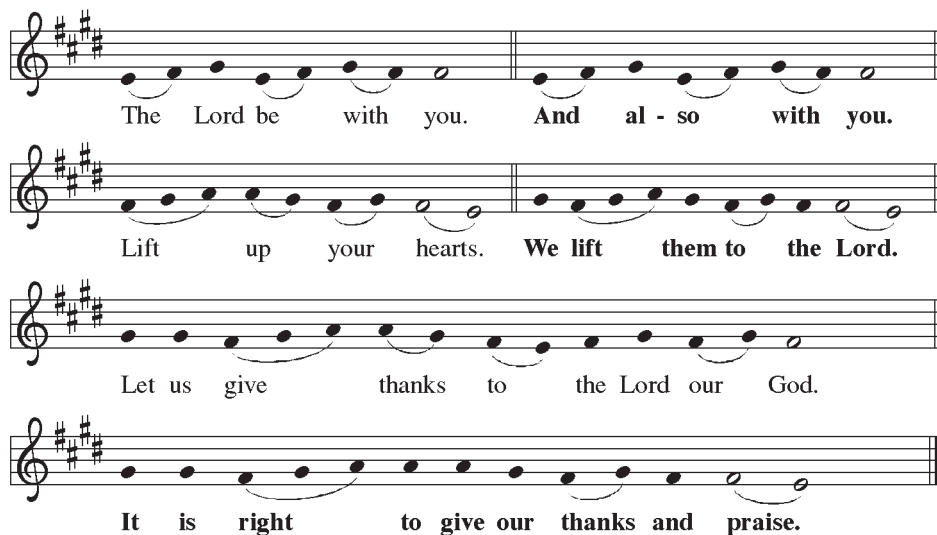
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| ♦ Yadar | ♦ Fred Negri |
| ♦ Marian Jameson | ♦ Ralph Unruh |
| ♦ Carol P. Miller | ♦ Miles Dechant |
| ♦ Pamela Reeves | ♦ Walter Schur |
| ♦ Dennis Stine | |
| ♦ Carolyn Hoffman | |

TRINITY HOUSEHOLDS

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| ♦ Elisabeth Dyanzio | ♦ Ann, Helen, |
| ♦ Geoff & Amber | Meghan & Ned |
| Eddinger | Ehrlich |
| ♦ Jesse, Zachary, | ♦ Katherine Endres |
| Ron & Karen | |
| Eddinger | |

*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.

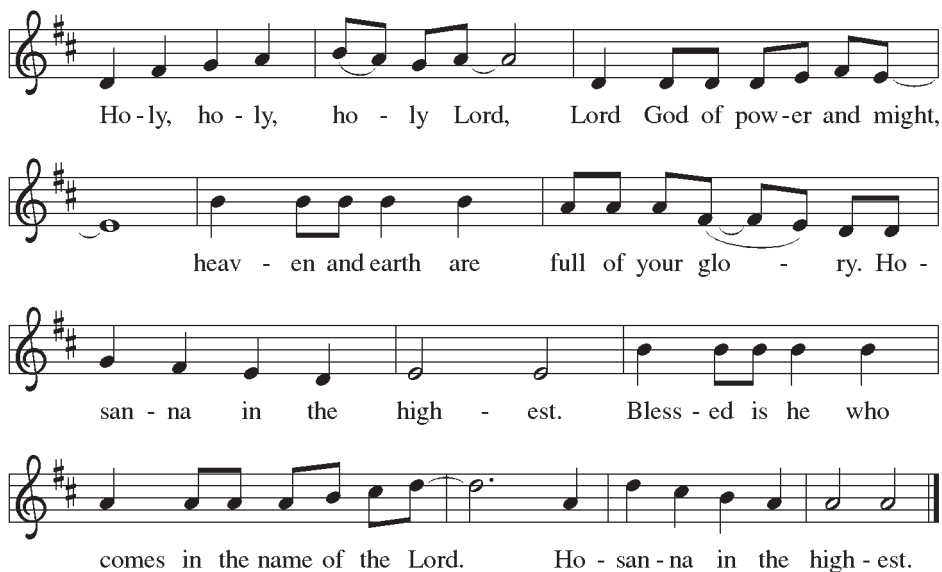
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

*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

Thine the Amen

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DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Air

William Joel
(b. 1949)

SENDING HYMN

Thine the Amen

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1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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Brokering,
1926-2009

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Carl F. Schalk,
1929-2021

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:00 AM

TRINITY SUNDAY WORSHIP
All Saints Room

11:15 AM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION
Welcome Center

11:30 AM

THE MIXED ENSEMBLE
Bard House

12:00 PM

FALL FESTIVAL: NATURE MEETS
CREATIVITY
WCR Center for the Arts

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

1:00 PM

PROGRAM STAFF MEETING
Conference Room

2:00 PM

COMMON GROUND MINISTRY
All Saints Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:30 AM

STAFF MEETING - Conference Room

6:00 PM

TRINITY AT OPPORTUNITY HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:30 PM

TRINITY RINGERS - Bell Room

7:30 PM

TRINITY CHOIR - Bard House

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:00 PM

275 COMMITTEE - Bard House

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00 PM

FALL FESTIVAL: JOHN PAINTER, ORGAN
Christ Episcopal Church

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:13 PM

CHARLIE ADAMS GHOST TALK
All Saints Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:00 AM

TRINITY SUNDAY WORSHIP
All Saints Room

11:15 AM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION
Welcome Center

11:30 AM

WORSHIP & MUSIC
Bard House Conference Room
THE MIXED ENSEMBLE
Bard House

1:00 PM

CROP WALK
Gring's Mill

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	USHERS	Lawrence Fredericks, Allison Kalbach
ASSISTING MINISTER	Albert Pohl	MEDIA TEAM	Grace Norton-Ritz, Abbie Smith
CANTOR	Dr. Cameron Lee Wentz	ALTAR GUILD	Berni Ilgen, Linda Motley, Charlie Norton, Robin Oberholtzer
LECTOR	Katherine Johnson-Becklin		Beth Welz
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Doris Strobel	WORSHIP PLANNERS	Sandra Sittler, Abbie & Danielle Smith
ACOLYTE	Abbie Smith		
GREETER	Mae Sunderland		

WORSHIP SPONSORS

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FLATT FAMILY
in loving memory of Walter & Karin Flatt

VIRGINIA BINIEK
to the glory of God

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.

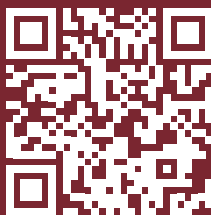


CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME in our worship! A changing table can be found in the all-gender restroom on the first floor. Restrooms can be found on the first floor and are accessible by elevator. Our AED is mounted on the wall in the stairway at the 6th street entrance.



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.