



The HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 A.M.

LECTIONARY 21

AUGUST 23, 2026

Congregational words are in bold print.

PRELUDE

Andante espressivo *from the Italian Concerto*

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,
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.*

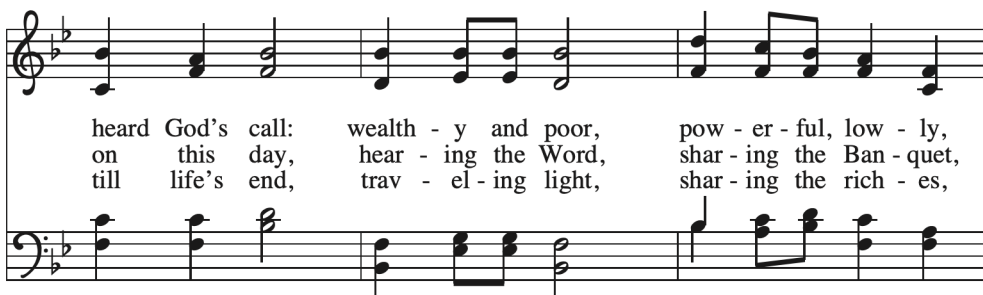
GATHERING HYMN

Making Their Way

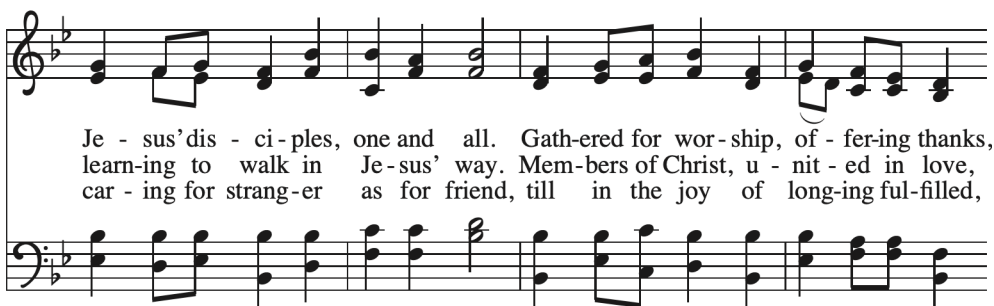
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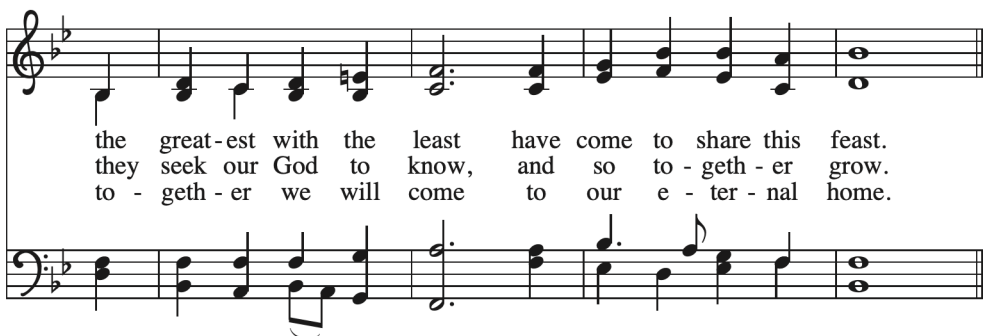
1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus'dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores
Dufner, OSB,
b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU
MET ZANG
A. Valerius,
*Nederlandsch
Gedenckclank*, 1626;
arr. Adrian Engels,
1906–2003

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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, with all your faithful
followers of every age, we praise
you, the rock of our life. Be our
strong foundation and form us into
the body of your Son, that we may

gladly minister to all the world,
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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were
dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like
gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,

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

*The Psalm is read
responsively.*

PSALM 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of
your steadfast love and faithfulness;**

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

**The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand
shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me;

**O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of
your hands.**

*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 came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pr. Hans E. Becklin

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



Text: Samuel J. Stone,
1839-1900

Music: AURELIA
Samuel S. Wesley,
1810-1876

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

Allemande *from Violin Partita No. 2*

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Ben Small, soprano 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
- ♦ Matt Sawyer
- ♦ Miles Dechant
- ♦ Walter Schur

TRINITY HOUSEHOLDS

- ♦ Matthew Bittle & Kathleen Roman
- ♦ Peggy Bobb
- ♦ Amy & John Bornhofen
- ♦ Catharine & Bradley Bower
- ♦ Robert & Suzanne Brems

ONGOING NEEDS

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

*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

Poco adagio *from Flute Sonata in A-minor*

C.P.E. Bach
(1714-1788)

Ben Small, soprano saxophone

*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 OF BACKPACKS

BLESSING

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

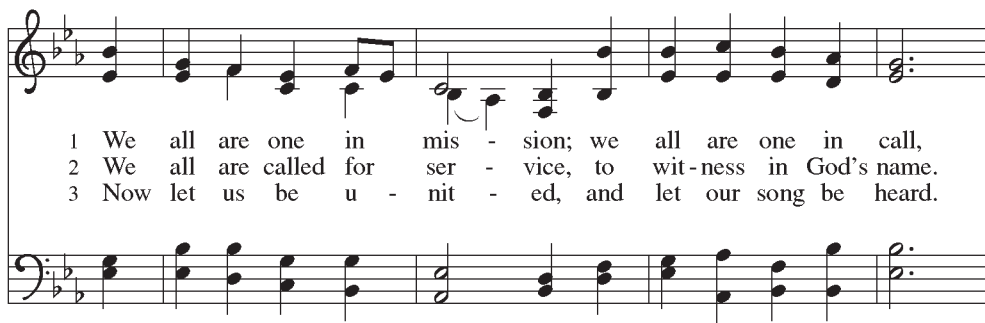
Amen.

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

SENDING HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

ELW 576



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards,
 b. 1955

Music: NYLAND
 Finnish folk tune;
 arr. hymnal version

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DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Invention in B-flat Major

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

10:00 AM

TRINITY SUNDAY WORSHIP
All Saints Room

11:15 AM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION
Welcome Center

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

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 25

9:30 AM

STAFF MEETING - Conference Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

DINE & DONATE FOR
CROP HUNGER WALK
Isaac's in Wyomissing

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

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. Hans E. Becklin

ASSISTING MINISTER

Donna Osborne

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Dcs. Deborah Matern Graf

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Sandra Sittler,
Abbie & Danielle Smith

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MILES & BETTY DECHANT

in loving memory of Betty's parents,
Robert & Elma Younger

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUNDED IN 1751

*The Rev. Hans E.
Becklin*
SENIOR PASTOR

*Deaconess Deborah
Matern Graf*
DEACON FOR
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AND SERVICE

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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.

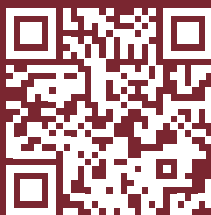


CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME in our worship! A changing table can be found in the all-gender restroom on the first floor. Restrooms can be found on the first floor and are accessible by elevator. Our AED is mounted on the wall in the stairway at the 6th street entrance.



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.