

# You're Welcome...

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# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

9:00 AM



## Announcements

**Prelude:** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*, arr. James Engel

## Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C. Amen**

P. Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*(Please kneel or sit)*

P. Gracious God,

**C. have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P. God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C. Amen**

*(please stand)*

**The Entrance Hymn:** #886 OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

## Apostolic Greeting

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

## Glory to God:



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## **Apostolic Greeting**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

## **The Prayer of the Day:**

P. Gracious God,

**C. throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen**

*(please be seated)*

## **WORD**

### **The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

L. The Word of the Lord.      **C. Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 146 (sung responsively with cantor)**

<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah! Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there | is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,  
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;  
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the | captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are  
bowed down; the LORD | loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall | reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

## The Second Lesson: James 2:1-10, 14-17

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? <sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L. The Word of the Lord.      C. **Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

## The Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia.      Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life.      Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:24-37

P. The Holy Gospel according to Mark.      C. **Glory to you, O Lord, (spoken)**

<sup>24</sup>From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then

he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P. The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**  
*(please be seated)*

**The Sermon:** Rev. Mark Luscombe

*(please stand)*

**Hymn of the Day:** #620 HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

**The Prayers:**

A. Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*(please kneel or sit)* *(after each petition, please respond)*

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

P. We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C. Amen**

*(please stand)*

P. The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C. And also with you!**

*(please be seated)*

**Offertory:** Celebration Choir: *Healer of Our Every Ill*, Marty Haugen

*(please stand)*

### The Offertory: "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

### The Offertory Prayer

P. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.

**C. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### The Preface Dialogue:

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

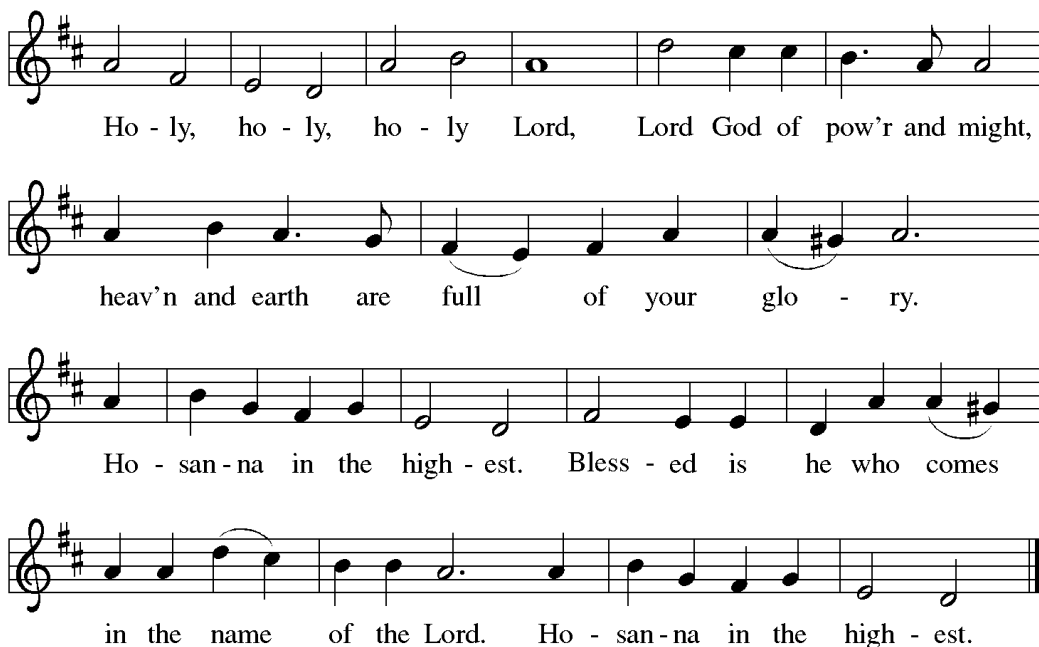
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### The Proper Preface for Sundays after Pentecost:

P. 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:

## The Sanctus:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

## Eucharistic Prayer:

P. Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.....Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C. Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer:

**C. 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**

## The Fraction:

P. Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.



## The Agnus Dei - LAMB OF GOD



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.

*(please be seated)*

### **The Distribution:**

*(All are invited to come to the table, for either the bread, wine and grape juice or a blessing. If you are visiting, please follow the custom of your home congregation regarding participation of children at the table. We use a glass to receive the wine. The grape juice is pre-poured in the trays. Please join in the hymns provided for the communing of the faithful.)*

- #714 O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT
- #726 LIGHT DAWNS ON A WEARY WORLD
- #592 JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA
- #716 LORD OF ALL NATIONS, GRANT ME GRACE
- #543 GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

*(please stand)*

### **The Blessing of Communicants:**

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C. Amen**

### **The Post Communion Prayer:**

P. Holy God,

**C. you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **The Benediction**

P. God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**C. Amen**

### **The Dismissal:**

A. Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude:** *Toccata in F Major*, Dietrich Buxtehude

## **OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY**

### **ASSISTING MINISTERS:**

9:00 Ed Quirke

**LECTOR:** 9:00 Allen Nace

### **COUNCIL TEAM**

9:00 Kathrin Baltz, Kevin Gingrich

### **USHERS:**

9:00 John Fuehrer, Candy Snyder, Mark Mull,  
Whip Zimmerman

**ACOLYTES:** 9:00 Ava Morgan

### **ALTAR GUILD:**

9:00 Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart

**Launder Linens:** Patrice Mull

**Deliver Flowers:** Jo Hurst

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### **WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:**

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† In honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary;  
by Ann & Bob Snader.

## Prayers of the People

Connie Hutchinson – LGH  
Ryan Johnson – nephew of Deb & Trig Olson  
Carl Rentschler – 116 Barn Owl Rd. Lititz, PA 17543  
Karen Hurst – Neighbor of Bill & Lori Spitzer  
Dolores Garrett – Lisa Garrett’s mother  
Sheldon Garman – Friend of Mike & Judy Williams  
Roy & Paige Rettew  
Henry Perella – great-nephew of Judy Williams  
Duke and Bonnie Leeper- Neighbors of Judy Williams  
All people affected by war  
Victims of natural disasters  
Shut-ins of the Parish  
President Biden and leaders of this nation, Leaders and policy makers of every nation  
All outreach ministries, serving those in need



***If for any reason you enter the hospital, whether outpatient or inpatient, please contact the church office and Pastor Mark. If you wish to be on the prayer list or have a friend or family member needing prayers, please contact the church office.***

## CONGREGATION REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The office staff does not know the current status of many on the list below. If there is a change in their life circumstance making it possible to remove their name from this list, please let the church office know.

Alexander Mulvena	COL. Eric Bowers	Jim Weik	Brent Stever	John Surdich
Emmalyn Mulvena	Dan Wierbiki	Heidi White	Alan & family	Ava Berkosky
Janet Brunner	Jacob Hinkle Jr.	Johnny White	Dori Hoch	Amy Pasili
Andrew Campbell	Karen Woerner Kim	Jacob Connelly	Cindy Stahl	Theresa Cimino
Michael Spenrath	Kim Harnish	Sue & Denis Rowe	Grant Hummer	Roy Rettew
Asher D'Agostino	Rick Gerhard	Crystal Perry	Martha Becker	Kim Burke
Tony Perella	Wyatt Geisthweit	Hank & Pat Kajetzke	Chris and Karen Payonk	Eric Mortorell
Mike & Claudia Belden	Les Doremus	Terry Gehman	Alysha Fassnacht	Emma Martin