



The HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 A.M.

LECTIONARY 12

JUNE 21, 2026

Congregational words are in bold print.

PRELUDE

*Kathleen Stevens, viola*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.

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.  
Teach us, good Lord God, to serve  
you as you deserve, to give and not  
to count the cost, to fight and not  
to heed the wounds, to toil and not  
to seek for rest, to labor and

not to ask for reward, except that  
of knowing that we do your will,  
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

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughingstock all day  
long;  
everyone mocks me.  
For whenever I speak, I must cry out;  
I must shout, "Violence and  
destruction!"  
For the word of the Lord has become for  
me  
a reproach and derision all day long.  
If I say, "I will not mention him  
or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a  
burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.  
For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.  
"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him  
and take our revenge on him."  
But the Lord is with me like a terrifying  
warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.  
O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous;  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.  
Sing to the Lord;  
praise the Lord!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

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

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know

that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before

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

my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
 and a daughter against her mother,  
 and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,  
 and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Fred S. Opalinski

*Please stand  
in body or spirit.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon,  
A Selection of Hymns,  
1787, alt.

Music:  
FOUNDATION,  
Early American

## 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

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church  
and the needs of the world.

*After a brief silence  
each petition  
concludes:*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*After the final  
petition:*

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken  
and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

*Please greet one  
another and then  
be seated.*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY

*Kathleen Stevens, viola*

*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
- ♦ Virginia Biniek
- ♦ Josie Brewster (Pr.  
Molly's daughter)
- ♦ Nancy Zweig

### TRINITY HOUSEHOLDS

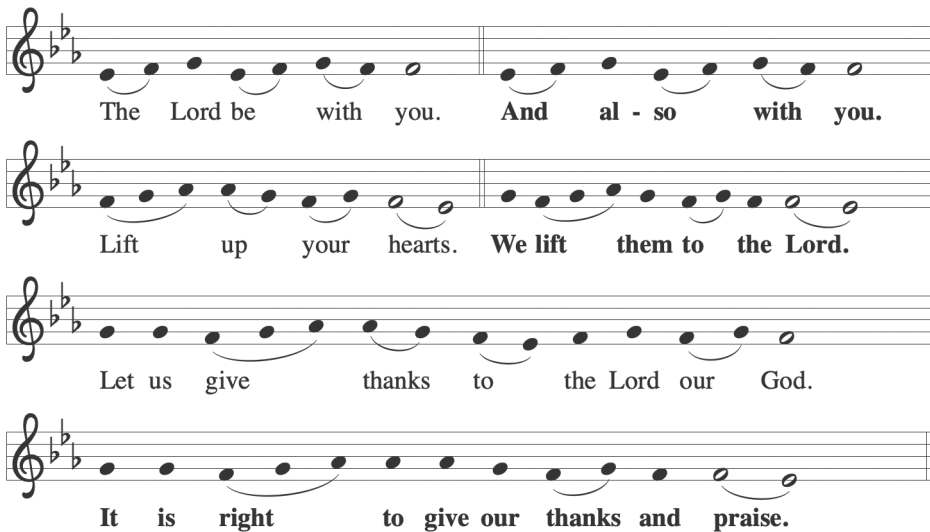
- ♦ Hannah, John, &  
Maggie Shelly
- ♦ Noreen Showalter
- ♦ Gabriela,  
Veronika, Travis &  
Klaudia Shick
- ♦ Craig, Aubrey,  
Heidi, & Steve  
Silverman
- ♦ Sandra Sittler

### ONGOING NEEDS

- ♦ Harry Feinauer
- ♦ Marian Jameson
- ♦ Walter Schur
- ♦ Amy Bornhofen
- ♦ Dar Unger
- ♦ Frances Freezeman
- ♦ Rob Unger
- ♦ Mary Drehs
- ♦ Yadar
- ♦ Carol P. Miller
- ♦ Darryl Jeffries
- ♦ Linda Liptak
- ♦ Matt Sawyer and  
family

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

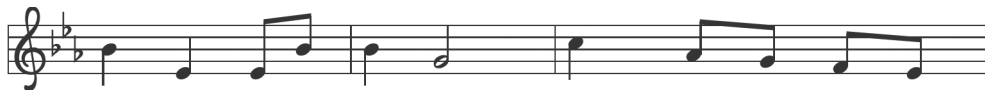


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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.



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, al - le - lu - ia.

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*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.**

*Lay Eucharistic  
Ministers come  
forward to receive the  
Eucharist that they  
will share with the  
homebound.*

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

*This hymn can be  
found on page 14.*

### SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

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### DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Face the processional  
cross, turning as it  
passes you.

## SENDING HYMN

### Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,

- 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
- 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
- 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
- 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



Text: Carolina  
Sandell Berg,  
1832-1903;  
tr. Ernst W. Olson,  
1870-1958



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.

Music: TRYGGARE  
KAN INGEN VARA  
Swedish folk tune

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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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

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Pr. Fred Opalinski

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*These offerings help to defray the cost of altar flowers and the television broadcast.*

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in loving memory of Miles' parents,  
Miles B. and Dorothy K. Dechant

# WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## FOUNDED IN 1751

*The Rev. Hans E.  
Becklin*  
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Matern Graf*  
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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.

