



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

READING, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity

June 15, 2025



Dove of the Holy Spirit (Altar of St. Peter's Chair)(c. 1660)

Gian Lorenzo Bernini (1598–1680)

Bernini is most famous as a sculptor of marble, but he knew how to utilize other materials, too. To show the descent of the Holy Spirit, he uses stained glass in a marble frame—showing how the Spirit continually guides us all into the Truth shared by the whole Trinity.

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUNDED IN 1751

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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 19 of the bulletin.

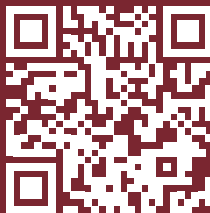


CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME in our worship! A changing table can be found in the all-gender restroom on the first floor. Our Meditation Room has space for nursing or a sensory break. Restrooms can be found on the first floor and are accessible by elevator. Our AED is mounted on the wall in the stairway next to the baptismal font.



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 in the narthex. You can also share your offering electronically using this QR code.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

Congregational words are in bold print.

*After the prelude,
stand in body or
spirit and face the
processional cross at
the baptismal font.*

*All may make the
sign of the cross, the
sign that is marked
at baptism, as the
presiding minister
begins.*

PRELUDE

O Lux Beata Trinitas

Amy Summers

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

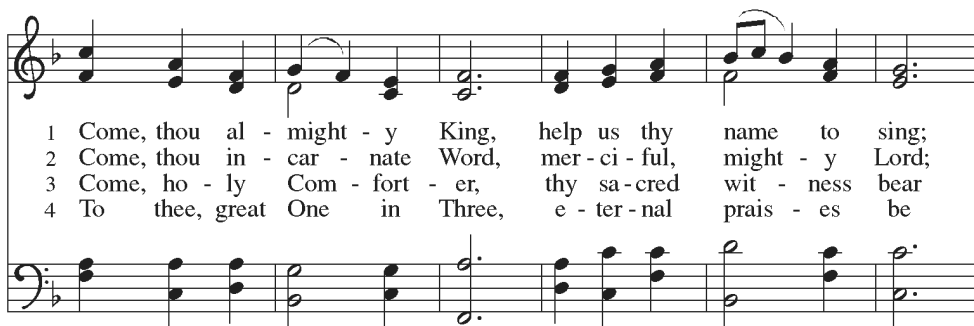
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

*Continue to face the
processional cross,
turning when
it passes you.*

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

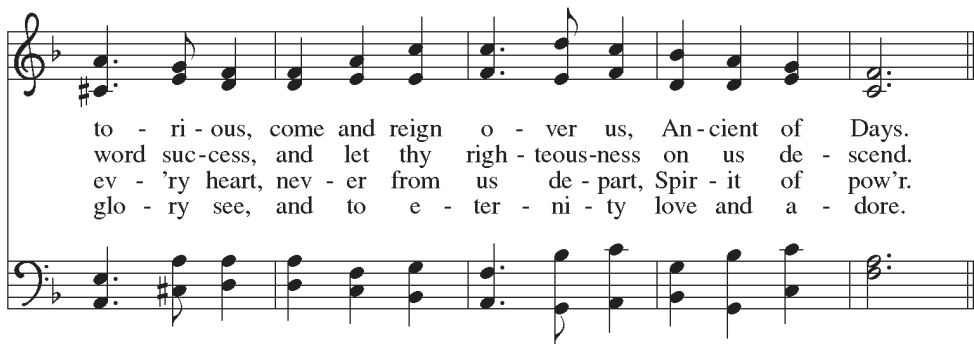
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1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown,
c. 1757, alt.

Music: ITALIAN
HYMN
Felice de Giardini,
1716-1796

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

*We praise God
throughout this
service using Setting
Two from Evangelical
Lutheran Worship.*

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Continues on
the next page...*

HYMN OF PRAISE

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It includes a key signature change from G major to F major (one flat) for the final refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures.

*This prayer relates
to the readings
appointed for the day
and asks for God's
help in applying them
to our lives.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living
God: we worship your glory, eternal
Three-in-One, and we praise your
power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep
us steadfast in this faith, defend us
in all adversity, and bring us at last

into your presence, where you live
in endless joy and love, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Does not wisdom call
and understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries
out:
“To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all who live.

“The Lord created me at the beginning of
his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the
earth.
When there were no depths I was brought
forth,
when there were no springs abounding
with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

when he had not yet made earth and fields
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was
there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the
deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the
deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress
his command,
when he marked out the foundations of
the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master
worker,
and I was daily his delight,
playing before him always,
playing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

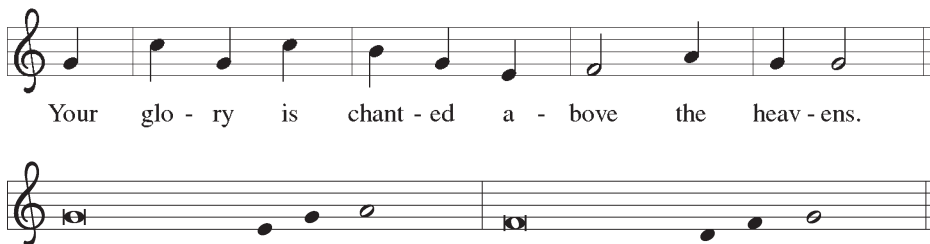
*The choir introduces
the refrain.*

*The congregation
repeats the refrain
and sings the refrain
where indicated with
the symbol **R**.*

*The choir and
congregation sing
alternating verses*

PSALM

Psalm 8



O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!--
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe | and avenger. **R**

When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them? R

Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:
all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **R**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast

in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Al - le - lu - ia, 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 John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to

come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Please be seated.

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

SERMON


Pastor Hans E. Becklin

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*



HYMN OF THE DAY

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud


ACS 947




1 Source and Sov'-reign, Rock and Cloud, For - tress, Foun-tain, Shel - ter, Light,
2 Word and Wis-dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav - ior, Ser - vant, Lamb,
3 Storm and Still-ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem - pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,




Judge, De - fend - er, Mer - cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:
Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
Com - fort, Coun-s'lor, Pres - ence, Love, En - er - gies that nev - er tire:



Refrain



May the church at prayer re - call that no sin-gle ho - ly name



Text: Thomas H.
Troeger,
1945-2022

Music:
ABERYSTWYTH
Joseph Parry,
1841-1903

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but the truth be - hind them all is the God whom we pro - claim.



*We confess our faith
using this creed,
written in 325 AD
to summarize the
common faith of
the Church.*

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

After a brief silence
each petition
concludes:

After the final
petition:

Please greet one
another and then
be seated.

The offering, bread,
and wine are
brought forward
and the altar is set.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Hymn to the Holy Trinity

Todd Marchand

Trinity Choir

IN OUR PRAYERS

IN IMMEDIATE NEED

- ♦ Peg Coleman
- ♦ Bob Everson
- ♦ Dar Unger
- ♦ Raymond Donald Diesinger

ONGOING NEEDS

- ♦ Harry Feinauer
- ♦ Linda Motley
- ♦ Darryl Jeffries
- ♦ Nancy Souders-Negri & Fred Negri
- ♦ Walter Schur
- ♦ the Sawyer family
- ♦ Yadar (friend of Pat McMahon)
- ♦ Peggy Bobb
- ♦ Joyce (friend of Linda Motley)
- ♦ Cathy Kirckoff (sister of Pat McMahon)
- ♦ Hildegard Pohl (sister of Amy Barrett)
- ♦ David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh)
- ♦ Susan Templin (cousin of Robin Oberholtzer)
- ♦ Nancy Zweig
- ♦ Barbara Gangewere
- ♦ Suzy Evans
- ♦ Anne-Marie and Kolya (daughter and grandson of Pat McMahon)

TRINITY HOUSEHOLDS

- ♦ Barbara & Paul Gangewere
- ♦ Ina Gerlins
- ♦ Abby Care, Emma Care, & Martha Good
- ♦ Kathrine, Daniel, Peter & Deborah Graf
- ♦ Lorraine Greenwald

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One, you have gathered us
around your table of grace along
with these gifts we bring. Come
among us again, breathe your life

into us, and enliven us with this
meal, that we may live as your
risen body in the world.
Amen.

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.

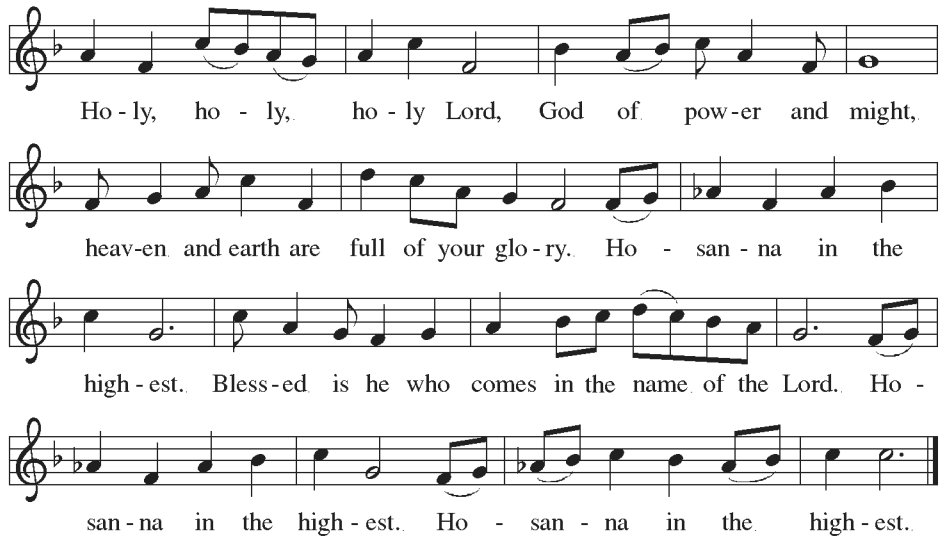
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.
You reveal your glory
as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.
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-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.. Ho - san - na in the high - est..

*During the Words of
Institution, the bread
and wine are elevated
for the congregation
to revere and adore
Christ's presence in
our midst.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God most mighty, O God most merciful..
Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.
Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.
Amen.

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.
Amen.

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal..
life in you, now and forever.
Amen.

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.**

*Silence is kept as the
bread is broken.*

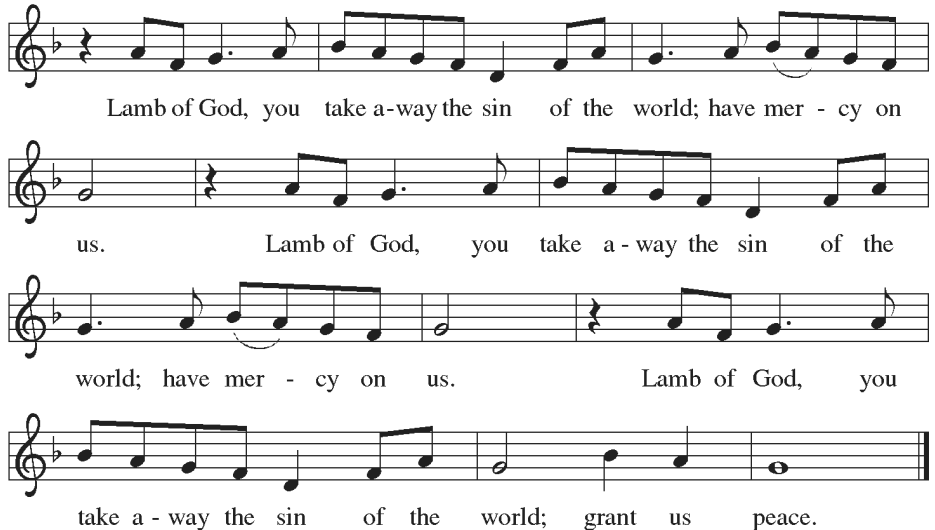
Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

LAMB OF GOD

*Detailed instructions
for communion can
be found on page 19.*



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.

*This hymn can be
found in the red
hymnal (ELW).*

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

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

*Hymn printed on the
following page (18).*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW 412

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 One, in this feast you have
made yourself known to us. Send us
now to tell of your wonders, sing of

your glory, and proclaim your risen
life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

BLESSING

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy!

ELW 413

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

*Face the processional
cross, turning as it
passes you.*

SENDING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy!

ELW 413



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber,
1783-1826, alt.

Music: NICAEA
John F. Dykes,
1823-1876

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 usher; if your pew is located on one of the side aisles, walk to the rear of the sanctuary. Two lines will form in the center aisle. The left line will commune at the left side of the altar rail; the right line will commune on the right side.



When you reach the front of the sanctuary, there are serving trays located on the tables. Please choose either an empty glass to receive wine, or, if you prefer, a prefilled glass in the center ring containing grape juice. After taking your cup, proceed to the rail. Fill in around the rail from the center to the ends. You may stand or kneel as is your preference.

The pastor will give you a piece of bread; eat it when you receive it. If you prefer a gluten free alternative, please inform the pastor.



Then, an assistant will come to offer wine from a pouring chalice. Please extend your glass to be filled with wine or indicate that you have grape juice. After drinking the wine or juice, you are welcome to remain in place for a moment of meditation.

After you finish your time of reflection, please return to your pew, depositing your empty glass in the trays located on the tables at the head of the side aisles.

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

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

Carol Miller

to the glory of God and in loving memory of her
parents, Carolyn W. and H. Grant Eisenberg, M.D.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 15

9:00 AM

SUNDAY FORUM - All Saints Room

10:00 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP - Nave

11:15 AM

ANNUAL MEETING - Nave

COFFEE & CONVERSATION - Hintz Room

2:00 PM

COMMON GROUND WORSHIP AND MEAL

MONDAY, JUNE 16

1:00 PM

PROGRAM STAFF MEETING

7:00 PM

VESTRY - All Saints Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

9:30 AM

STAFF MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

10:00 AM

PROPERTY COMMITTEE - All Saints Room

7:00 PM

WORSHIP & MUSIC - The Highlands

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

10:00 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP - Nave

11:15 AM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION - Hintz Room

LIGHTHOUSE CENTER PLANNING

Welcome Center

12:30 PM

YOUTH DEPART FOR MISSION TRIP

2:00 PM

COMMON GROUND WORSHIP AND MEAL

STEEPLE NOTES

Steeple Notes is our bi-monthly news publication which includes news about our church community, updates on ministries and outreach programs, and articles that foster spiritual growth and connection. Print editions are usually available in the Narthex. You may also read our digital edition by scanning this QR code.

