

# Trinity Weekly

*Welcome to Trinity!*

## New Here?

We'd love to connect with you and answer any questions you have about our community. Connect with us at [trinitylansdale.com/connect](http://trinitylansdale.com/connect) or sign our Connection Card and place it in the offering basket.

For more details on events and happenings, please check our website, [trinitylansdale.com](http://trinitylansdale.com).



## THE AFTER PARTY

### Sermon Series - continues through October 13

Have you ever wondered how you can engage in politics in a way that reflects Jesus? It's so tempting to focus on (or even argue about!) what policy, party, or candidate is most Christian. But we've got our priorities backwards. This Fall at Trinity we will use Curtis Change and Nancy French's book "The After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics." Each week, we will hear the Gospel and explore how we can reorient our heart and mind toward a Christ-centered identity in 2024 and beyond.

### Wednesday Evening Small Group

Join us each **Wednesday 6:30-7:15 pm** to discuss the book *The After Party* at the Pavilion. Bring your own chair.



## WORSHIP

**September 15:** Give thanks for opportunities to serve as we celebrate God's Work Our Hands.

**September 22:** Blessing of Teachers, Aides, and Volunteers who go into the schools. Appalachia Service Project will share about their experiences in West Virginia.

**September 28:** Dinner Church on Saturday at 5:30 pm. Bring a dish to share and join us for an intimate time of worship around tables. We'll begin in the Chapel and move to Hyson Hall.

**September 29:** ELCA Youth Gathering Celebration. Join us as our youth have an opportunity to lead in worship and share some of what they experienced in New Orleans.



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September 14/15, 2024

TRINITY  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



## WORSHIP

### WORSHIP

Saturday, 5:30 pm  
Sunday, 8:30 & 10:45 am  
Trinity Alive! 9:45 am

### LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Sunday, 8:30 am

### RADIO WORSHIP

Sunday, 11:00 am, 97.1 FM



## FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP: 9:45 - 10:45 am



## CHRISTIAN CARE

### PRAYER MINISTRY - LOVELINKS

Request or need a prayer?  
[LoveLinks@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:LoveLinks@trinitylansdale.com)

**FEAST** Community Meal  
Mondays, 5:00 - 6:00 pm



## FAITH FORMATION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:15-10:45 am  
Room 207 for grades PreK-2nd  
Room 202 for grades 3rd-6th

### ADULT FORUM

9:45 am, 125/127  
No Adult Forum, participate in  
God's Work. Our Hands.

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

10:00 am, 125/127

## OUR MISSION

We are called to  
**embrace**  
DIVERSITY  
and to **connect**  
ALL GENERATIONS  
to God's family.

# Children & Youth Programs

REGISTER TODAY!

Music • Youth Groups • Sunday School  
Confirmation • Faith Steps



Register Today! <https://tinyurl.com/3wehuzmk>

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS DRIVE

September 15 - October 4

Justice Through Music (JTM) committee is collecting gently-used musical instruments to be donated to Musicopia's Gift of Music program. These donations will give children, who lack the resources to purchase or rent one of their own, the opportunity to learn and play an instrument. This statewide initiative has collected over 6,000 instruments and operated in the Philadelphia region since 2002. Please bring your instrument to the lobby desk during business hours or prior to worship. You will receive a donation form requesting donor name and contact information. More information about Musicopia can be found at [musicopia.net](http://musicopia.net).



## FAITH FORMATION

**ADULT FORUM: Sundays 9:45 am, 125/127**

**September 15:** No Adult Forum - Participate in God's Work. Our Hands. Day of Service

**September 22:** ASP Recap

**September 29:** ELCA Youth Gathering Recap

**ELCA SOCIAL STATEMENT "CIVIC LIFE & FAITH"**

**Sept. 17, 7:00 pm, Social Hall.** A formal hearing will be conducted for the entire SEPA Synod at Trinity. It is recommended to read the draft in its entirety to mark places of question or clarification.

## THRIVENT: "A LIFETIME GIFT"

October 6, 9:45 am, 125/127

A Lifetime Gift, a live interactive webinar, with Certified Celebrant Shelly Halverson and local hosts David Kratz and Amanda Schulenberg of Thrivent, will be presented during Adult Forum. Advanced registration **required by 9/26** at [tinyurl.com/acadva8v](https://tinyurl.com/acadva8v) or Connor, [cwatson@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:cwatson@trinitylansdale.com).

## CONFIRMATION: 1ST & 2ND YEAR

September 15, 6:00 pm, The Loft

This is the first session for 1st & 2nd years. Bring Your Own Dinner! Parents invited to join us for dinner.

## YOUTH GROUPS

All are welcome. [trinitylansdale.com/youth-groups/](https://trinitylansdale.com/youth-groups/)

**KIDS ROCK (grades 1-3): Sept. 15, 10:45-11:45 am, Loft**

Join us for our 1st gathering of the year in our new youth space with new leaders, Jill and Mike Voicheck.

**CHAOS (grades 4-6): Sept. 27, 6:30-8:00 pm, The Loft**

First gathering of the year in the new youth space. Contact Nikki or Bob at [chaos@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:chaos@trinitylansdale.com) for more details.

## APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT INFO SESSION

September 22, 12:00 pm, The Loft

If you or your child (grade 7 and up) is interested in learning about next summer's ASP trip, this info meeting is for you.

## FIRST BIBLE HIGHLIGHTING

September 22-October 13, All Sunday Services

For ALL Generations, please come to the lobby to highlight your favorite bible verse or passage in our new Bibles to be distributed to youth. Bring a couple verses in case one is taken.

## FIRST BIBLE PRESENTATION

October 20, All Sunday Services

If your child is of reading age (2nd grade & up) and has not received a Bible from Trinity, please reach out to Amy at [ahawthorne@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:ahawthorne@trinitylansdale.com).

## PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS

October 23, 5:30-6:30 pm, Playground/Hyson Hall

Families with newly baptized children connect and meet one another, have a slice and also get to know our pastors better. Look out for an email invite from Amy Hawthorne.

## God's Work. Our Hands.

September 14/15



This year we have three opportunities to use our hands on God's Work Our Hands Sunday to help our neighbors.

### SATURDAY:

- **Adopt-A-Highway** — Help clean the roadway near Valley Forge. Saturday, 8:00 am, Outside door #18

### SUNDAY

- **Flood Buckets** — Pick up a bucket in Hyson Hall and fill and return with list of items needed for families suffering through a flood.
- **Snack Bags for the North Penn Boys & Girls Club** Help fill bags for the local Boys & Girls Club or **donate individually packaged items** needed: pretzels, chips, popcorn, fruit cups, pudding, fruit snacks, goldfish and Rice Krispie treats! (No nuts, please!) Dum Dum lollipops are always an added treat! Gift cards to the Dollar Tree are also welcome for crafting supplies! Please bring your donations to the lobby by September 15.



## FELLOWSHIP

### PARLOR RE-DESIGNED!

The Fellowship Hub is excited to share a coffee hour update. We have spent the last year imagining and dreaming how we might create a warm and intimate setting to connect with people during the fellowship coffee hour. On September 15th, please join us in the newly re-designed Parlor and experience the warmth of community. Our cozy space now offers comfortable seating, and a welcoming atmosphere. Perfect for a quiet moment or a friendly chat, come and discover your new favorite spot.

We will continue to offer a larger seating area with refreshments available in Hyson Hall as well. You are welcome to choose whatever seating arrangement fits your needs.

### DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

**Tuesday, September 17, 1:00 pm, Trinity Parlor.**

Welcome to a new book group season. Please join us for our discussion on the book, *The Women*, by Kristin Hannah. Questions call Nancy Mellon at 215-872-8395.

### CARS, COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

**September 21, 8:30-10:30 am, Parking near Red Pavilion**

Car owners and guests enjoy a cup of coffee, snacks and the opportunity to show and/or chat about cars. This event is open to all makes, models, and faiths! There will be an additional opportunity to privately share a prayer request.

### TRINITY SENIORS LUNCHEON

**September 24, 12 noon, Hyson Hall**

Menu: Chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, and dessert. The program, beginning at 1:00 pm, will be Music by Tom Smith on the accordion. \$15.00. RSVP at 215-368-1710, by Thursday, September 19, before noon. Our Seniors events are for anyone 55 or older.

### DINNER CHURCH

**Saturday, September 28, 5:30 pm, Hyson Hall**

Join us to share conversation and food with one another. The entree will be provided, and we invite you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will incorporate a meal, Holy Communion, discussion, and more into a chance to worship God in a different way. Come hungry for food, both physical and spiritual, and find that our Lord provides abundantly!

### HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE BUS TRIP!

**November 12, "A Playhouse Christmas" show**

This is the perfect time to plan holiday events. Cost: \$140 per person. Register with link below or contact Vicki Seal for details. Trip is sponsored by Trinity Seniors but anyone can attend, [trinitylansdale.com/events/hunterdon-hill-playhouse/](http://trinitylansdale.com/events/hunterdon-hill-playhouse/)

### PAINTING WITH PRAYER: October 6, 2:00-4:00 pm

\$35 per person (includes canvas and painting supplies) No experience, no worries it's not necessary! Our awesome facilitator, Jillian will assist all participants and as you are guided through the painting process. Contact Vicki Seal at [vseal@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:vseal@trinitylansdale.com) to sign-up or for more information.



## CHRISTIAN CARE

### TRANSLATORS NEEDED

Speak Spanish, French, Chinese, Bengali, Gujarati, Vietnamese or Arabic? Hatfield Elementary needs translators to allow parents and students to receive important information in their own language. If you know any of these languages and are willing to translate, please contact Vicki Seal at [vseal@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:vseal@trinitylansdale.com).

### SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS INFO MEETING

**Friday, September 20, 10:00 am, Trinity Parlor**

School Volunteers, experienced, new or curious, are invited to a 2024-25 school year information meeting. Hope to see you there as we begin the new school year! For more information please contact Linda Scheckenbach at [lgscheck@yahoo.com](mailto:lgscheck@yahoo.com).

### REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT NEEDS

We are assisting many refugees at the moment with a variety of needs. Our needs are **employment opportunities** where English skills are not a requirement, **affordable housing** for an Algerian family of five in the Lansdale area, and assistance with **translation in French**. If you can **donate items** please sign up here: [signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AEA623ABF8C43-50114118-household#](http://signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AEA623ABF8C43-50114118-household#/)/. Please contact Karen Wright, [wright.karen1969@gmail.com](mailto:wright.karen1969@gmail.com), or Linda Williams, [lkw334@hotmail.com](mailto:lkw334@hotmail.com) to assist these families.

### HARVEST HOME FOOD DRIVE

**October 5/6, Non-perishable Food Drive**

Please donate the following in the white bins in the lobby: **soups, canned meats and fruits, rice, canned vegetables, tomato products, cookie mix, beans, pasta items, spices, breakfast items, dessert items. Other requested items include juices, peanut butter, jelly and salad dressings.** The donations will be given to Manna on Main Street, the Keystone Opportunity Center and the food pantry at United Lutheran Seminary. Monetary donations to Harvest Home are always welcome. Make sure you indicate "Harvest Home".

### FEAST COMMUNITY MEAL & FOOD PANTRY

**Mondays, 5:00-6:00 pm, Hyson Hall**

Feast is a community indoor meal and food pantry, where dinner and groceries donated by local businesses are provided to our guests. Volunteers are always welcome.

### TRINITY PRAYER MINISTRY-LOVELINKS

This is a group of "pray-ers" who pray daily for needs lifted up by members/anyone in need. Join our group or have a need for prayer, email: [LoveLinks@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:LoveLinks@trinitylansdale.com).

### ON EAGLE'S WINGS BOOK SALE IN LIBRARY

All of our books are for sale for a donation. The library is located in the education wing on the first floor.

# THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

Adopt-A-Highway 8:00 AM Outside - Door 18  
Worship 5:30 PM Chapel

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Worship 8:30 AM Sanctuary  
Confirmation 3rd Year 9:30 AM Loft  
Fellowship Coffee Hour 9:30 AM Parlor, Lobby  
Blood Pressure Screening 9:30 AM 122  
Adult Forum 9:45 AM 125/127  
LifeSong Singers 9:45 AM 218/220 Music C  
Baptismal Class 9:45 AM 126  
Trinity Alive! Worship 9:45 AM Chapel  
Sunday School 10:15 AM 202, 207  
Worship 10:45 AM Sanctuary  
Kids Rock 10:45 AM Loft  
Confirmation 1st and 2nd Year 6:00 PM Loft

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

Sit N Stitch 9:00 AM 125/127  
Feast Community Meal & Pantry 5:00 PM Hyson Hall

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:30 AM Ralph's Corner Diner  
Daytime Book Club 1:00 PM Parlor  
ELCA Social Statement SEPA 6:30 PM Sanctuary, Social Hall  
Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 PM 264 Conference

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

Bible Study 10:00 AM Zoom Meeting, 125/127  
Senior Staff Meeting 12:00 PM 264 Conference  
Trinity Quilters 1:00 PM 234  
Cherubs 5:30 PM Sanctuary, 218/220 Music C  
Joyful Choristers 6:30 PM 218/220 Music C, Sanctuary  
Daybreak 7:30 PM 232 Music A, Sanctuary

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

Musikers 12:30 PM 218/220 Music C  
Trintinnabulators 6:45 PM 123 Bell Room  
Boy Scouts Troop #61 7:00 PM Social Hall, Scout Room  
Trinity Choir 7:45 PM 232 Music A, Sanctuary  
Boy Scouts Troop #61 8:30 PM Hyson Hall

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

School Volunteer Meeting 10:00 AM Parlor

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

Adopt-A-Highway (rain date) 8:00 AM Outside - Door 18  
Cars, Coffee and Conversation 8:30 AM Outside  
Worship 5:30 PM Chapel

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Worship 8:30 AM Sanctuary  
Confirmation 3rd Year 9:30 AM Loft  
Fellowship Coffee Hour 9:30 AM Parlor, Lobby  
Adult Forum 9:45 AM 125/127  
LifeSong Singers 9:45 AM 218/220 Music C  
New Disciples 9:45 AM 126  
Trinity Alive! Worship 9:45 AM Chapel  
Sunday School 10:15 AM 202, 207  
Worship 10:45 AM Sanctuary  
ASP Info Session 12:00 PM Loft  
Teen Troupe 6:00 PM Offsite

### Trinity Weekly Submission Deadline

Tuesdays at noon

### Lansdale Lutheran Newsletter Deadline

Friday, October 25, 2024

SERVING TODAY	5:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:45 AM
Welcome Center Host	Maria Brown	Cindy Benavage	Judy Frankel
Altar Guild	Kathy Benford	Carol Caum Becky Krepps	Maria Alvarez Wendy Alvarez
Lector	Marsha Stanek	Lisa Thomas	Diane Bridi
Assisting Minister	Marsha Stanek	Teri Lanan	Al Hanna
Communion Assistant		Rodger Brown Karen Brown Sue Erb Deb Neves Pat Pinkston	Dave Weber Cindy Weiss Linda Williams
Greeter		Kristen Muth Joanna Muth	Kathy Bencker Barbara Bahner
Worship Support	Maria Brown	Teri Lanan	Bill Shimer
Usher Support			
Gospel Storyteller			
Coffee Hour Host (9:30-10:30 am)			Jackie Volk Linda Wagner
Flower Delivery			
In the Lobby Today	GWOH Snack Bag Collection, Youth Programming Registration and Justice Through Music Instrument Donations		

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

### MISSION AND MINISTRY

In honor of Melissa Miller, my awesome roommate, by Pat Pinkston.

### SPONSORSHIPS

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of the passing of Carolyn S. Maass on September 17, 2022 by her husband and family.

#### LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

In honor of our 66th Wedding Anniversary by Carol and Tom Heaton.

*Would you like to sponsor any of the following?*

*Worship Bulletins (\$140/co-spon. \$70)*

*Radio Broadcast (\$120/co-spon. \$60)*

*Livestream Worship (\$50) Altar Flowers (\$90)*

Contact Maria in the office at 215-368-1710 or [mbrown@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:mbrown@trinitylansdale.com).

## INSTALLATION OF THE REV. ANN SHADE

September 29, 3:00 pm, St. Michael's Lutheran Church 25 E. Church Street, Sellersville

You are invited to the Installation of the Rev. Ann Shade. RSVP if you are to attend the dinner, [st.michael.luth@verizon.net](mailto:st.michael.luth@verizon.net), by September 18. Leaders are invited to process and the color of the day is green.



PreSchool & PreK for ages 3-5  
3, 4 & 5 days a week programs

Contact Tammy Ferro for a tour of Trinity Preschool  
[attferro@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:attferro@trinitylansdale.com) or 267-498-5911.



September 14/15, 2024  
5:30 pm/8:30 & 10:45 am

# Worship Bulletin



*Welcome to Trinity!*

We are so glad you're here. At Trinity, we believe that all are created in the image of God and that we are transformed by God's Son, Jesus Christ, and his birth, life, death, and resurrection. If our liturgy rituals and practices are new to you, please participate as you feel comfortable and are able.

More information on Trinity, our worship practices, Baptism, Holy Communion, marriage, and our preschool is available on our website, [trinitylansdale.com](http://trinitylansdale.com). I can be reached by email at [ffowler@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:ffowler@trinitylansdale.com).

- Pastor Fritz Fowler

## 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Have you ever wondered how you can engage in politics in a way that reflects Jesus? It's so tempting to focus on (or even argue about!) what policy, party, or candidate is most Christian. But we've got our priorities backwards. The real question for us is "How do I relate to others — including those I might disagree with — so that I better reflect Jesus?" This Fall at Trinity we will use Curtis Change and Nancy French's book "The After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics." Each week, we will hear the Gospel and explore how we can reorient our heart and mind toward a Christ-centered identity in 2024 and beyond.

OUR MISSION

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### Worship Services

- Saturday 5:30 pm (Chapel)
- Sunday 8:30 am (Sanctuary & Livestream)
- Sunday 9:40 am - Trinity Alive! (Chapel)
- Sunday 10:45 am (Sanctuary)

### Nursery Open

Sundays from 8:15 - 11:45 am  
Room 124 - infants to 5 years old

### Ways to Worship



[www.trinitylansdale.com](http://www.trinitylansdale.com)

Radio WORD FM 97.1

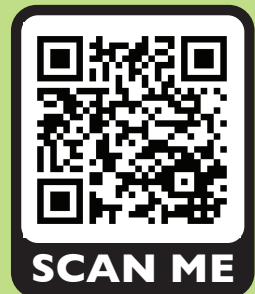
### Reconciling in Christ Congregation



What does being RIC mean?  
[reconcilingworks.org](http://reconcilingworks.org)

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SCAN ME

1000 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA  
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⊕ **GATHERING** ⊕

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE**

5:30

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” - arr. Cindy Berry  
Sue Sheppard

8:30/10:45

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” - arr. M. Hayes & M. Gaspard  
Emily Brands and Andrea Baxter

**WELCOME AND PASTOR’S GREETING**

*Please stand.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ⊕ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Gracious God, 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 right, we draw lines between us and them. We place our own needs first. We attack and ridicule others when we disagree. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ⊕ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

God, What’s the Shape of Mission?



1. God, what's the shape of mis - sion, the work that we em - brace?
2. You mold - ed your cre - a - tion, you placed it in our care.
3. Some - times, O Lord, we've strug - gled with our own bus - y plans.
4. We see the work you're do - ing; it's not ours to con - trol.



And what will be our vi - sion for liv - ing in this place?  
You shape our deep - est long - ings for jus - tice eve - ry - where.  
We've tried to shape the gos - pel to fit our hearts and hands.  
You're build - ing and re - new - ing! You make the wound - ed whole!



What words will help and guide us? What ser - vice will we do?  
You sent your Son to save us, a gift from heav'n a - bove!  
We've trust - ed our own cul - ture to be the guid - ing way.  
God, may your Spir - it guide us to live in Je - sus Christ,

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



As you walk here be-side us, how shall we live for you?  
 The mis - sion that you give us is ground-ed in your love.  
 Yet you are still the pot - ter and we are still the clay.  
 till love shapes all our mis-sion and gives your church new life.

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**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**

Let us pray together. **O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

✠ **WORD** ✠

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**READING**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*Response after the conclusion of the reading:*

May God add a blessing to the reading, hearing, and understanding of this story.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

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*This prayer serves as a way to introduce the day's occasion or an idea that unites or clarifies threads in the scripture passages.*

*Marsha Stanek (5:30), Lisa Thomas (8:30), and Diane Bridi (10:45) are serving as lectors.*

*NRSV Holy Bible page 594. Spark Bible page 792.*

*The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

*This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

*The Church prays for the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus for all the great needs of our community and the world.*

*We offer a sign of peace to each other using sign language, a wave, an elbow bump, or hand shake.*

## GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

*The gospel is announced:*

The gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:*

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON ON THE STEPS (8:30/10:45)**

Pastor Fritz Fowler

**SERMON**

Pastor Fritz Fowler

*Please stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY 807

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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*Please stand.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends: God, in your love, hear our prayer.*

### PEACE

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

*Please be seated.*



‡ MEAL ‡

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

5:30

“The Way of Peace” - Anthony Giamanco  
Sue Sheppard

8:30/10:45

“This is the Day” - Dan Forrest  
Combined Choirs

This is the day the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it,  
we will rejoice, and be glad.  
This is the day the Lord has made.

The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my song,  
He has become my salvation.  
The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my song,  
You are my God, I will exalt you.  
You are my God, I will exalt you.

This is the day the Lord has made,  
We will rejoice and be glad in it,  
we will rejoice, and be glad.  
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**OFFERING PRAYER**

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

*Please stand.*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord is 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.**

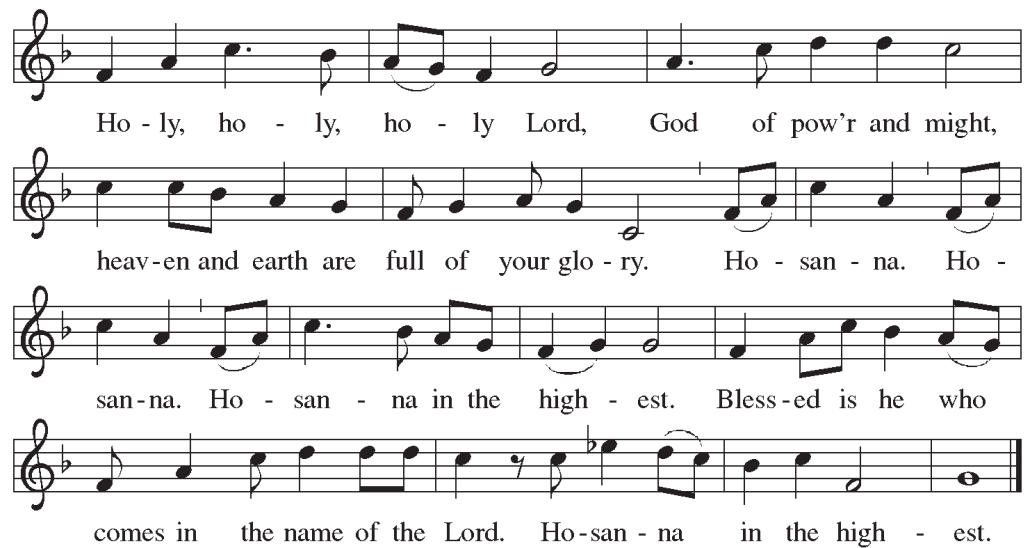
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And 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:

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*The communion liturgy begins with the Great Thanksgiving when, together, we offer thanks for God's saving acts.*

*The Sanctus (meaning Holy) gives us the opportunity to join together with the heavenly chorus in praising God, who is wondrous yet calls us into relationship.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

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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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

*All are invited to receive the sacrament. Please come forward via the center aisle and return via the side aisles. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available and located on the wooden table.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND COMMUNION

At this table God brings us together despite our differences. All are welcome.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated.*

## 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.

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## COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us

Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

*Refrain*

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your

wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your

peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

*With references to miracles in which Jesus fed gathered crowds and to the last supper, the first two stanzas fittingly begin with a past-tense phrase, "Loaves were broken, words were spoken." Stanza three then brings us into the present tense, when Jesus is present to us in holy communion, just as he promised. The final stanza sends us into the future, as we leave worship to share the good news and serve our neighbors. Herman Stuempfle was a pastor and seminary president whose life of service included supporting day care, a homeless shelter, and prison ministry.*

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## Hymn

## Open My Heart

Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.  
 Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.

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*This prayer gives us the opportunity to share gratitude for sustenance and inclusion in Christ, and to prepare us to love and serve as faithful witnesses.*

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*This hymn is an African American spiritual. Oral tradition was the primary mode of its transmission before it was notated. The structure of the hymn lends itself to teaching and learning by ear: a leader calls the changing words, and the assembly responds with a set response. Singing the hymn, the worshipping assembly prays to God to give them the guidance and endurance needed for the work of freedom. As the leader and assembly sing responsively, they encourage and strengthen one another.*

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, 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.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand.*

## BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## Guide My Feet



1	Guide	my	feet		Guide	my	feet
2	Hold	my	hand		Hold	my	hand
3	Stand	by	me	while I run this race.	Stand	by	me
4	I'm	your	child		I'm	your	child



			Guide	my	feet		
			Hold	my	hand		
while I run this race.			Stand	by	me	while I run this race,	
			I'm	your	child		



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

5:30

“Joy in the Morning” - Tom Birchwood  
 Sue Sheppard

8:30/10:45

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” by Oliver Holden  
 Emily Brands

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