

Trinity Lutheran Church



September 10, 2023
Pentecost 15

PRELUDE: *This Little Light of Mine* (Traditional)

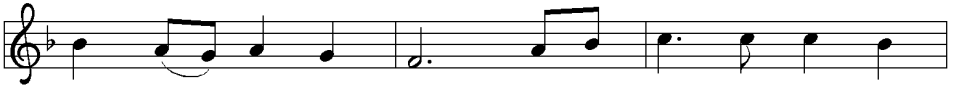
GATHERING SONG: *All Are Welcome* (ELW 641)



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Amid the countless things
that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God,
there stands this:
God so loves us
as to bathe us with grace
and feed us with mercy
and forgive us our sins.
Confident in the love of God,
let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God,
while we were still slaves to sin,
you died for our salvation.
Yet we still worship the false gods of the world,
forgetting that you are Lord.
Loving worldly wealth,
we have not loved you with our whole heart
nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Trusting worldly strength,
we have not trusted your word
nor followed the Word-made-flesh.
Forgiving by worldly norms,
we have not shown mercy to others
as you have shown mercy to us.
Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS


Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;
Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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.

KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passionate re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

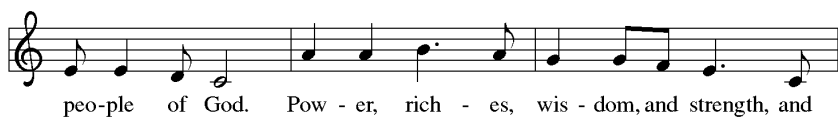
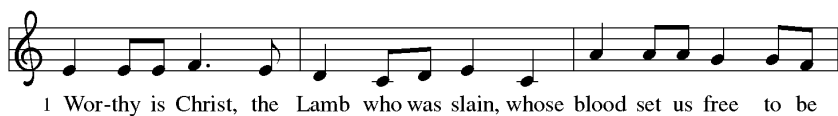


let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

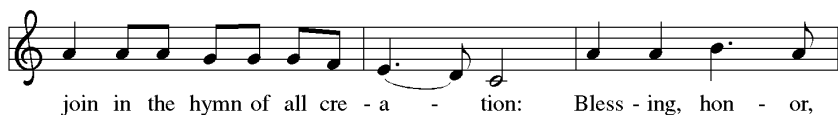
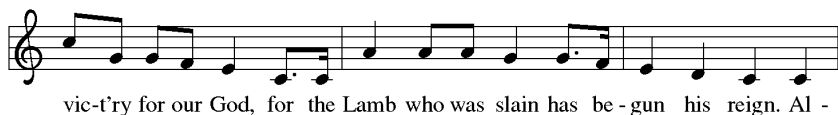
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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



Refrain



Final refrain



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, word of life.
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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (ELW 470)

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

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The image shows two systems of musical notation. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system of music is for the lyrics 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;'. The second system is for the lyrics 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.'.

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors. Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation.

Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with each other.

Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick. Guard their waking and their sleeping.

O God, challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor as you have called us.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *We Are Called* (ELW 720)



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.**

**We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.**

**Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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,

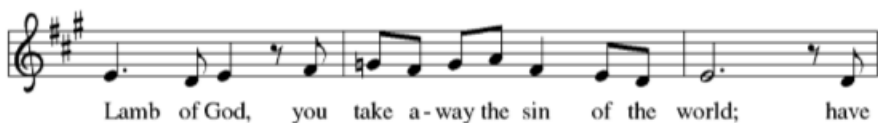
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS:

City of God (Dan Schutte and Craig Alea)

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (ELW 708)

Come, Let Us Eat (ELW 491)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

Blessed be your name, O God,

for we have feasted on your Word,

Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.

Strengthened by this food,

send us to gather the world to your banquet,

where none are left out and all are satisfied.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of glory,

✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,


and the Spirit who lives in you,

bless you now and forever.

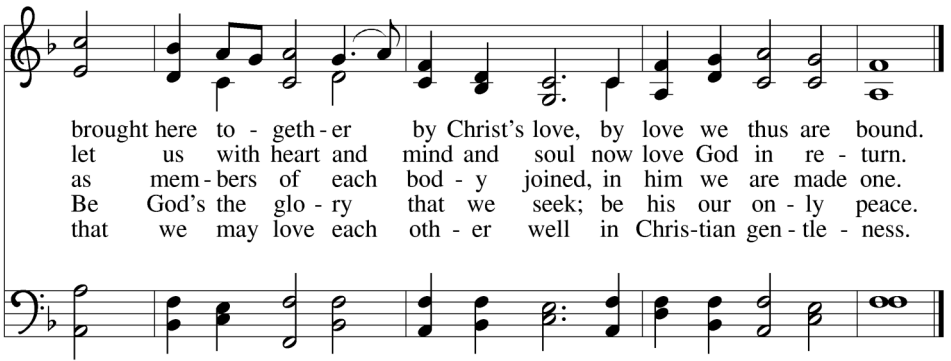
Amen.

SENDING SONG:

Where Charity and Love Prevail (ELW 359)



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Send Us Out* (Dakota Raod)

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Sep 10, 2023

Altar: Al & Bobbie Schimek

Reader: Colin Kaltenbach

Communion Assistant:

OPEN

Fellowship: Fiedler & Smith Family

NEXT SUNDAY — Sep 17, 2023

Altar: OPEN

Reader: Lisa Guarnieri

Communion Assistant:

Stuart Guarnieri

Fellowship: OPEN

Happy 79th Birthday Mike Smith!

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Sep 10:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ Band Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Tue, Sep 12:	7:00pm	Council in Gruver Rm
Wed, Sep 13:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Lunch @ Rendezvous Cafe
Thu, Sep 14:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Sun, Sep 17:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ ELCA YAGM Remodeled Revelry in Rohr!
Wed, Sep 20:	11:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	MUGG Campus Lunch @ Rendezvous Café Wed Supper in Gruver Rm Wed Worship in Gruver Rm
Thu, Sep 21:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Sun, Sep 24:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ S. Barrett Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Wed, Sep 27:	11:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	MUGG Campus Lunch @ Rendezvous Café Wed Supper in Gruver Rm Wed Worship in Gruver Rm
Thu, Sep 28:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Sun, Oct 1:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ Band Fellowship in Gruver Rm

TRINTIY COUNCIL PRESENTS

ROHR HALL REVELRIES

Come enjoy our
remodeled Fellowship Hall!

TIME TO
Celebrate

MEAL AND CONVIVIALITY
ELCA & TRINITY MINISTRY SPOTLIGHTS
VISIONING OPPORTUNITIES

09/17
After Worship

DOWNSTAIRS
past the Gruver Room

FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS
STARTING SEPTEMBER 20

Wednesday
WORSHIP

6PM MEAL
6:30PM WORSHIP
GRUVER RM

UNsung HERO: JERRY TASTAD, *LANDSCAPER*



You may know Jerry as Mr. Wednesday Worship, but he comes to Trinity faithfully all summer long, without recognition, and mows our grass. Thank you Jerry, Trinity wouldn't be Trinity without you!



UNsung HERO: SHARON LEDER, *GARDENER*



Do you enjoy our lovely corner garden? Shout out to Sharon Leder, Laramie gardener extraordinaire, who brings annuals, pulls weeds, and maintains beauty through burning sun, broken sprinklers, and devastating hail. Thank you so much Sharon!

Sign Up!

in the Craver Era

Trinity needs YOU to Read,
Assist with Communion,
or coordinate Fellowship.

QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING? If you ever have any questions about your financial gifts to Trinity, please contact Trinity's financial secretary, Alison Shaver, at alebeda@uwyo.edu. If you need an up-to-date statement of giving, please contact the church office.



2023 Year-To-Date as of July 31

Income - \$129,414.50
Expenses - \$125,466.23

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