

WELCOME!

RESCUE AT THE SEA EXODUS 14 FROM FEAR TO FREEDOM



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
October 4, 2026

- * = Please stand if able**
- = Please be seated**

- Prelude by Pam Sherman**
- Office of the Acolyte**
- Ringing of the Bell**
- Welcome**

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism...*

**L: We confess our sins before God and
one another.**

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Creating and renewing God,

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: You have made us in your image to carry your life-giving love as a blessing to all the world. Yet we fail again and again to live out your call. We place our trust in money and possessions, in flawed people and broken relationships, in the things that cannot sustain us.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: We do the things we do not want to do, and we fail to do the things we know you would have us do. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short. Open our eyes, hearts, and minds to your presence, and recreate us in your image each day, for the good of all that you have made.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: The God whose love outpoured caused the world to be, continues to pour this creative love on us. The God whose love outpoured in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ continues to pour this redeeming love upon us. Children of God, know that you are forgiven, and go forth refreshed and ready to answer God's call to love and serve the whole of creation. In Jesus' holy name.

C: Amen.

*** Gathering Song**
“He Leadeth Me
LBW 501



RESCUE AT THE SEA

*** “He Leadeth Me” LBW 501**

**1 He leadeth me:
oh, blessed thought!
Oh, words with heav’nly
comfort fraught!
Whate’er I do,
where’er I be,
still ’tis God’s hand
that leadeth me.**

* “He Leadeth Me” LBW 501

Refrain

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me.
His faithful foll’wer I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

*** “He Leadeth Me” LBW 501**

**2 Sometimes mid scenes
of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden’s
bowers bloom,
by waters calm,
o’er troubled sea,
still ’tis God’s hand
that leadeth me.**

* “He Leadeth Me” LBW 501

Refrain

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His faithful foll’wer I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

*** “He Leadeth Me” LBW 501**

**3 Lord, I would clasp
thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur
nor repine;
content, whatever
lot I see,
since 'tis my God
that leadeth me.**

* “He Leadeth Me” LBW 501

Refrain

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by his own hand he leadeth me.
His faithful foll’wer I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

*** “He Leadeth Me” LBW 501**

**4 And when my task
on earth is done,
when by thy grace
the vict’ry’s won,
e’en death’s cold wave
I will not flee,
since God through Jordan
leadeth me.**

* “He Leadeth Me” LBW 501

Refrain

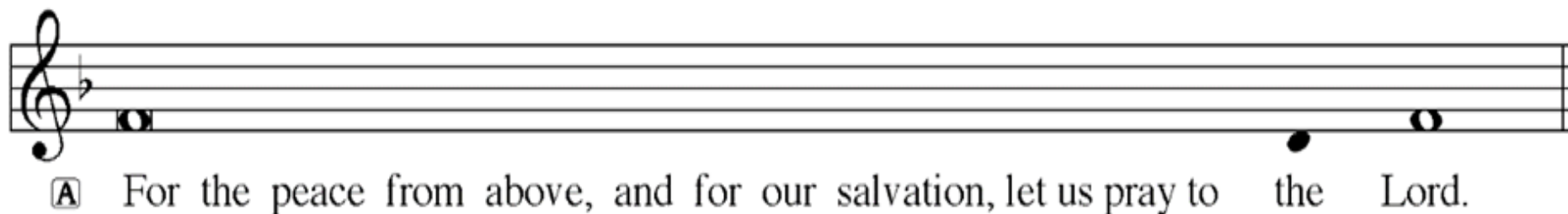
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by his own hand he leadeth me.
His faithful foll’wer I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

*** APOSTOLIC GREETING**

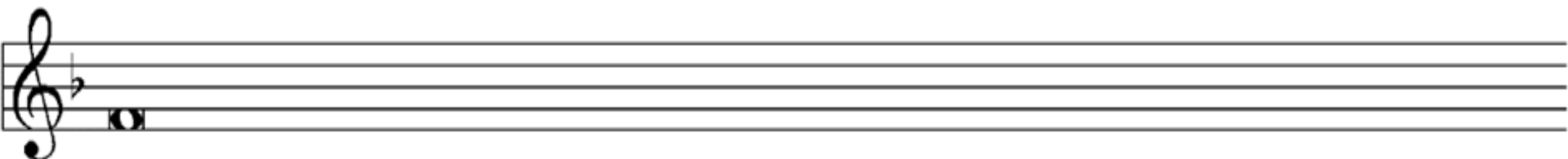
**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C: And also with you.

* KYRIE



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A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

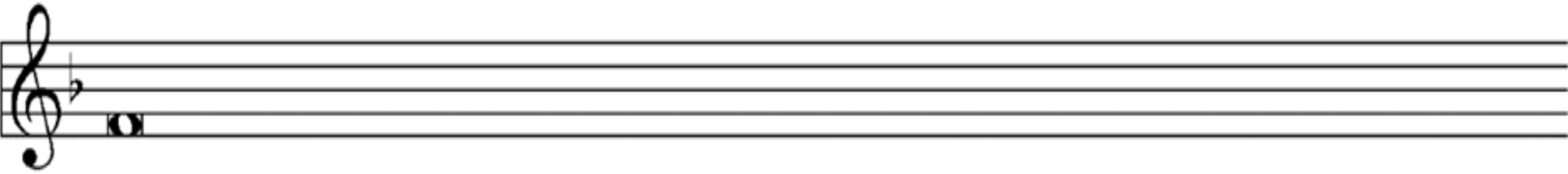


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

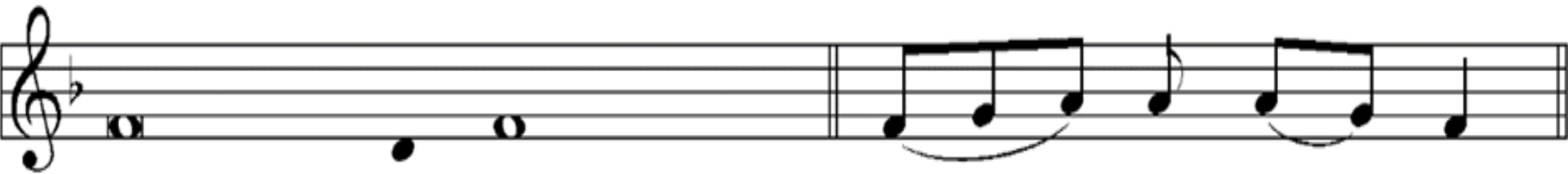


C Lord, have mer - cy.

* KYRIE



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive
us; in your promise firm we stand.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Liberating God, you have sent us forth into a world that often seems bent on the destruction of all that is good in your creation. Free us from our fears so that we might proclaim with boldness the truth of your desire for love, justice, and peace. Open a way for us through the voices of anger and hatred that threaten to drown us, that we might pass safely to a better world. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen



• **Scripture Reading**

**R: Our scripture reading is from
Exodus, Chapter 14.**

C: Glory to you O' Lord!

*** Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29**

5When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, “What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?” 6So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; 7he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers

*** Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29**

all of them.

10As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. 11They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to

*** Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29**

us, bringing us out of Egypt? 12Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” 13But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the

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Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. 14The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

21Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. 22The Israelites went into the sea on dry

*** Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29**

ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

23The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of

Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and

chariot drivers. 24At the morning

watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian

army, and threw the Egyptian army

into panic. 25He clogged their chariot

*** Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29**

wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

26 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over

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the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. 28The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.

*** Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29**

29 But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

- **Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon

RESCUE AT THE SEA

EXODUS 14 • FROM FEAR TO FREEDOM



Sermon

FEAR REWRITES THE PAST



Sermon

A WAY THROUGH THE NIGHT



Sermon

STILL, THEN FORWARD



Sermon

LIBERATION WITHOUT DELIGHT IN DEATH



Sermon

RESCUE BECOMES A CALLING



Sermon

THROUGH WATER, FED FOR THE JOURNEY



Sermon

CHRIST LEADS US FORWARD



*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.**

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: 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

L: Confident that our Creator God listens and answers prayer, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

* PRAYERS

Each petition will end with the words,

A: God of mercy and grace,

C: We lift our prayers to you.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: God who created all that is, we place all for whom we pray, both aloud and in the silence of our hearts, into your loving arms.

C: Amen.

- **OFFERING/OFFERING PRAYER**



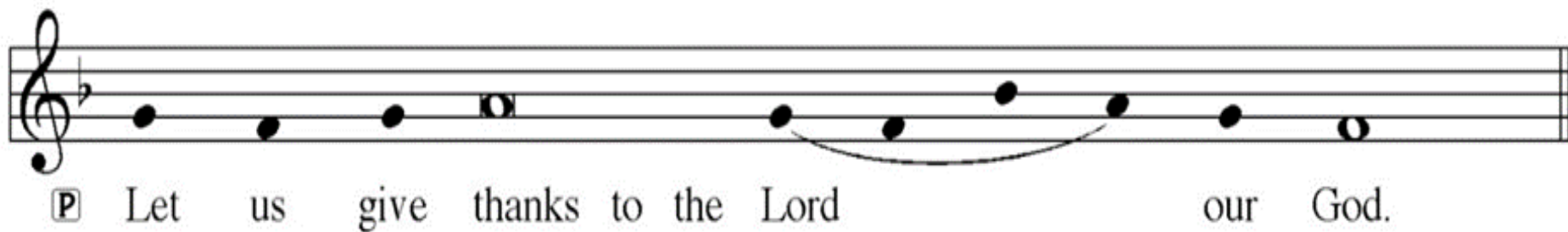
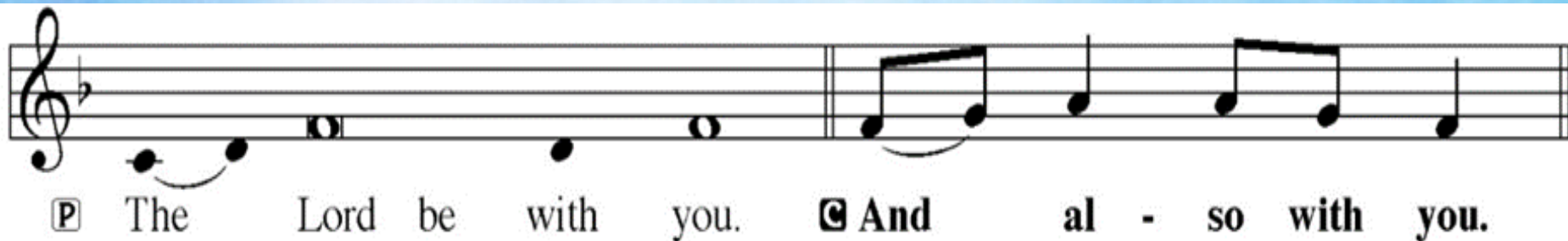
RESCUE AT THE SEA

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Communion is “At The Railing”.

*All the Baptized are welcome to
celebrate this Holy Meal.*

* DIALOGUE



*** THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...

**... we praise your name and
join their unending hymn.**

* THE SANCTUS



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.

*** EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer...

...Both now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: God who transforms sadness into joy now invites you to this feast of God's beloved son, Jesus Christ. Come to the table, where Jesus meets us in this holy meal, forgives us all our sins, and raises us to a joyful new life in his name. All is prepared.

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All may commune “At the Railing”.

The bread may be broken for distribution.

*As the ministers give the bread and wine,
they say these words :*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: **Amen.**

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May this Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us, ✝ now and forever.

C: Amen.

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE



☪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen

*** SENDING OF HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

P: Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation: bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound.

*** SENDING OF HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

P: In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion, that through the body and blood of your Son we may all know the hope of your promised coming in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



RESCUE AT THE SEA

* **SENDING BLESSING**



RESCUE AT THE SEA

* SENDING SONG

**“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”
LBW 343**



RESCUE AT THE SEA

*** “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”
LBW 343**

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

*** “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”
LBW 343**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.**

*** “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”
LBW 343**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death
and hell’s destruction,
land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs and praises,
songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.**

*** DISMISSAL**

P: Depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving
all. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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