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Joshua 24:1-15, [16-26]  
October 18, 2026



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## GATHERING

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- **Prelude** **Roxanne Groff**
- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**
- **Welcome** **Pr Mel Musser**

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Creating and renewing God,

**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. 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 re-create us in your image each day, for the good of all that you have made.**

P: 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 HYMN**      **“O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

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1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



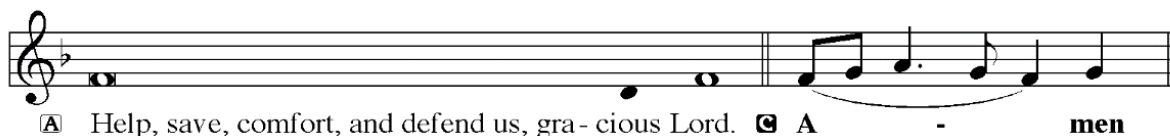
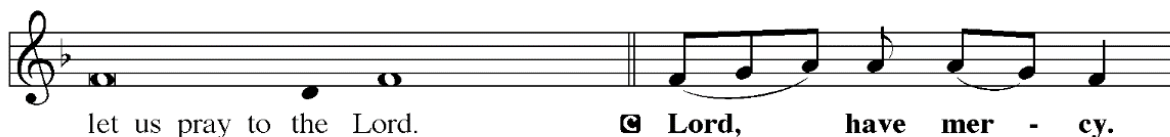
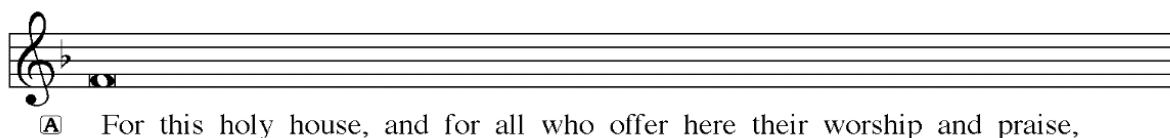
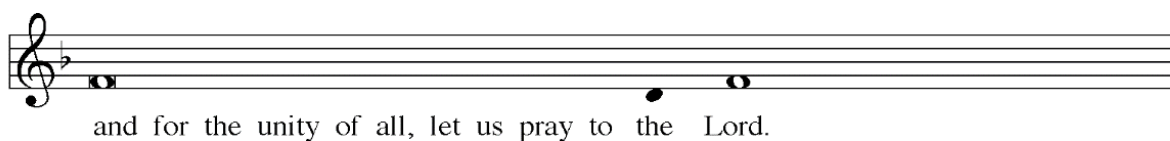
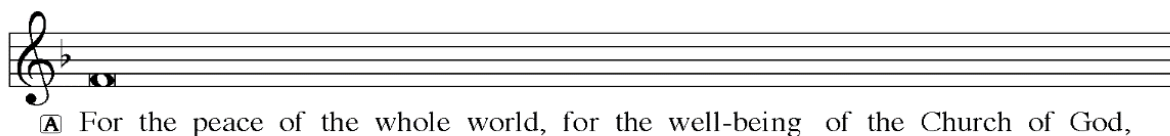
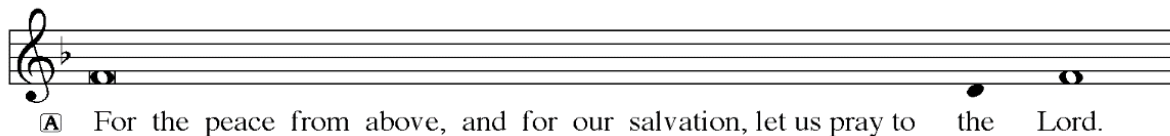
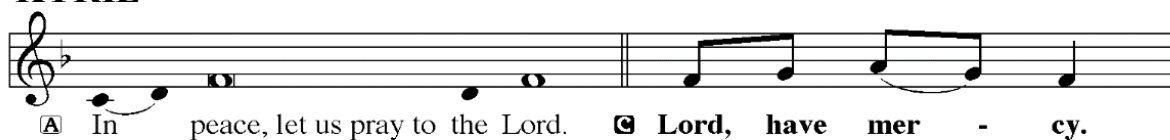
nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard-ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

\* **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**



\* **HYMN OF PRAISE**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray...God of promise, renew in us each day your covenant with us—that you will be our God and we will be your people. Open our hearts to your call to be your hands and feet in the world, to love, serve, and do justice for the flourishing of all creation. Guide us in all we do and say this day and every day. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

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**WORD**

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## • CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



**Theme:** God's Gifts Come Before God's Commands

**Materials:** A Bunch of Grapes or and Treat

**Scripture:** Joshua 24:1-15, [16-26]

Look what I brought today! That's right, it's Pastor Mel's Treasure Chest. Inside we have lot's of Werther's candies.

What does it take to make these grapes/candies? Somebody has to grow sugar cane or corn for the high fructose corn syrup that makes them sweet. Then someone else mixed the ingrediencies and followed the recipe to make it all turn into these delicious candies. Meanwhile, someone else was making the paper and plastic wrappers and yet others packaged the candy for sale in the store. Then truck drivers had to drive it to all the stores like Kroger and Walmart. Finally, I went to the store and purchased the bag of candy and put it in my treasure chest. That's a lot of people doing a lot of work, before any of us get to taste even a single bite. We get to enjoy something we didn't grow, make or even buy for ourselves. It's like everything is a gift from God!

In our Bible reading today, Joshua reminds the people God has already given them so much. They have places to live and food to eat. Some of their food, like grapes, grows on vines they never planted! Joshua wants them to remember who has cared for them.

Let's think about the people who care for us. Who helps you? *(Allow a few answers.)* We receive so much love before we even know how to say "thank you." When you were a baby, you needed someone to do almost everything for you! God's love reaches us that way, too. Before we could do anything to help, Jesus came to love us and save us. God has been loving us all along. Then Joshua says, "Serve the Lord." What could that look like for you? How could you share God's love with someone today? *(Allow a few answers. Offer an example if needed: inviting someone to play or helping someone carry something.)* Those are wonderful ways to share what God has given you. When you forget to help, or when you say something unkind, you can tell the truth and ask for forgiveness. Jesus loves you, and he helps you begin again. Every time you see candy from now until Halloween, remember: God has given you so much love to share.

Let's pray... Dear God, thank you for loving us before we could even say thank you. Help us remember your gifts and share your love with our neighbors. In Jesus' name. Amen.

• **A READING OF SCRIPTURE: Joshua 24:1-15, [16-26]**

R: Our scripture reading is from the Book of Joshua, Chapter 24.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**24** Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. <sup>3</sup>Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; <sup>4</sup>and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. <sup>5</sup>Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. <sup>6</sup>When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. <sup>7</sup>When they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness a long time. <sup>8</sup>Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. <sup>9</sup>Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, <sup>10</sup>but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I rescued you out of his hand. <sup>11</sup>When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. <sup>12</sup>I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. <sup>13</sup>I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant. <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

[<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the

peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.” <sup>19</sup>But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup>If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” <sup>21</sup>And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” <sup>22</sup>Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” <sup>23</sup>He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” <sup>24</sup>The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” <sup>25</sup>So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. <sup>26</sup>Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the Lord.].

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ *(Spoken)*

- SERMON

Pr. Mel Musser



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the one whose promises never fail, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Some promises are easy to make. “I’ll call you this week.” “I’ll get to that tomorrow.” Then the week gets away from us. Tomorrow brings something else that needs our attention. We meant what we said. We just didn’t follow through.

Other promises reach deeper. “I will be there for you.” “You can count on me.”

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We make those promises because we love someone. Keeping them may mean showing up when we're tired, listening when we'd rather talk, or just being present with someone whose problems we can't begin to fix. We know what it feels like to disappoint someone who trusted us. That's heavy baggage to carry into church on Sunday morning. We know the lives we ought to live. We also know what happened this past week. Sometimes even our best intentions fail the people who count on us most.



Today Joshua gathers Israel and asks the people to make a promise. “Choose this day whom you will serve.” We know that verse. Some of us may have it hanging in our homes. “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” It’s a good word to put on the wall. The harder thing is living it when we walk out the door. Before we get to their promise, listen to the beginning of the story.

Joshua gathers the tribes at Shechem. They’re already living in the land God promised them. They have homes and food growing around them. They’re enjoying a life earlier generations could only hope to see. God reminds them how

they got there. “I took your father Abraham.” “I sent Moses and Aaron.” “I brought you out.” “I rescued you.” Over and over, God speaks about what God has done. Can you hear the grace in that! When they were enslaved, God heard their cries. Through the wilderness, God continued with them in cloud and fire. Their life together rests on gifts they could never have provided for themselves. God says, “I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built.” They’re eating from vineyards and olive groves they did not plant.

Imagine sitting down to a meal and realizing how many people made it possible. Someone planted, tended the fields, and harvested. Someone transported the food to market. Someone prepared it. Long before we picked up a fork, others were giving their labor so we could eat.



Faith has come to us that way, too. Someone told us about Jesus. Someone prayed for us and taught us to pray. Someone opened the Scriptures and helped us hear God’s promise. Many of us were carried to the baptismal font before we could speak. Just look around this Sanctuary. We worship in a place others helped

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provide. We sing hymns handed down through generations. Each of us could name people whose love helped carry us here.

So, before Joshua asks what the people will do, he reminds them what they have received. We need that remembering too. When we forget the gifts, we can take our blessings for granted or begin believing everything depends on us. We have to hold it together, secure the future, and prove we're good enough. That's too heavy a load to carry. Then Joshua asks, "Whom will you serve?"

Other gods are already among them. Joshua tells the people to put them away. Their loyalties are divided. We understand something about that as well. We trust God, then spend the night worrying as though we've been left entirely on our own. We want to be generous, then fear tells us to hold everything tighter. We want to love our neighbors, until loving a particular neighbor asks more than we expected. Money can govern our decisions. Approval of others can become something we cannot bear to lose. Our need to be right can matter more than the person standing before us. Those things claim our time, attention, and our loyalty. They promise security or control, but they can take an awful lot without delivering what they promise.

Joshua calls the people back to the God who brought them out of slavery. They answer enthusiastically. Of course we'll serve the Lord! God rescued us. God has been with us all along. "We will serve the Lord!"

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Then Joshua says something that stops us dead in our tracks. “You cannot serve the Lord.” Wait, what?! What a thing to say after people have just made their commitment! The following words are harder still. Joshua speaks of God’s holiness, judgment, and refusal to forgive their rebellion. We should let those words wash over us and trouble us at least for a minute because the harm we do is serious. Our neighbors bear the consequences of our unfaithfulness. A promise spoken today cannot excuse the damage we do tomorrow.

The people insist they will serve, but the story that follows reveals how often that promise is broken. Anyone who knows their own heart understands what I’m talking about. We confess it almost every Sunday. We have failed to love God with our whole heart and our neighbors as ourselves. We mean our confession. We mean our promises afterward. Still, we return week after week with things to confess. What hope is there for people like us?

Let’s bring that question to Jesus. He knows how fragile human promises can be. Peter promised to remain faithful even if everyone else fell away. Before the

night ended, Peter denied knowing him three times. The disciples shared his table at the Last Supper, yet when he was arrested, they all fled.



Jesus knew the people gathered around him that last evening. He knew their fear and how quickly their courage would fail. Still, he took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them. “This is my body, given for you.” He gave them the cup, the new covenant in his blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sin. Listen to what Jesus gives people whose promises are about to fall apart. He gives himself. He goes to the cross bearing the sin of the world. His love carries him into the suffering and death from which his friends run. When God raises him from the dead, Jesus returns to his frightened disciples speaking words of peace. He meets them in their shame with forgiveness and then gives them work to do.

That is our hope, too. We belong to the crucified and risen Lord. He knows the truth about us and still comes to us with mercy.



Today, when we come forward to receive communion; some will come grateful; some will come worried; some will carry grief that makes ordinary things difficult. Still others will be thinking about words they wish they could take back. Into every broken heart Jesus comes and makes the promise personal. “The body of Christ, given for you.” “The blood of Christ, shed for you.” For you, with the week you’ve had. For you, with the burdens you carry. For you, who want to be faithful and need help beginning again. Our communion invitation calls this a “table of promises kept.” Jesus meets us here with the life he has given for us. We receive forgiveness and nourishment for the life to which he calls us.



Then we’re sent into the world. Joshua’s question still matters. Whom will we serve? What will our neighbors experience through our choices? There may

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be an apology we need to offer. We may need to loosen our grip on money or make room for someone who is lonely. We can begin with the neighbor before us. This afternoon, that may mean welcoming someone at the Fall Festival and learning their name. This week, it may mean helping food reach a household through the FISH Choice Food Pantry. It may mean sitting with someone who cannot get out, listening to a familiar story, and reminding them they remain part of this community and a child whom Jesus loves. These are ordinary places for faithfulness to take flesh.



Then, when we fall short, we can tell the truth before God and our neighbors, receive God's forgiveness, and begin again. Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Spirit continues working in us, drawing our hearts toward Christ and opening our hands toward our neighbors.

In a few moments, we'll hear the invitation. Come and be fed. The Lord who calls you to serve knows how much you need his grace. He gave his life for you. He is risen and present among us. When our promises fail, we can return to the One whose mercy holds us. He sends us from His table forgiven, strengthened,

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and ready to share what we have received. This is our life of repentance. May the promises of God, demonstrated in His only Son, give us hope when we fail to keep our promises. May the faithfulness of Jesus Christ cover us with God's mercy and love so we can be free to service God by serving our neighbor. Amen.

*Silence may be kept for meditation...*

**\* APOSTLES' CREED**

*The Nicene Creed is said on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Apostles' Creed is said at other times. The Creed is omitted here if the service of Holy Baptism or another rite with a creed is used.*

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

**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. 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.**

**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.*

**L:** Holy God, you ask us to decide each day whom we will serve. Turn our hearts back to you and your reign of love and justice. Turn our hearts away from other gods—attention, wealth, and material possessions. Fill us with such love for you and our neighbor that we cannot help but follow in your way. God of mercy and grace,

**C: We lift our prayers to you.**

**L:** We serve you when we care for your beloved creation. Guide us in our efforts to protect and preserve all that you have made. Fill us with wonder every day at the incredible beauty and variety all around us. God of mercy and grace,

**C: We lift our prayers to you.**

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L: We serve you when we participate in our own government, and elect leaders who act in love, compassion, and mercy for all your children—all people, regardless of who they are, where they come from, what they look like, or what they believe. God of mercy and grace,

**C: We lift our prayers to you.**

L: We serve you when we care for those who are sick, injured, or otherwise challenged in body, mind, or spirit. May we bring comfort and hope to all who struggle, *(especially...)*. God of mercy and grace,

**C: We lift our prayers to you.**

L: We serve you when we love our neighbors as ourselves. Open our eyes to all the ways in which we succeed and fail to do this, that we might discern with your wisdom how best to make choices that lead to the flourishing of all creation. God of mercy and grace,

**C: We lift our prayers to you.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: Throughout history your saints have served you by loving you with all their hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and their neighbors as themselves. Inspire us by their lives of faith, that we, too, might choose this day to serve you. God of mercy and grace,

**C: We lift our prayers to you.**

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.**

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## MEAL

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### • OFFERING

P: As we collect our offering here in person, those worshipping with us through the internet may go to our website located at [www.pittsburghtlc.org](http://www.pittsburghtlc.org) where you'll find a button labeled "Give to Trinity." You can make your offering to God through our secure website.

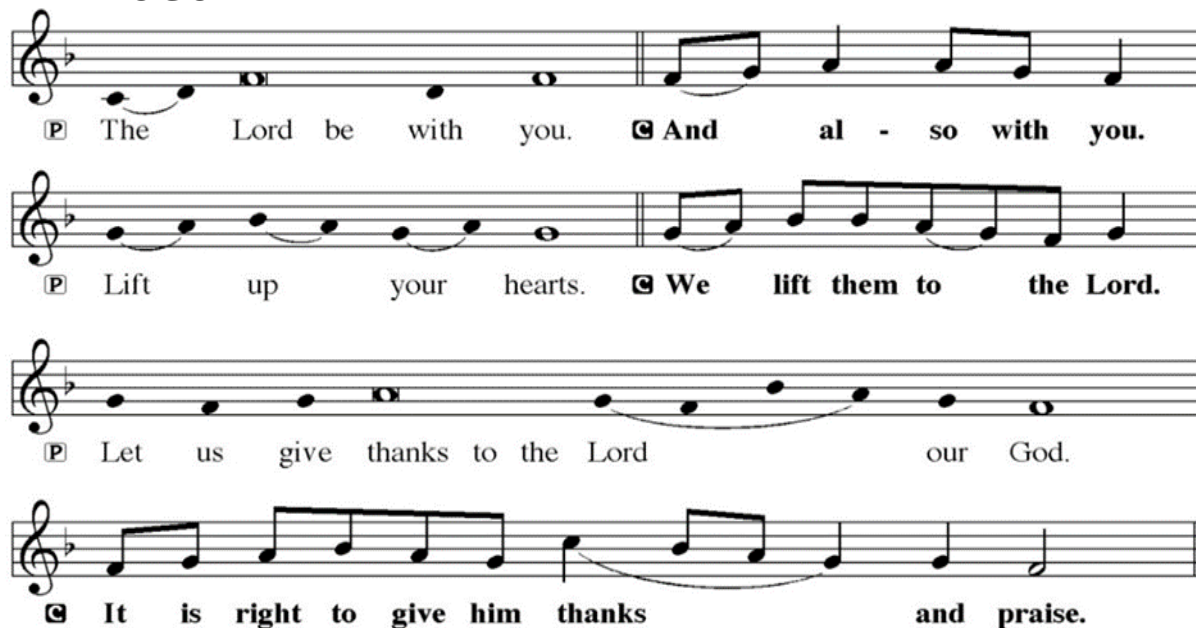
### \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the offerings we receive this day ...Holy God, we have chosen this day to serve you, rather than worldly powers and material possessions. We offer now these gifts as a sign of our faithfulness, and ask that you would bless them and use them for the good of all that you have made. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## \* DIALOGUE



**P** The Lord be with you. **☩** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **☩** We lift them to the Lord.

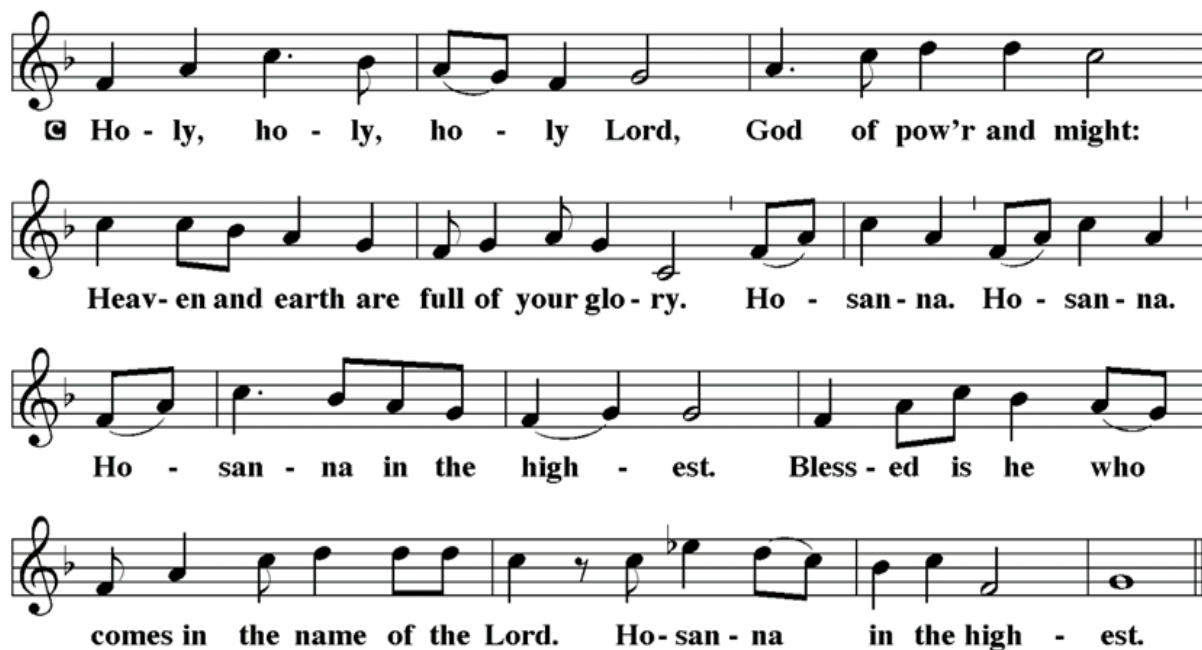
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**☩** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## \* THE PREFACE

**P:** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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.

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**\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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 acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: United into one through this heavenly food, we pray as Jesus taught...

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

**\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The God of the covenant invites you to this table of promises kept, where Jesus meets us in bread and wine and strengthens us for our new life in him. Come and be fed, for all is prepared for you.

**• COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*Communion is by station. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they may say these words to each communicant:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

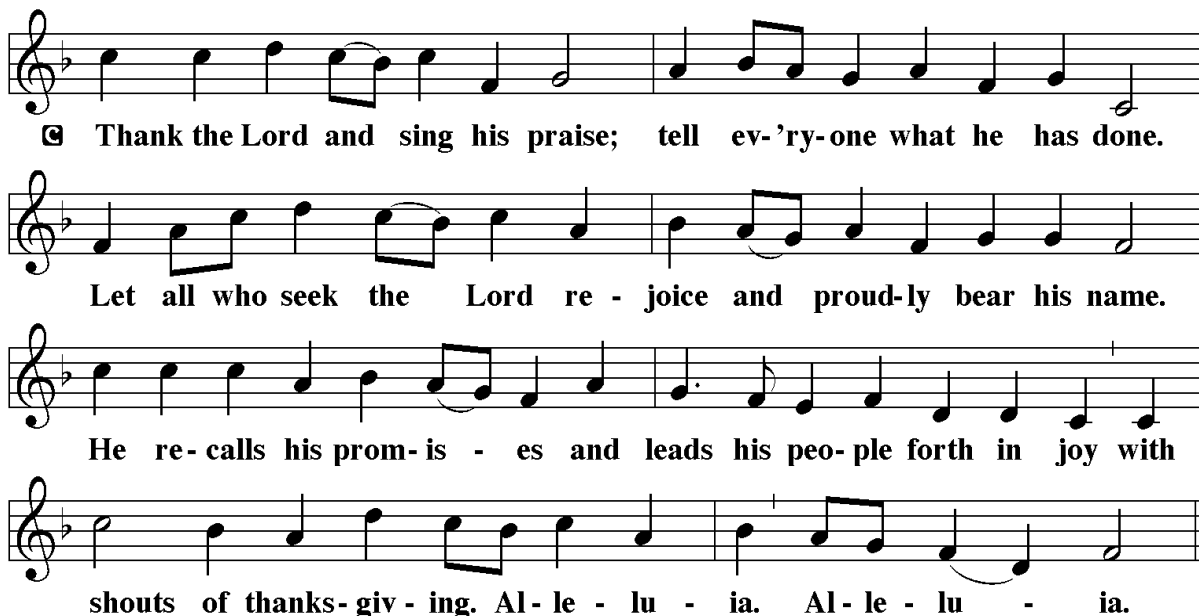
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: Amen.*

**\* POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**\* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



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

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

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**

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**SENDING**

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**• ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* SENDING BLESSING**

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace ✚ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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\* **SENDING HYMN**      “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

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1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 Hearts still are bruised and dead, and homes are bare and cold,  
4 To com - fort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
and lambs for whom the Shep - herd bled are stray - ing from the fold.  
to tend those lost in lone - li - ness, is an - gels' work be - low.

5 The captive to release,  
the lost to God to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace—  
it is a Christlike thing.

6 And we believe thy word,  
though dim our faith may be:  
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
we do it unto thee.

\* **DISMISSAL**

P: Thank you all for joining us to worship our great and gracious God! Thanks also to our Facebook viewers for joining us as well. Until the next time we gather together as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love.

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

\* **POSTLUDE**

**Roxanne Groff**

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Scripture readings for next Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9

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## Trinity Worship Assistants and Staff

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ministers              | All the People of Trinity |
| Organist               | Roxanne Groff             |
| Lector                 | PJ Musser                 |
| Acolyte                |                           |
| Parrish Nurse          | PJ Musser                 |
| Custodian              | Mark Groff                |
| Secretary              | Sharon Fourman            |
| Facebook Live Recorder | PJ Musser                 |

### Health Tips for the Week

**MIND:** Volunteer in the community.

**BODY:** Walk a corn maze or trail.

**SPIRIT:** Pray for youth ministries.



*Please pick up your November Trinity Trumpet.*

**This Week @ Trinity – October 18 thru October 25, 2026:**

| DATE                | TIME                                    | EVENT                                                                                        |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sun, Oct. 18</b> | 9:00 am                                 | Confirmation Class                                                                           |
|                     | 9:30 am                                 | Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)                                            |
|                     | 10:30 am                                | Worship Service                                                                              |
|                     | 3-5:00 pm                               | Trinity Fall Festival                                                                        |
| <b>Mon, Oct. 19</b> | 7:30 pm                                 | Dartball at Trinity vs. St. John's Lutheran                                                  |
| <b>Wed, Oct. 21</b> | 7:00 pm                                 | Trinity Council Meeting                                                                      |
| <b>Fri, Oct. 23</b> | 3:30 pm                                 | FISH Choice Food Pantry                                                                      |
| <b>Sun, Oct. 25</b> | 9:00 am                                 | Confirmation Class                                                                           |
|                     | 9:30 am                                 | Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)                                            |
|                     | 10:30 am                                | Worship Service - Confirmation Sunday (Reformation Sunday, too - <b>Wear Something RED</b> ) |
|                     | Annual Reports Due to Church Secretary! |                                                                                              |
|                     | 6:00 pm                                 | Video/Book Club "The Chosen"                                                                 |

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## ***Save The Date!***

|                       |                                                                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tues, Oct 27</b>   | Names of those to be remembered on All Saints Day due to Church Secretary |
| <b>Sat, Oct 31</b>    | Decorating the Church for Christmas (10 AM – Pastor bringing DONUTS!!!))  |
| <b>Sun, Nov. 1</b>    | Trinity Annual Meeting @12:00 noon                                        |
| <b>Sun, Nov 8</b>     | Women's Thankoffering Sunday (Fair Trade Merch Sale!)                     |
| <b>Thurs, Nov. 12</b> | Community Blood Drive at Trinity @ 3:00 pm                                |
| <b>Sun, Nov 15</b>    | Annual Christmas Auction (3 pm - ???)                                     |



### **Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3**

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.

### **Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:**

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **Trinity Contact Info**

|               |                                                                          |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| Cell Phone:   | 937-626-7100                                                             |
| Secretary:    | Sharon Fourman                                                           |
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