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Daniel 6:6-27
August 18, 2024



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GATHERING

- **Prelude** **Pam Sherman**
- **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: Merciful and holy God,

C: You have called us to follow you in the way of justice, mercy, lovingkindness, and care for all the earth. In our human frailty we have turned away, letting our fears drive us to actions or inactions that cause harm to ourselves, our neighbors, and our world. Draw us back into your loving arms. Wipe away our fears and our mistakes, that with clean hearts we might live to serve you and all of creation.

P: Hear this word of hope, beloved of God. Our God is rich in mercy and abundant in love and forgives you all your sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lives within and among us, and invites us to have life abundantly.

C: Amen.

* **GATHERING HYMN**

“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak” LBW 403



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



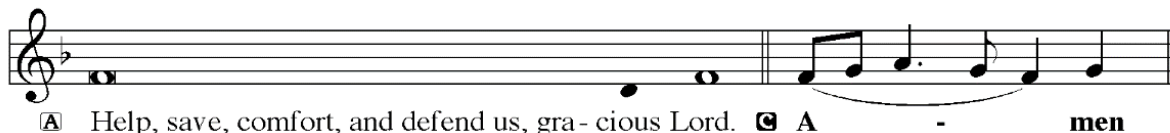
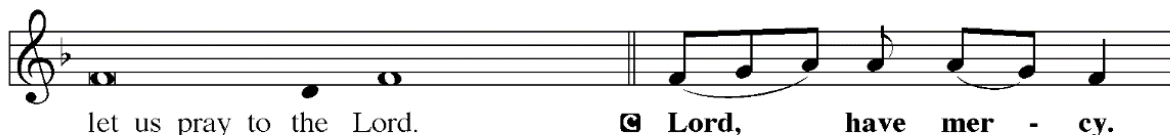
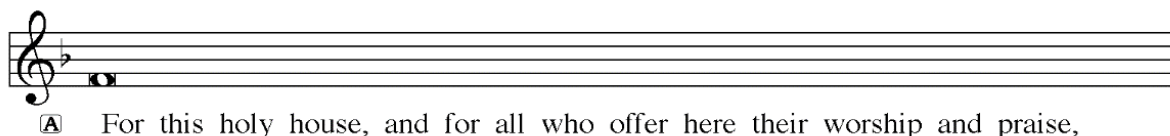
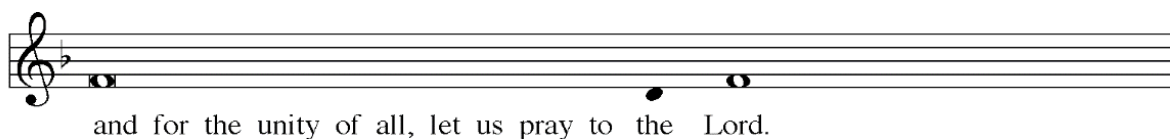
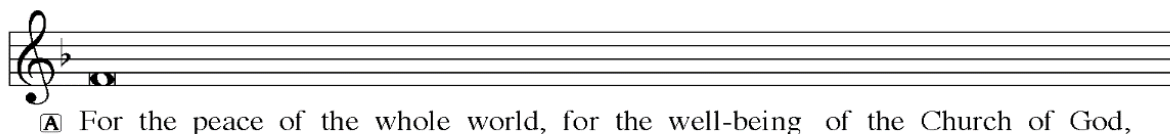
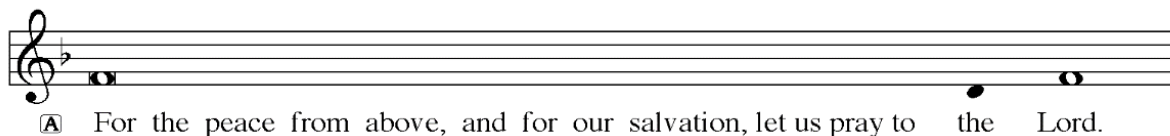
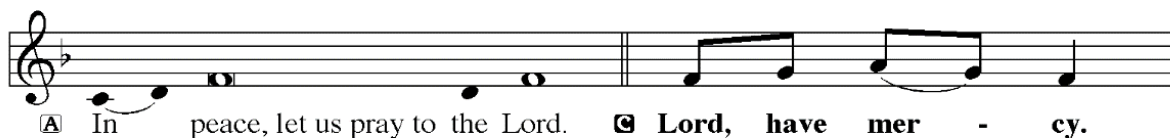
let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y_a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

* **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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* **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... Eternal and holy God, the world calls us to worship money, celebrity, security, media, and so many things that are not you and do not come from you. Make us as steadfast in our faith as Daniel, willing to sacrifice our comforts in favor of your love—that which makes life truly meaningful. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

WORD

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• CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



Theme: Trusting God Learning not to be Jealous

Materials:

Scripture: Daniel 6:6-27

Hello girls and boys. I hope you had a great week. Today we're going to talk about one of the most famous stories in the Bible. Have you ever heard the story about when Daniel, from the Old Testament, was thrown into the lion's den? It's a really great story about faith and trusting God. Daniel was a Jewish man who was taken as a prisoner into a foreign country. After he was there for a while he became one of the king's closest advisors and a governor over other advisors who were natives of the country. This made those other advisors very jealous.

Have you ever been jealous of someone? Maybe a brother or sister? How about of a friend or someone at school? Maybe they got a special toy for their birthday that you always wanted... We all can get jealous sometimes. The problem with being jealous is it can lead us to do other bad things. In the story of Daniel, the jealous advisors convinced the king to make a law that required everyone to pray only to the king and not to God.

What do you think Daniel did? That's right, he continued to pray to God not once or twice, but three times every day, just as he always did. Do you think he hid in his bedroom to pray? Nope, he prayed right in front of his open window where everyone could see. His praying was noticed by the jealous advisors and they went running right away to the king to tattle on Daniel. The king liked Daniel and was very sad that he had made the law about praying, but he was stuck. He had to punish Daniel for praying and so the king had Daniel thrown into a den where hungry lions lived. Do you think Daniel was eaten by those hungry lions? Nope, God sent an angel who kept the lions' mouths completely closed all night long. The next morning when the king opened the opening they all saw that God had protected Daniel from all those hungry lions.

We can learn a lot from Daniel. First he prayed at least 3 times every day and he trusted God. Because he trusted God Daniel wasn't afraid of those Hungry lions. We can also learn about how jealousy can lead to really bad things.

Let's pray... Dear God, thank you for the story of the brave hero Daniel. Help us to trust in you when we're afraid. When we're jealous of others, help us to count our own blessings instead of wanting things that belong to others. Amen.

• **A READING OF SCRIPTURE: Daniel 6:6-27**

R: Our scripture reading is from Daniel, Chapter 6.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁶So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, “O King Darius, live forever! ⁷All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. ⁸Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.” ⁹Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict. ¹⁰Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously.

¹¹The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. ¹²Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, “O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?” The king answered, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.” ¹³Then they responded to the king, “Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.” ¹⁴When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. ¹⁵Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.” ¹⁶Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!” ¹⁷A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.

¹⁸Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him. ¹⁹Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. ²⁰When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?” ²¹Daniel then said to the king, “O king, live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the lions’

mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.”²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.²⁴ The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

²⁵ Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: “May you have abundant prosperity! ²⁶ I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: For he is the living God, enduring forever. His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion has no end. ²⁷ He delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth; for he has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.”.

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 real Lion of

Judah, Jesus Christ our Savior and our Lord, amen.

Today’s story from the book of Daniel is probably the most famous of all the tales from this book. This is the last of the royal court stories. Our final two weeks will focus on the section of Daniel that deals mostly with future prophecy. Every time I think about the book of Daniel, the first thing that pops into my mind is this story about Daniel in the lion’s den. (SLIDE) You might say Daniel and his friends are constantly going from the frying pan into the fire... The story of Daniel in the lion’s den closely resembles the one we focused on last week with Daniel’s friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. In both stories the civil servants of the king were jealous of the authority and power given by the king to these foreigners.

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Last week I said the 3 Amigos refused to bend, but this week Daniel refused not to bend. (SLIDE) My favorite line from this story is from verse 10, “Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously.” When things got heated up for Daniel, he didn’t pray in panic, he continued to pray with his windows open toward Jerusalem, just as was his normal custom. Not crying out to the Lord with fear and trembling, but three times each and every day. His prayer life had become a habit. It was his normal routine and he got down on his knees. Did you know there are well over 250 times in the Bible when people are referred to as kneeling to pray? Even Jesus knelt in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night he was betrayed. (SLIDE) When we kneel to pray we are taking the posture of humility. We’re not approaching the throne of the almighty and living God as equals. We’re not there to offer our advice nor to tell God what to do or how to handle our problem or situation. We’re there to receive from God not to give to God.

Daniel had, by this time already displayed his worth to the King. (SLIDE) He had interpreted the king’s dream and had proven himself to be a good and faithful servant administering governmental services to the Babylonian population. As the people under his authority began to thrive, so did Daniel’s rank and status in

the King's court. There were somewhere around 120 Satraps appointed under King Darius. A Satrap is similar to a local governmental official, like a mayor. Over these 120 or so Satraps Darius appointed 3 governors to supervise the Satraps. Daniel was one of these governors. He was so successful the gossip all over the kingdom was that Darius intended to appoint Daniel as the sole governor over the entire kingdom. Now, you can imagine the petty jealousy of the Satraps and the other two governors who were about to be passed over in favor of this foreigner. That's what led to today's palace intrigue. These satraps and other governors used the FBI, the CIA, the IRS, and every other government agencies to examine Daniel and his official as well as his private life under their magnifying glass. (SLIDE) They looked under his bed, they looked in his closet, they turned over every rock. Despite all this intense scrutiny, they found no affairs with porn stars, no falsified crooked books, no false or misleading statements. Despite the fact that Daniel was nearly 90 years old, they found no evidence of mental or physical failure. His mind and his body were still as sharp as ever. The only thing they could find was his devotion to the God of his fathers, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob. (SLIDE) He worshipped the one true, living God and his devotion to God would not and could not be bought or compromised. Daniel's body was old, but his mind and his attitudes were still in the springtime of his life. He was faithful in the discharge of his duties and he gave a full days' work for a full days' wage. He did

what was to be done, when it was to be done, the way it was supposed to be done. He was the best employee Darius had. That is, until Daniel's jealous colleagues convinced Darius to pass a decree that went against everything Daniel stood for.

Daniel's response to this unjust law wasn't so much an act of defiance as it was an act of discipline. (SLIDE) For Daniel, prayer was a holy habit. It was as natural for Daniel to pray three times a day as it was to eat three times a day. It would have been so convenient to compromise. Daniel could have said, "Well, I'll just pray in secret." He could have said, "I'll just pray silently." He could have said, "I must obey the ones in authority over me." He could have said, "I haven't missed praying for almost ninety years; thirty days is not going to hurt." But Daniel had decided he would rather die for a conviction, than to live by a compromise. Thank God Daniel was a politician who not only believed character was important, but that convictions are more important than being popular or winning elections. If only today's politicians actually believed in something other than their hatred for the other side of the aisle.

It takes courage to walk into the lions' den. (SLIDE) Daniel had a quiet courage. Evidently he never said a word. He didn't say anything to the king because he didn't have to; he had been talking to the King of Kings. Someone once defined courage as fear that has said its prayers. Remember, Daniel's only crime was praying... Maybe Daniel remembered the Proverb: "Do not be afraid of

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sudden terror, nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; for the Lord will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught." I can't say what Daniel was thinking, but one thing I know, he didn't go limping into that lion's lair with fear; he went leaping into that lion's lair with faith. (SLIDE) I know this is obvious to most of you, but it bears saying anyway. God didn't save Daniel *from* the lions' den, He saved him *in* the lions' den. Don't think it's strange if you are thrown into the lions' den. In fact, these days you might think it's strange if you are not. I read a story this week about Martin Niemoller, who was a great German pastor during World War II. (SLIDE) You might have heard his famous 1946 poem, "First they came ...". The poem exists in many versions; the one featured on the United States Holocaust Memorial reads: "First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out – because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out – because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out – because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me – and there was no one left to speak for me." Pastor Niemoller stood up to the Nazis and stood up for the Jewish people. Finally, Hitler threw him into prison. As he was sitting in his jail cell, the prison chaplain came to visit him, and sat down and said, "Brother, why are you in this jail cell?" To which Martin Niemoller replied, "Brother, why are you not in this jail cell?"

We don't need to be looking for lions' dens, but we don't need to be running from them either. I don't know who wrote these words that I am about to read, but they certainly could have been written by Daniel himself: “I am part of the Fellowship of the Unashamed. (SLIDE) I have the Holy Spirit's power. The die has been cast; I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won't look up, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight-walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tame visions, mundane talking, chintzy giving, and tiny goals. I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, positive feedback or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by faith and love by God's grace. I'm lifted by prayer, and labor by power of the Holy Spirit. My pace is set, my gate is fast, my goal is the Kingdom of God, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back, diluted, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity. I won't give up, back up, let up, or shut up, until I've preached up, prayed up, stored up, and stayed up for the cause of Christ. (SLIDE) I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must carry on

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until Jesus returns, give until I drop, preach until all know the name above all names, and work until He comes.”

May we all have the same level of conviction and integrity as Daniel. May you face the lions’ dens in your life with courage, knowing Jesus Christ has already prepared your safe space in the Kingdom of God where the lion of Judah will be your sure defense. May these little lions never cause you to stumble or falter, but only serve to increase your faith in the God who shuts the mouths of lions. 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.

➤ *Or, He descended to the dead.*

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: Trusting in God’s power and mercy, we pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

L: King Darius was led by his own ego to endanger his dear friend, Daniel. Help

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us to see where our own instinct for self-preservation causes harm to our neighbors, and turn us back toward trust in your care for us, that we might make wise decisions for the good of others. God of mystery,

C: We lift our prayers to you.

L: Our instinct for security and our desire for ease and comfort causes us to make decisions that ultimately harm the natural world. Turn us back toward trust in your care for us, that we might work for the restoration and protection of creation. God of mystery,

C: We lift our prayers to you.

L: Our instinct for power and material possessions cause us to elect leaders at every level who will protect our own selfish interests at the expense of others. Turn us and all of our officials back toward humility, that we might strive for peace and justice in the world. God of mystery,

C: We lift our prayers to you.

L: Our instinct for longevity causes us to live in fear of suffering and death. Relieve us of our fears and comfort all those who struggle in the here and now with physical, emotional, or spiritual illness, (*especially...*) God of mystery,

C: We lift our prayers to you.

L: Our instinct for attention and validation causes us to engage in gossip, one-upmanship, dishonesty, and other attempts to make ourselves feel like we are better than others. Turn us back toward trust in your unconditional love of us, that we might be comfortable in our own skin and genuinely happy for the success of others. God of mystery,

C: We lift our prayers to you.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We have been preceded in life by so many who have come to terms with their own imperfections and committed themselves to spiritual growth. Inspire us by their example to walk with you in the way of transformation. God of mystery,

C: We lift our prayers to you.

P: Confident in your life-giving love, we lift these prayers and all those in our hearts into your loving care.

C: Amen.

MEAL

• 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 where you'll find a button labeled "Give to Trinity." You can make your offering to God through our secure website.

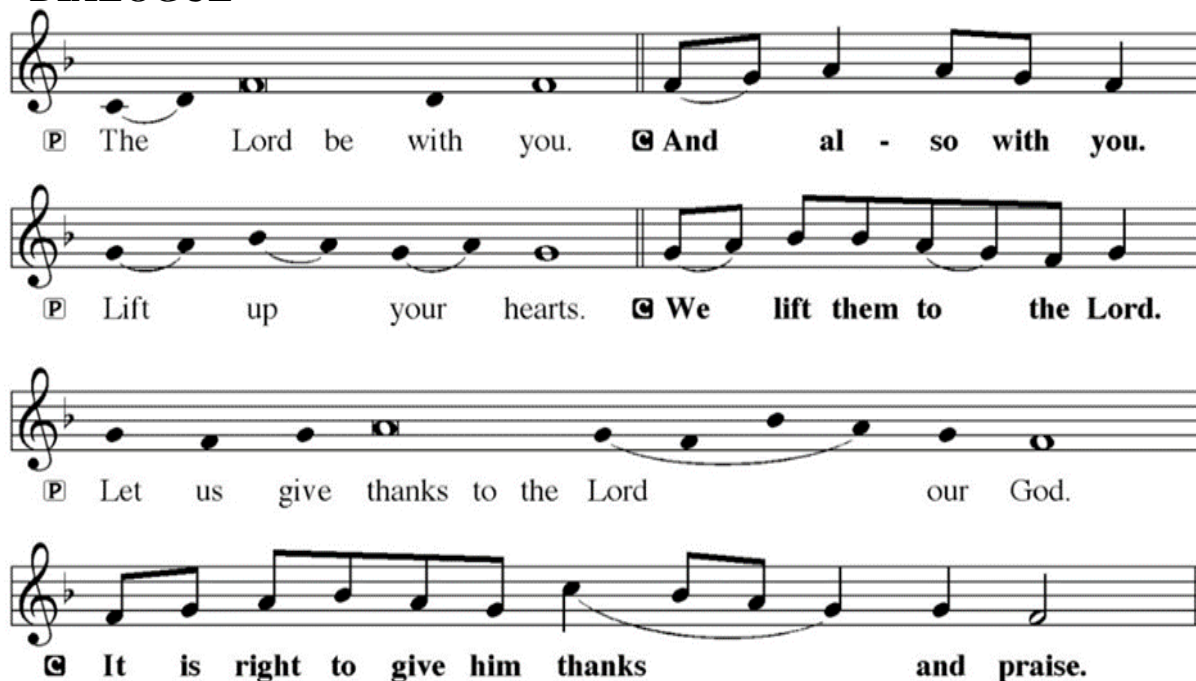
* OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the offerings we receive this day ...Abundant God, you fill us with rich food, shower us with material possessions, and enrich our lives with love. We know we can never repay that which you have given us. Accept these, our humble gifts and tithes, in gratitude for your generosity, and bless them for use in your work in the world.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

* DIALOGUE



The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the text: "P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you." The second staff contains: "P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains: "P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff contains: "C It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests, with some notes beamed together. The text is in a serif font, with "P" and "C" indicating the priest and choir respectively.

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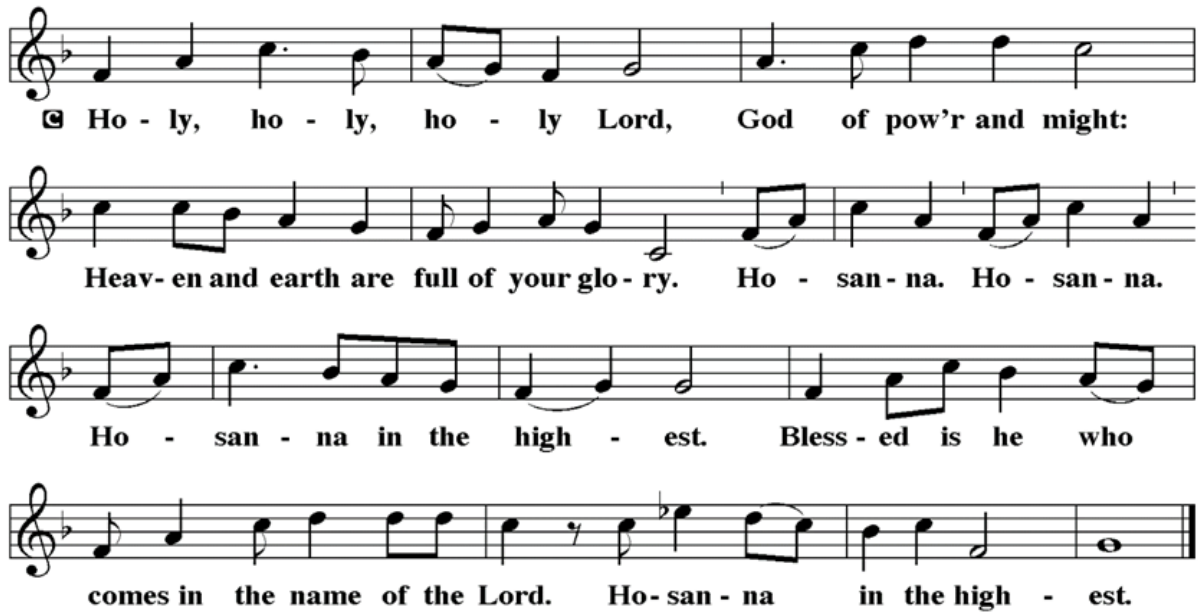
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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.

* **EUCCHARISTIC 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 Jesus Christ Our Lord, 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: No matter where you are in your faith journey, no matter how confident in God’s love and mercy, no matter if you’re willing to be sent to the den of lions for your faith, Jesus invites you here and now into his holy presence, and nourishes you with his own body and blood. None are worthy, but all are welcome. Come and be fed.

• COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is by “Station”. Please come down the center aisle and return to your seats by the side aisles. 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.

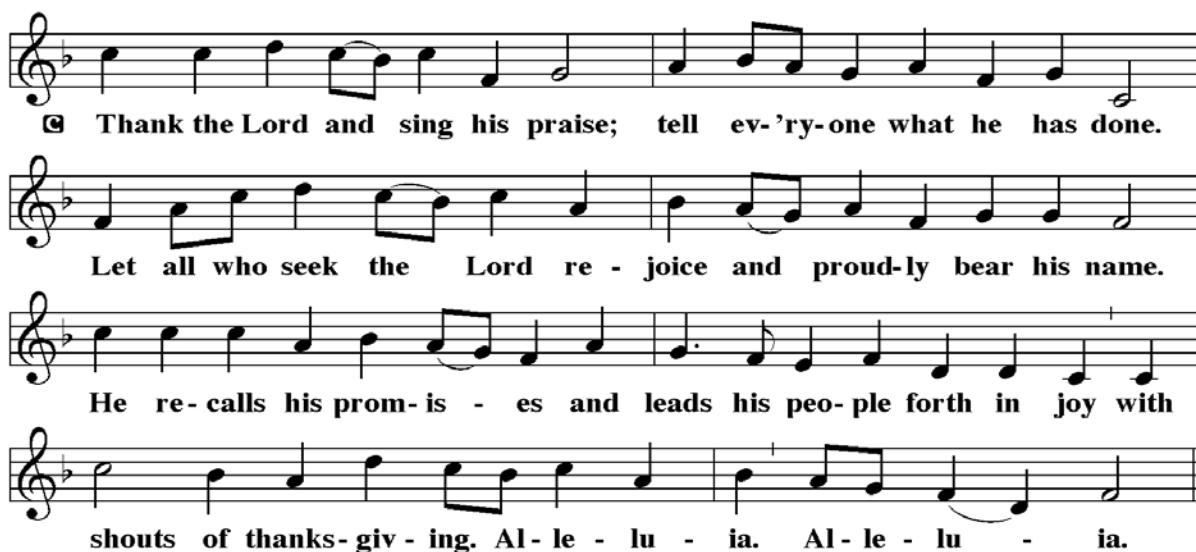
The communicant may say: Amen.

• POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The blessing is said to all after the distribution by station. It is said after each table is fed at the railing.

P: May this body and blood of our Lord and 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... Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen

SENDING

• ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** SENDING BLESSING**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

* **SENDING HYMN**

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

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1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

* **DISMISSAL**

P: Thank you all for joining us to worship our great and gracious God! Thanks also to our Facebook and other social media viewers for joining us as well. We're glad you're with us today. 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**

Pam Sherman

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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



Scripture readings for next Sunday, August 25th
Daniel 7:1-18

Health Tips for the Week

BODY: Start a regular exercise program.

MIND: Accept others' perspectives.

SPIRIT: Let insults pass through you,
cherish the compliments.

RALLY DAY NEXT SUNDAY! During worship we will have Blessing of the Backpacks and the new school year; Bible gifting to students; Carry-in/Potluck Lunch after worship (Hot dogs will be provided) AND.... **Sundaes on Sunday!**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Tuesday, August 20th.



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.

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This Week @ Trinity – August 18 thru August 25, 2024:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun, Aug. 18	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice & Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service
Tues, Aug. 20	Newsletter Deadline	
Thurs, Aug. 22	Lutheran Day at the Fair	
Fri, Aug. 23	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry
Sun, Aug. 25	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice & Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	Rally Day – Sundaes on Sunday - Carry-In/Potluck Lunch	

Save The Date!

September 18, 2024	GRCC Soup Kitchen
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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.

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