

WELCOME!



A Journey Without An Itinerary

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 20, 2026**

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

- Prelude by Roxanne Groff**
- 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...*

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

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

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: 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**
“Take My Life, That I May Be”
LBW 406



*** “Take My Life, That I May Be” LBW 406**

**1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

*** “Take My Life, That I May Be” LBW 406**

**3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.**

*** “Take My Life, That I May Be” LBW 406**

**5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.**

**Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.**

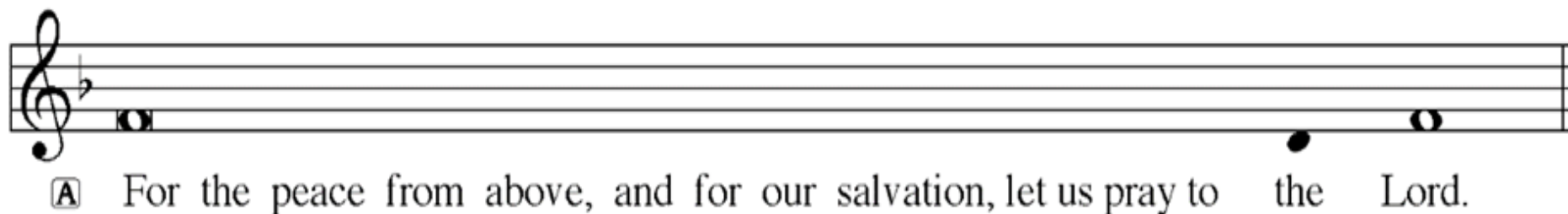
**6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

*** APOSTOLIC GREETING**

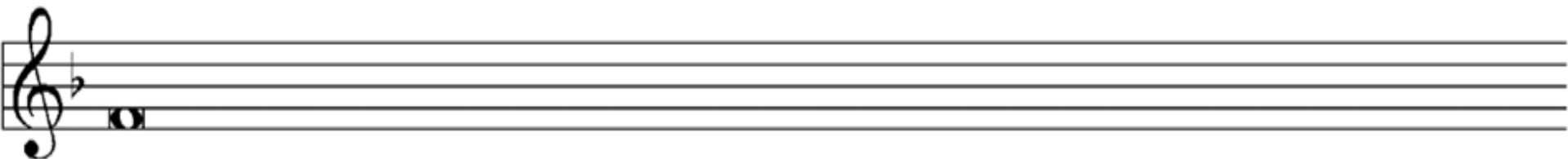
**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

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,

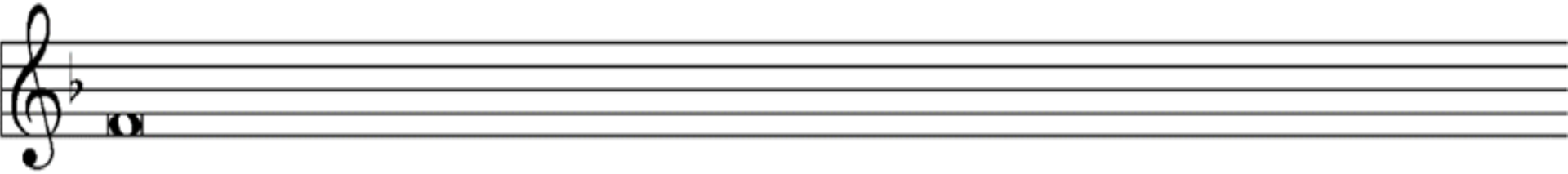


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

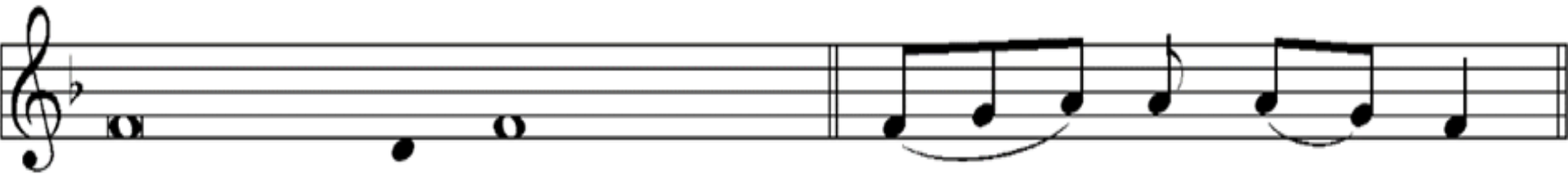


C Lord, have mer - cy.

* 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... God of blessing, as you called Abram and Sarai into relationship with you, and charged them with being a blessing to all of creation, remind us today and every day of all the ways in which your blessings upon us make it possible for us to bless others. May we shine as beacons of your loving grace in all we do and say. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen



• **Scripture Reading**

**R: Our scripture reading is from the
Book of Genesis, Chapter 12.**

C: Glory to you O' Lord!

*** Genesis 12:1-9**

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the

*** Genesis 12:1-9**

earth shall be blessed.”

4So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

5Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and

*** Genesis 12:1-9**

they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan,

6Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the

*** Genesis 12:1-9**

Lord, who had appeared to him.

8From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. 9And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

- **Genesis 12:1-9**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon



Go From Here as a Blessing

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Blessed to Be a Blessing

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Journeyed by Stages

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A New Stage

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Food for the Next Stage

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Go From Here as a Blessing

*** 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**

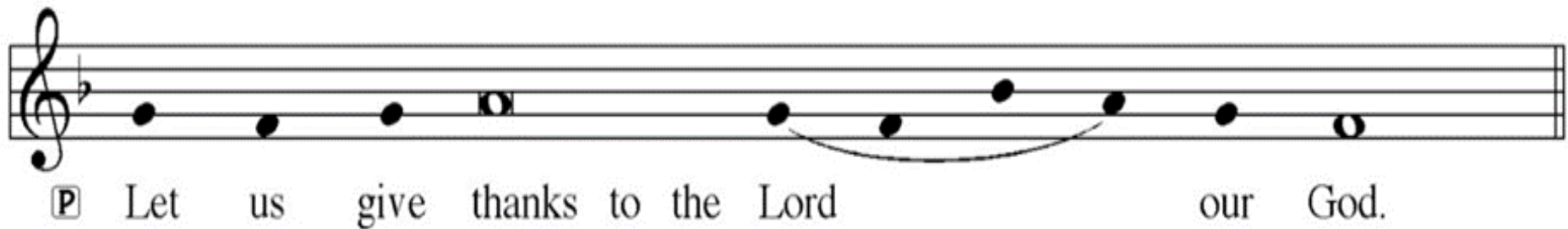


* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Communion is “Continuous, by Station”.

*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: The one who called Abram and Sarai to follow into the unknown also calls you to this table where Christ is made known in the breaking of the bread. Come. Join your siblings at the feast of life.

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All may commune “Continuously, by Station”. 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

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



* SENDING BLESSING



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* **FAREWELL AND GODSPEED**

P: Simon and Tina Wolfe , as you leave our *congregation*, we wish to bid you farewell.

A reading from Exodus:* The LORD said, “I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.” *(Exodus 23:20)

* **FAREWELL AND GODSPEED**

P: In holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you *members* of his church. When you came to this congregation we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

*** FAREWELL AND GODSPEED**

P: We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts in _your new congregation in West Virginia , united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

* **FAREWELL AND GODSPEED**

P: Let us pray... Eternal God, we thank you for _Simon and Tina Wolfe and for the time we have shared with *them*. As *they have* been a blessing to us, so now send *them* forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*** SENDING BLESSING**

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

*** SENDING SONG**
“Here I Am, Lord”
ELW 574



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*** “Here I Am, Lord” ELW 574**

**1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people’s cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

* **“Here I Am, Lord” ELW 574**

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

**I have heard you
calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.**

**I will hold your
people in my heart.**

*** “Here I Am, Lord” ELW 574**

**2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
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**3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
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*** DISMISSAL**

P: Depart in Christ's Love.

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

POSTLUDE

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