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Exodus 1:8-14 [15-2:10]; 3:1-15
October 1, 2023



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GATHERING

- **Prelude** **Pam Sherman**
- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**
- **Welcome** **Pr Mel Musser**

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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: God of all that is,

C: We have failed to trust you to care for us. We have tried to be our own god in our lives and the lives of others. We have not listened to your call, nor lived in faithfulness to you. We have caused harm directly and indirectly to ourselves, our neighbors, and your creation. In your infinite grace and mercy, forgive and restore us, so that with your help, we might become the people you created us to be.

P: Hear the good news: By the power of the Holy Spirit we are made new creations in Christ Jesus, and through his selfless sacrifice, God forgives us all our sin. Walk with God in this newness of life.

C: Amen.

* **GATHERING SONG** **“All Are Welcome”**
(Vs. 2, 3, & 4 only)

ELW 641

2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
Refrain
claim the faith of Je - sus: All are wel - come,
Christ the feast that frees us:
end to fear and dan - ger:
all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

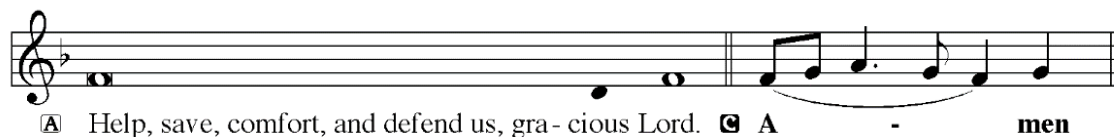
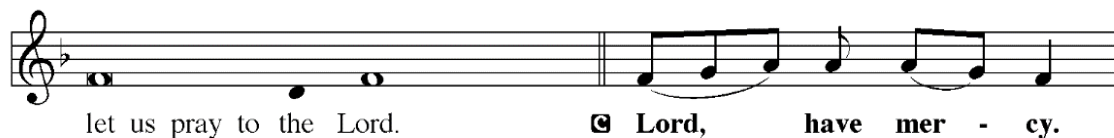
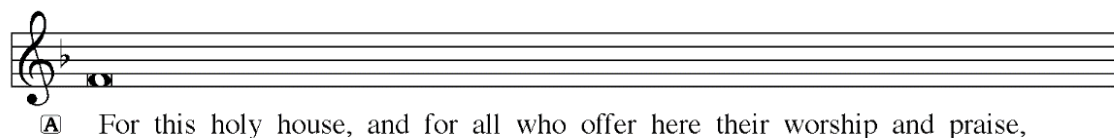
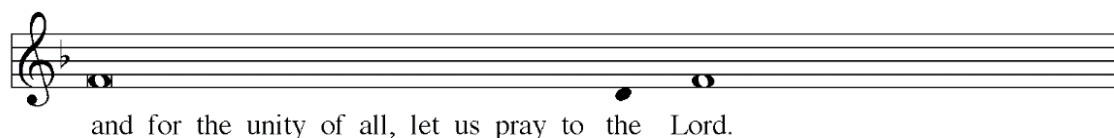
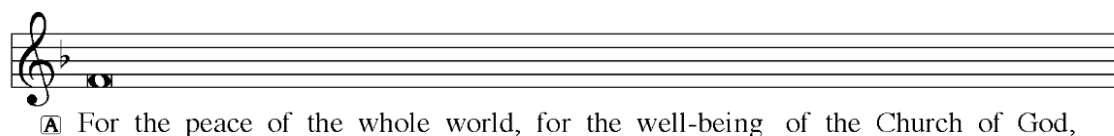
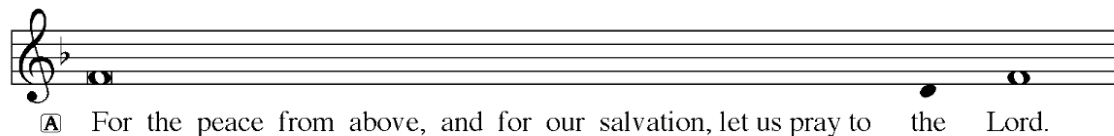
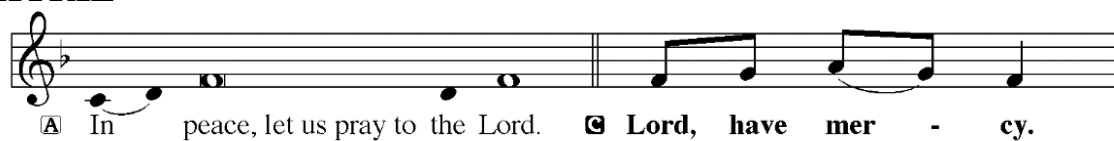
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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* **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... God of mercy, like Moses, you call us into your work of liberation. Equip us for this work and remind us that we are not alone in it. In Jesus name we pray.

C: Amen.

WORD

• CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



Theme: Sacred Ground

Materials: A Pair of dirty Shoes

Scripture: Exodus 1:8-14 [15-2:10]; 3:1-15

Hello girls and boys! I hope you all had a great week. I brought my old dog walking shoes to help me talk about holy or special places. Let's start with a question... Do you have to take your shoes off when you go into your house? How about at Grandma's and Grandpa's house? Do you know why we take off our shoes? Yes it helps to keep the floors and carpets clean, but there's also another reason. We do it to show respect for all the work your parents and grandparents put in to provide you with a clean home. We do it as one way to follow the commandment to honor our mother and our father.

Did you know that when a man named Moses was on a mountain pasture where Moses was taking care of his father-in-law's sheep he saw a burning bush out of the corner of his eye. When he turned to look at the sight, God suddenly spoke to Moses and told him to take off his sandals because the ground he was standing on was Holy. Do you know what Holy means? It's a very special place because it's every place where God is. Holy means something that is set apart for God. So, the ground where Moses was standing was special because God was there.

Can you think of things or places we call Holy because we can meet God or because it's set apart for God? The cup and plate we use for Communion are considered Holy. We only use them for Holy Communion and we believe Jesus is really present in, under, over, and all around the wine and the bread. So, Jesus is there... In fact this entire building and the parking lot around us is also Holy because this place is also set apart for God. I mean we don't have birthday parties in here, unless it's for the baby Jesus... My point here is that we have set this place apart for God. Now if it's set apart for God how should we act in a place like that? Should we run around and shout or should we listen for God to speak in and through other people like your Sunday School Teacher, of in the songs we sing, and even in the words of an old pastor. As for these old dog walking shoes, they're so dirty, I guess I'll have to start taking these off outside...

Let's pray... Dear God, thank you for setting apart all the places and things for you and for your glory. Help us to see you in all things that are Holy. Bless us and this Holy place with your presence and with your love. Amen.

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• **SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 1:8-2:10; 3:1-15**

P: Our scripture reading for this day is from Exodus, Chapters 1, 2 and 3.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity

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on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” ⁸Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. ⁹Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵ Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” ¹³ But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”

¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

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¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

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

• **SERMON**

Pr Mel Musser

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from our Rock and our redeemer, Jesus Christ, amen.

This is such an epic story with so many divergent themes, it was extremely difficult to narrow down what God wanted me to talk about this morning. Just a few of the possibilities are the evils of slavery, the courage of those midwives, or the providence of God’s loving protection over Moses. I even considered basing this sermon on the ironic humor of God who placed his future servant, Moses into the house of Pharaoh. Then there’s the obvious choice of the call of Moses from the burning bush. Any of those could have been a great topic for today, but the theme that actually reached out and grabbed me was the string that runs throughout all of scripture, not just these three chapters of Exodus. The theme that connects every book of the Bible and all the years between people and times of the Old Testament and us today is trust. Remember to think of trust, faith, and belief all as the same thing. Here’s how they are present and help shape the story. Picture the scene, the children of Israel have become so numerous in Egypt they have become

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a threat to the king. All this just 350 years after Joseph, all of his brothers, and their entire generation have gone to sleep with their fathers. They had been the special invited guests of the king of Egypt and had really prospered over all those years. That was then, this was now... They were so large a voting block they endangered the ruling class and became a threat to the oppressive rulers. So, the King orders the Israelites to submit to extremely harsh working and living conditions. They could have lost the faith Joseph had in God and wallowed in self-pity, but they cried out to God instead. They might have been angry with God for allowing such a situation, or they might have been even more angry with their task masters and with Pharaoh himself, so they cried out to God for liberation. I don't know what they prayed for, but I do know God almighty, sitting on His throne in heaven heard the cries of their affliction. They might not have even known they were praying when they literally cried out from the lash of the whip. All they knew was they were hurting and needed their God to intervene. They cried and God heard. God felt their pain... They cried and God acted... This is the only God you can count on to be faithful because this God is the only God that is ALIVE! There's an old Jewish proverb that goes like this, (SLIDE) "What the Lord does is certainly best... .. probably." Did you notice the confidence in the

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first part of that sentence? What the Lord does is certainly best... If we could only stop there. At that point we would have perfect or near perfect faith. We would be able to say to that mountain, “Be moved to the sea!” And it would be so...

Sadly, we can never seem to stop there... We add that conditional, statistical, weasel word, “Probably...” I mean when have any of us been really satisfied with the blessings God has given us? We all want a little more. The Children of Israel had that same trouble. God had heard their prayers and has determined to deliver them from their bondage and free them to Worship God on His Holy Mountain. (SLIDE) Wait, wow, we have a God who is alive?!?! We have a God who can hear us when we pray?!?! We have a God who created everything and has promised to make many nations come from us... We have a God who is almighty and can do all of that, but all he gave us was this, this man, called Moses... Hey, God, he stutters... and he killed a man, an Egyptian! Sure, he led us out of Egypt, but where’s his Big Picture game plan. Now he’s going to starve us out here in the wilderness? Oops, they lost their faith and instead of thanking God for the gift of freedom, they failed to recognize that what God does is certainly best and instead they chose to live in the world of “Probably.” There were some really great examples of faithful people who at least in some certain

circumstances have been able to demonstrate the level of trust and faith in God to deliver on His promises. These heroes stay in the world of “What the Lord Does is Certainly Best,” and never slip into the world of “Probably.” Some people have seemingly unflappable faith in God for everything to turn out for the best no matter what today brings. Eternal optimists... (SLIDE) In this epic story we heard today I think of not just the faith, but also of the courage of those midwives. Given a direct order from the king himself to slaughter the male babies, they defied the king. Instead of finding their heads going one way and the rest of them going in the opposite direction, the Bible says God rewarded them and their families grew. Standing up to powerful people is not an easy thing to do. Martin Luther did it by nailing his 95 debating points to the door of the Wittenberg Church on October 31st, 1517. He was excommunicated for his trouble... (SLIDE) As an inspector on the Air Force Materiel Command’s Office of the Inspector General, I had to stand my ground when a unit was not following the regulations or accomplishing their portion of the mission according to Air Force procedures. On the other hand, if a unit finds a quicker more efficient process that accomplishes the same outcome, then that individual or entire unit might be rewarded as “Best Seen To Date.” Today, I’m giving the Best Seen to Date award to those Midwives who

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showed their faith by trusting God to protect them. I'd give a failing grade to Pharaoh for complete failure of even believing in God and for a complete lack of justice and compassion for his people.

In our reading for today, not only is God working to save this baby Moses, but God does it with irony thicker than a Dairy Queen Blizzard (SLIDE). I mean only God could arrange it, so Moses is rescued by none other than Pharaoh's daughter, who then needs someone, who had recently given birth, to nurse the baby. Of course, the midwife picks Moses's actual birth mother to raise and nurse him. Then he goes to live with Pharaoh, in his house, under his roof, and learning all ways of Egyptian culture and the inner workings of both religious and governmental structures. I'm certain he was also told the miraculous series of events that led to him becoming a prince of Egypt. I mean even his name tells his story. In Hebrew Moses means "Drawn from the Water." Our epic reading for this morning left out the part where Moses moved from the world of What God Does is Certainly Best, to the world of Probably. When he became aware of the maltreatment of his people and was a firsthand witness to a Hebrew slave being severely beaten, Moses stepped in. He lost his trust in God and decided, right then and there, he was going to take matters into his own hands. That's how he ended

up in Horeb (**SLIDE**) tending the flock of his Father-in-Law, Jethro. He ran away from his world and his troubles. The thing is, you can never run fast enough or far enough to be where God can't find you. Moses was 80 years young when he turned to look at that burning bush.

I hope you can see from these few examples how the people of Israel and their leader, Moses both lived in the “What God does is Certainly Best,” mind set until their trust failed and they slipped into the shaky land of “Probably...” Remember our ancient Jewish proverb, “What the Lord does is certainly best, probably...” In your life, can you identify times when you trusted God with all you had in you? How about those times when you thought you were trusting God, but somehow your strong faith slipped and the doubting, the weaseling, the “Probably” sneaks into your thoughts. Pretty soon you're taking things into your own hands and messing up God's plan that most certainly is true and best. I know I've had more times like that than I can count! I worry way too much about the future. I worry about me and PJ. I worry about the state of our world. The faith I do have is so small, but the promise of God is so huge and so true, and so certain... Probably...

May the Lord bless you with the faith to move mountains and the wisdom to know where to put them... May your trust in the promises of God never waiver, but when it does, thanks be to God for the gift of Jesus Christ who saves us from those times when the uncertainty of “Probably” takes over our hearts and minds. When that happens, we pray the Lord will love us back into his family as the father welcomes the prodigal son... Thanks and praise be to God now and forever for his faithfulness and for hearing his people when we cry out in our times of suffering and in our times of faithful courage, amen.

Silence may be kept for meditation...

*** APOSTLE’S 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.

• QUILT TYING AND PRESENTION FOR CARLA HESLER

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: With gratitude for our whole selves, created in your image and made new in Christ, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

L: God of action, as with Moses, you call the least likely and give them everything they need to carry out your will of love and justice in the world. Help us to hear and answer your call despite our fears and doubts, and fill us with trust in your promise to walk with us through every challenge. Eternal God,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: You covered the earth in vegetation, from the simple mosses to the giant sequoias, along with every plant we cultivate for food. Make us careful stewards of soil, water, and all that every green thing needs to survive and thrive, for the benefit of all creation. Eternal God,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Call into leadership those who are committed to doing your work of justice and liberation in the world. Equip and strengthen them to persist in the face of opposition, for the good of your beloved children. Eternal God,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Call, equip, and guide medical professionals in every specialty, so that they might carry out your healing work every day. Bring health and wholeness to all who experience ailments of body, mind, or spirit, (*especially...*) Eternal God,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: In nations overflowing with wealth, children still go to bed hungry every day. Strengthen all who strive to change the inequities embedded in our economic and social systems, that all might have life and have it abundantly. Eternal God,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We are filled with gratitude for the saints who proclaimed to us the name of God, who showed us how to answer God's call, and who equipped us for the journey of faith. Make us to shout your name in love, as they did, until we stand together in your presence once again. Eternal God,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

P: We place in your loving arms these, our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your boundless mercy, though Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

* OFFERING

While the congregation is still standing say:

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

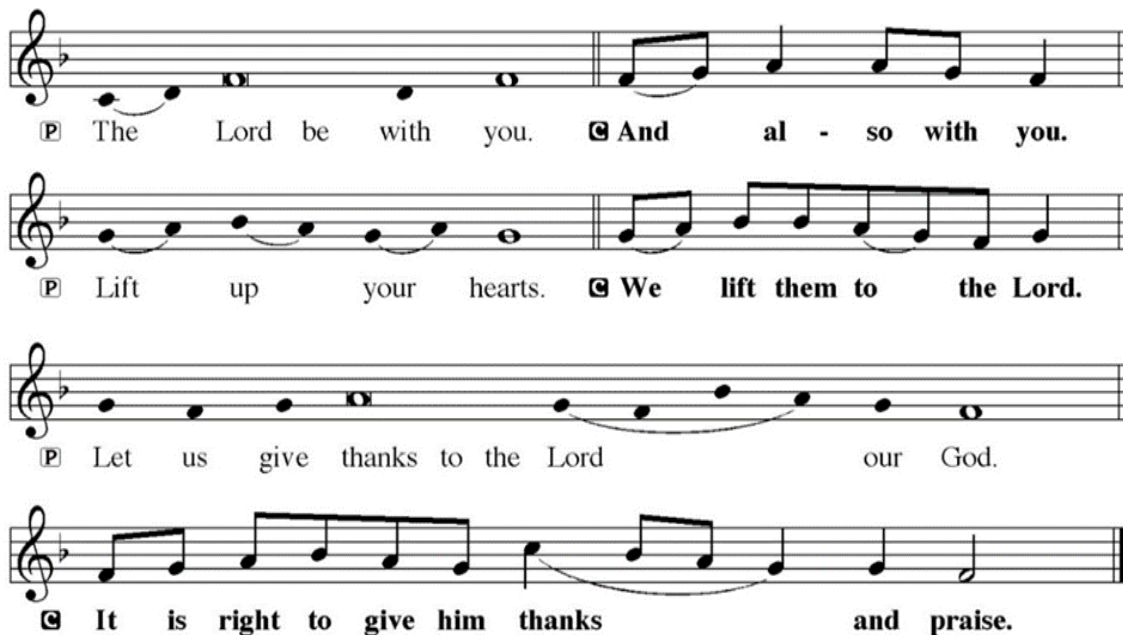
* OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: So, let's pray for the offerings we receive this day.... I AM, you make yourself known to us in so many ways, not least of which in the provision of all that we need to survive and thrive. In awe of your generosity, we give back out of what we have been given, for the sake of your liberating work in the world.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

* DIALOGUE



The musical notation consists of 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 has a repeat sign at the end. The second staff has a repeat sign at the end. The third staff has a repeat sign at the end. The fourth staff has a repeat sign at the end.

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

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

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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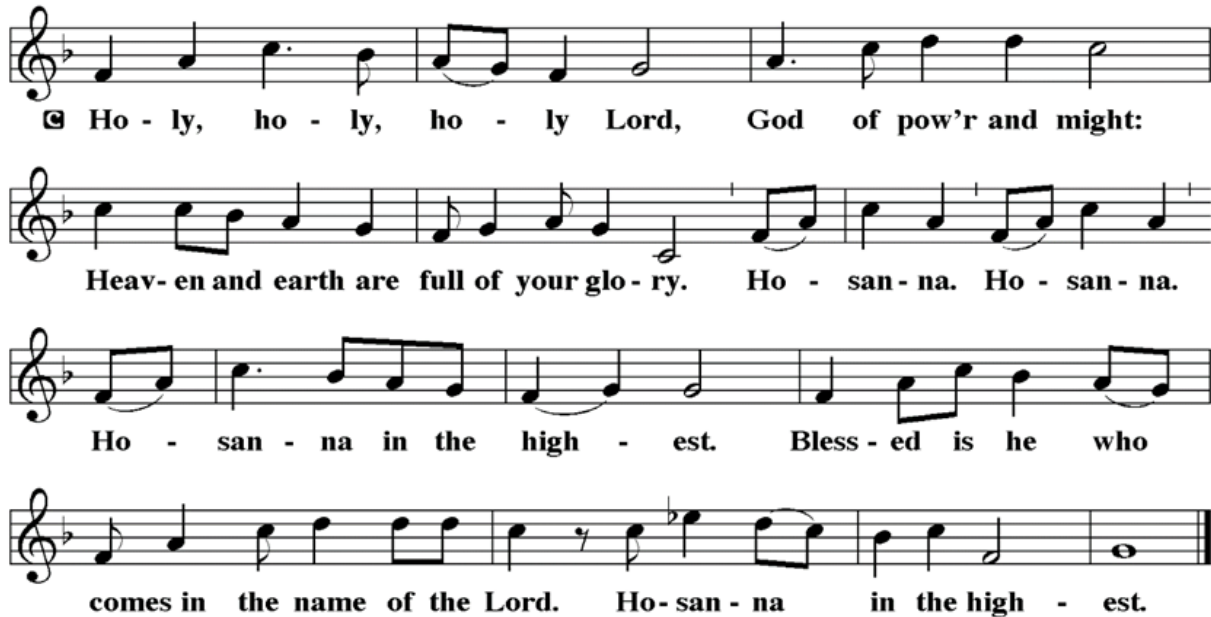
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*** THE PREFACE**

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.

*** 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: We are united together by this heavenly food, which is the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. So, let us 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: God who liberated God’s people from Egypt, also liberated all creation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Come share now in this holy feast, in remembrance of Jesus’ saving grace. All is prepared.

• COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is by “At the Rail”. 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 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... Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen

SENDING

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* **SENDING BLESSING**

P: The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

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



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: 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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Scripture readings for next Sunday, October 8th
Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9

Trinity Worship Assistants and Staff

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| Ministers | All the People of Trinity |
| Organist | Roxanne Groff |
| Lector | Linda Baker |
| Parrish Nurse | PJ Musser |
| Custodian | Mark Groff |
| Secretary | Sharon Fourman |
| Facebook Live Recorder | PJ Musser |
| Altar Flowers | Given to the Glory of God by Brad & Miranda Harleman in celebration of the birthdays of Morgan Custer and Miranda Harleman. |

Health Tips for the Week

MIND: Take a computer class.

BODY: Take a walk with a friend.

SPIRIT: Support the local Christian bookstore.



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

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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.

This Week @ Trinity – October 1 thru October 8, 2023

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
|----------------------|----------|--|
| Sun, Oct. 1 | 9:30 am | Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts) |
| | 10:30 am | Worship Service w/Communion |
| Tues, Oct. 3 | 10:00 am | Prayers & Squares Quilting |
| Thurs, Oct. 5 | 10:00 am | Youth & Family Ministry Meeting |
| Fri, Oct. 6 | 3:30 pm | FISH Choice Food Pantry |
| Sun, Oct. 8 | 9:00 am | Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts) w/Guest Speaker, Eric Hanes – Church Safety & Security |
| | 10:30 am | Worship Service |

SAVE THE DATE!

- **October 22 - Trinity Fall Festival – 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm**
- **October 29 – Reformation/Confirmation Sunday**
 - Reception following Service
- **November 5 – All Saints Sunday**
 - Annual Congregational Meeting**
- **November 5 – Trinity Annual Christmas Auction**
 - Starts at 3:00 pm @ Bev & Eldon Erdmann's Home
- **November 12 – Women's Thankoffering Sunday**
- **December 3 – First Sunday of Advent**



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