

Trinity Lutheran Church

"You open your hand, and...

...all are filled with good things."

**August 31, 2025
12th Pentecost**

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: *Gather Us In* (ELW 532)

 = 175



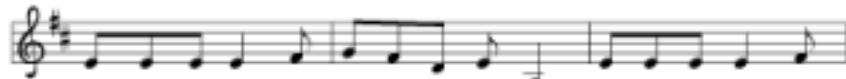
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race,
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins to the Lord who is our helper.

We pray together.

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you,
yet we do not live lives of gratitude.

We ignore strangers

and turn away from those in need.

We seek honor for ourselves

and allow pride to take root in us.

Forgive our foolish ways, O God,

and restore us to you,

that we may walk in the way of love. Amen.

Beloved, your sins are forgiven,


for God promises to never leave us.

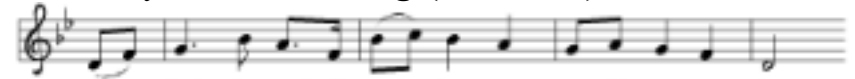
Therefore, be at peace and stand secure in the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONFESSIONAL HYMN:

O God beyond All Praising (ELW 880)

 = 105



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at the ev-'ry gift you send,
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown—
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Faithful God,

in Jesus you show us a way of humility

and hospitality

with power to transform our world.

Give us the grace to love those things that please you

and the courage to live them to your glory. Amen.

FIRST READING: Sirach 10:12-18a

¹² The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

¹³ For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.

Therefore the Lord brought upon them unheard-of calamities
and destroyed them completely.

¹⁴ The Lord overthrew the thrones of rulers
and enthroned the lowly in their place.

¹⁵ The Lord plucked up the roots of the nations
and planted the humble in their place.

¹⁶ The Lord laid waste the lands of the nations
and destroyed them to the foundations of the earth.

¹⁷ He removed some of them and destroyed them
and erased the memory of them from the earth.

¹⁸ Pride was not created for human beings.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast
forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth
and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”


The gospel of the Lord.

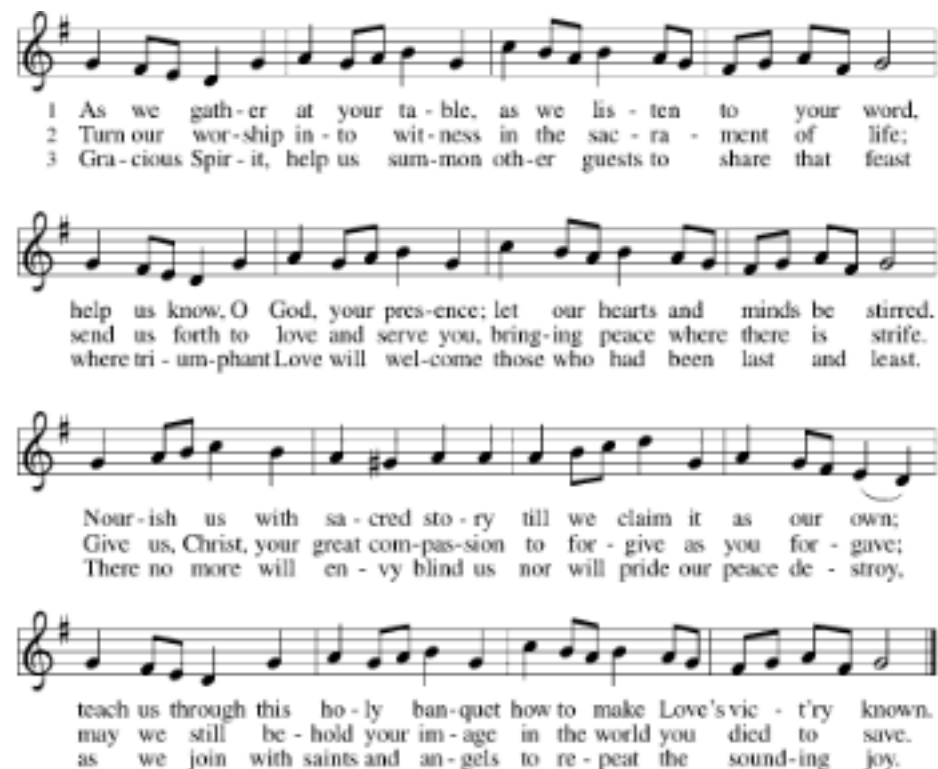
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

As We Gather at Your Table (ELW 522)

 = 115



APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Loving God,
you call us to turn to you in prayer for the sake of the world.

We pray for the mission of your church:
may it continue in mutual love to the glory of your name.

We pray for a world in need of your counsel:
guide the nations into paths of justice and peace.

We pray for all who suffer:
may they know the healing power of your presence.

We pray for your creation as it longs for its redemption:
teach us to walk as faithful stewards.

We pray for the dying and those who have died:
may they rest in your eternal glory.

Confident in God's presence and promise,
we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them;
through Jesus Christ,
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: *God Extends an Invitation* (ELW 486)

God ex-tends an in - vi - ta-tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don-de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni-mos, y lo nues-tro com-par - ti-mos, pues a -
gath-er in thanks-giv-ing and we of - fer all our liv-ing. Here the



sí-es la co - mu - ni-on; pues a - sí-es la co - mu - ni-on.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER


LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.


**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.**


LAMB OF GOD



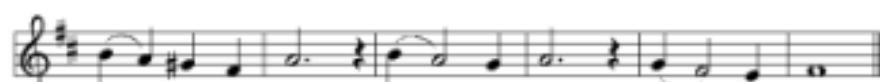
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.
White grape juice is available and all altar bread is gluten-free.
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Now We Join in Celebration (ELW 462)
In the Singing (ELW 466)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.
O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

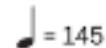
BLESSING

God graces us with abundance and inspires us to be generous.
So let us go into the world,
confident in the Lord's provision,
seeking those who are the stranger
and providing for those who cannot repay.

And may the God of mystery take you to unexpected places,
may the God of humility teach you to serve without pride,
may the God of wisdom inspire your work in the kingdom;
And may God bless your going out and coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace (ELW 716)

 = 145



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy

peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I

see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!



Trinity invites “the poor...[those who] cannot repay” (Luke 14:13-14), to God’s banquet every week in our Campus Cabinet Food Pantry. This last Sunday of the month--Campus Cabinet Sunday--let us give generously!

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Aug 31, 2025

Reader: Lisa Guarnieri
Assistant: Stuart Guarnieri
Fellowship: Trinity Council

NEXT SUNDAY — Sep 7, 2025

Reader: Bernadine Lewis
Assistant: Eric Amegashie
Fellowship: Trinity Council

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Aug 31:	9:00am	Worship Service
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm



Tue, Sep 2:	5:30pm	TheologyPUB @ Coal Creek Downtown
Sun, Sep 7:	9:00am 10:15am	Baptismal Worship Celebrate Junior in Rohr Hall!
Mon, Sep 8:	9:00am	Becoming in Gruver Rm
Tue, Sep 9:	6:00pm	Church Council in Gruver Rm
Sun, Sep 14:	9:30am	Outdoor Worship w/ the Band @ Washington Park

BABY BAPTISM



SEPTEMBER 7,
2025
9:00 AM

TRINITY
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You Are Invited to
Celebrate the
Baptism of James
Apronti Jr.

Could you host an out-of-town
guest in your home?

Contact James:
japronti@gmail.com
917-603-7046

Washington Park Worship!

- Sunday September 14th at **9:30am**
- Council providing meat, drinks, serving ware
- Bring a **chair** and a **side dish or dessert**

NEEDED

- someone to haul **three large Rohr folding tables**
- someone to haul **eight folding chairs**
- someone to haul **the smaller Rohr folding table**
- extra help to load at the church at 8am
- extra help to load after the event

Sign up in the
Gruver Room



FALL STUDENT RETREAT

October 17-19
Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp



Sabbath & The Spirituality of Rest
Take a break to get away & hang out
with new and old friends in a beautiful
mountain setting

FREE FOR STUDENTS

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2025 as of July 31
Income - \$117,741.47
Expenses - \$131,379.69



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