



# Holy Trinity

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### N A R B E R T H

*Growing in Faith - Making a Difference - Open to All*

**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 26th, 2021 - 10:15 am**

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*Welcome to Holy Trinity! We're thankful that you decided to join us in worship today. Every week is a little different here, and we hope that you'll encounter God's love and grace for you. At Holy Trinity we believe that the Gospel is God's gift to each and every person, shared unconditionally regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, or sexual orientation. In baptism, God has joined us together as one body who shares Christ's mission to love and serve the world. Through Christ we find a unity that transcends any other differences, and we welcome all people into Christ's church as fellow recipients of God's grace and workers in God's world.*

## **+ GATHERING +**

### **Welcome**

### **Confession & Forgiveness**

**L:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is certain,  
and whose love is endless.

**C:** **Amen.**

**L:** Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

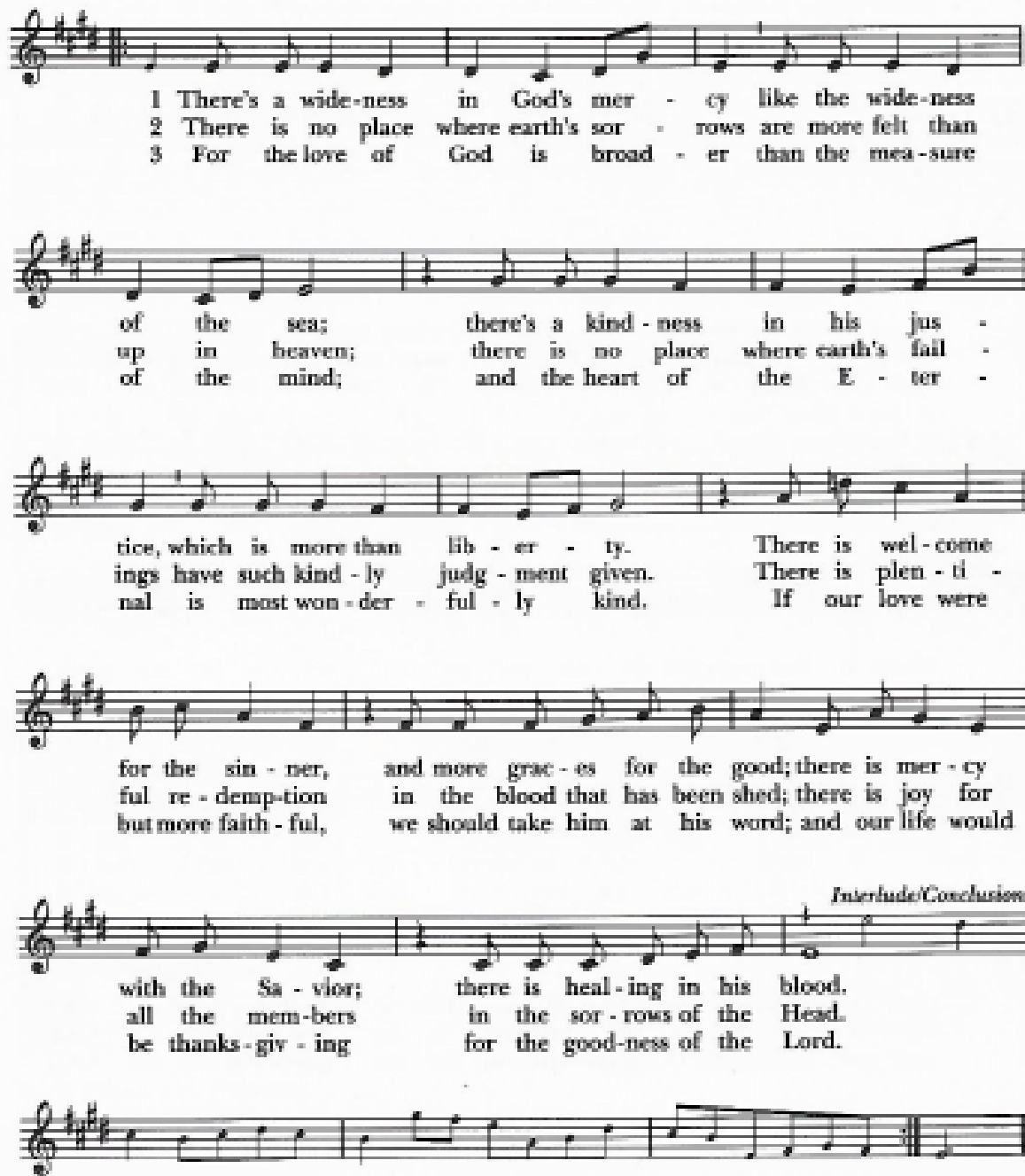
God our comforter:

**C:** **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**  
**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**  
**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**  
**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**  
**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**  
**Listen when we call out to you for help.**  
**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**Amen.**

**L:** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
By the gift of grace in ✠ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.  
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**C:** **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness  
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than  
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea-sure

of the sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus -  
 up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -  
 of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -

tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come  
 ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -  
 nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were

for the sin - ner, and more grac - es for the good; there is mer - cy  
 ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for  
 but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would

*Interlude/Conclusion*  
 with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 all the mem-bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
 be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

## Greeting:

**L:** 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.**

## Prayer of the Day:

L: Let us pray together...

C: **Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

## First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

A reading from the book of Numbers, the 11th chapter.

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

<sup>16</sup>So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and

put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 19: 7-14**

setting by J.W.A. Myers

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

<sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.

<sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50

L: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

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

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

<sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:** Pastor Dan Smith

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**L:** Let us profess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

## **The Prayers:**

**L:** Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence*

We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

- L: We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: **hear our prayer.**
- L: We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. We pray especially for Dottie, Harvey, Martha, Doris Jane, Linda, Sue, and Will. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: **hear our prayer.**
- L: We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: **hear our prayer.**
- L: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

**+MEAL+**

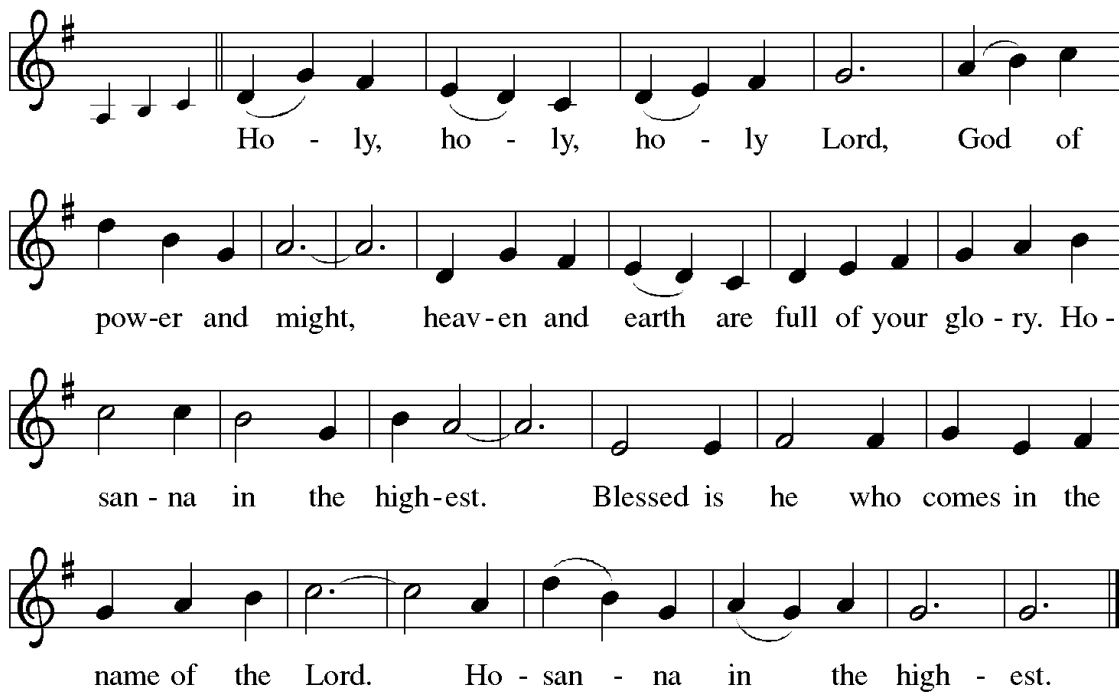
### **The Great Thanksgiving:**

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



## The Proper Preface:

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



L: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

L: Remembering, therefore, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and Ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought to but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

#### Lord's Prayer:

L: 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.**

### Invitation to Communion:

L: Come to the feast, for all is now ready.

C: **Amen.**

### Communion Song

Taizé; Jacques Berthier

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”

### Distribution of Communion:

L: The body of Christ, given for you. *You may eat the bread.*

The blood of Christ, shed for you. *You may drink the wine/juice.*

C: **Amen.**

### Post-Communion Prayer:

L: Let us pray. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### Announcements

**+ SENDING +**

### Benediction:

L: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712)



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
- 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
- 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

### Dismissal:

L: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!  
C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Happy Birthday to:** Ena Brophy (9/27), Aaron Simms (9/29), and Pat Brubaker (9/30).

**Holy Trinity's Prayer List**

Dottie Adams  
Harvey Davis  
Martha deHeyman  
Doris Jane Starankovic  
Sue Steiger  
Linda Wieteha  
Will Williamson

**Friends and Relatives**

Bettina Chavanne (friend of the McCluskeys)  
Alyssa Yoder (friend of Dee Jaye Frye and  
Doris Jane Starankovic)  
The Olsen Family (Pat Brubaker's family)  
Kellie & Bob Coombs (friends of Anne Hoffman)  
Vincent Sangmeister (Mary Williamson's  
brother)  
Fran Gebhart  
Sharon Neall (Hall family member)  
Eleanore Roecker (friend of Anne Hoffman)  
Ve Woodson (daughter of Harvey Davis)  
Beth Brady (Kristine DelMonte's co-worker)  
Lois Kistler (friend of the Hoffmann's)  
Norma DelMonte (Tom's mother)  
Sandy Bauer (friend of Pat Brubaker)  
Cindy and Bobbie (cousins of the Hoffmann's)  
Marty (friend of Pat Brubaker)

Linda Baldi-Boyd  
Lin (friend of Pat Brubaker)  
Kelly (Carolmarie Scanlon's sister in law)  
Beth Ann Force (friend of Louise Hoffman)  
Sally Kennedy (Pastor Harvey Davis's wife)  
Georgette, her daughter Kara, and Chuck  
Marbury Hooey  
John & Rosemary Lynch (friends of Pat  
Brubaker)  
Jane Feldman (family member of the Steigers)  
June Duncan  
Nancy Nesbitt (friend of Bob Catherman)  
Annette Steiger (Dave Steiger's sister)  
Martin Eichner (Gloria Eichner's son)  
Margie (Jan Doan's friend)  
Eleanor Crissman (Bob Catherman's sister)  
Lucy Bishop (Julie Ackerman's cousin's baby)  
Joseph Davis  
Winifred Joyce (friend of the Hoffmans)  
Peter Stein (friend of the McCluskeys)  
Danelle VanInstendal (friend of the Steigers)  
Heinrich Mengel (cousin of the Hoffmann  
Family)  
Donna Dutten (daughter of June Duncan)

*Want to add someone you love and care about  
to the prayer list? Contact the church office  
anytime.*