

The Holy
TRINITY



MAY 31ST 2026 – 10:00 AM
THE HOLY TRINITY
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
WOODCLIFF LAKE, NEW JERSEY

A SPECIAL WELCOME AS WE CELEBRATE THE HOLY TRINITY

[All text in *italics* is spoken by the leader. Please speak the **bolded** words if you desire.]

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Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE with cameras showing everything along the altar space (including the rail) as well as the front pews.

BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER: We invite you to try one of our listening devices for those who need hearing assistance. Please speak to a worship leader if you need one.

YELLOW PRAYER CARDS: You may write names for prayer on a yellow card from the pew rack in and place on the altar rail. Please be sure this prayer request is approved by the person for whom we are praying.

COLORING AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS: We know it's not easy sitting during worship. Behind the back pew are two baskets full of red and blue activity bags. Inside are coloring sheets, books, puzzles, and more. Feel free to grab one and then return once our worship is over.

NURSERY AND PLAYROOM: There is a self-serve Nursery for young children accompanied by their parents. The Nursery contains a bathroom with a changing table. These rooms are located along the hallway through the side door of the sanctuary.

NEED AN OFFERING ENVELOPE? We have envelopes in the pews for you. Please include your contact information or envelope number. Offerings may also be paid via checking account online at www.clc4u.com/give, scan the QR cord, or mail to the church.



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: Stay up to date with everything happening at CLC and in our local community by signing up to our weekly newsletter at www.clc4u.com/Newsletter.

PRELUDE, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[The congregation stands as able.]

CALL TO WORSHIP

[By Third Space]

*We gather this morning
in the name of the Creator,
who creates time and space,
galaxies and stars and planets.*

*In the name of Jesus Christ,
born on planet Earth,*

*and in the name of the Spirit
who fills Earth with his presence.*

*Creator God,
in this time we call 'now'
in this space we call 'here'
we worship you.
Make your presence felt among us.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin to God.

[Silence is kept for reflection.]

*Compassionate God,
We confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.*

**In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.**

*Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."*

*In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.*

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

[Please remain standing as you are able.]



GATHERING SONG – “Come, join the dance of Trinity” [ELW 412 (led by Argine)]



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

[The congregation may sit.]

CHILDREN'S SERMON

[Kids are invited to come sit with Pastor Marc on the steps of the altar.]



FIRST READING FROM THE BIBLE: GENESIS 1:1-2:4A

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and

years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the

sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[Please stand as you are able.]

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 28:16-20

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

[You may be seated.]

THE SERMON – “Made to Be.” Rev. Marc A. Stutzel

MUSICAL OFFERING – “DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY” by Mary McDonald.

[Chancel Choir. Directed & accompanied by Argine Safari, Piano.]

[Please stand as you are able.]

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

**eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

[You may be seated.]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

[A time for reflection.]

*Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. We give thanks for the annual New Jersey Synod Assembly that took place yesterday. Continue to transform our bishops Yehiel and Christa, the NJ Synod Council, CLC's church council, and all of us into a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

*Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, our newly planted Genesis Garden, and all wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

*Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders, especially Donald the President, Mikie, NJ's governor, Holly, Robert, John, our NJ state representatives, and all in the towns we call home to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship especially...

**Dolores Albert, Jason, Harry, David Crouse, Jackson Fehr,
Faye Rekosik, Vivian, Chris Quesada, Lauren,
Luanne McHale, Jan O'Leary, Nancy Kerber, Gary Skutnik,
Karen Bentsen, Cian Dankin, Glenn Morgan,
Dan Sladovich, Captain Tyler Ritter (US Army), Marilyn Rozema,
Gianna Cocozzo, Gerrie Oliver, Pat, Kevin & the family of Arne Endresen.**

*God of grace,
hear our prayer.*

Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts including acts of service and financial donations. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

PEACE

I invite you to take a look at everyone who surrounds you in your sacred space. Let us send a blessing to one another via the peace sign, wishing that the peace of Christ may be with them.



Let us now think about all who are worshiping in the sanctuary, online, or at a different time than right now. In our hearts, let's send to your entire faith community a blessing and wish that the peace of Christ may be with them.

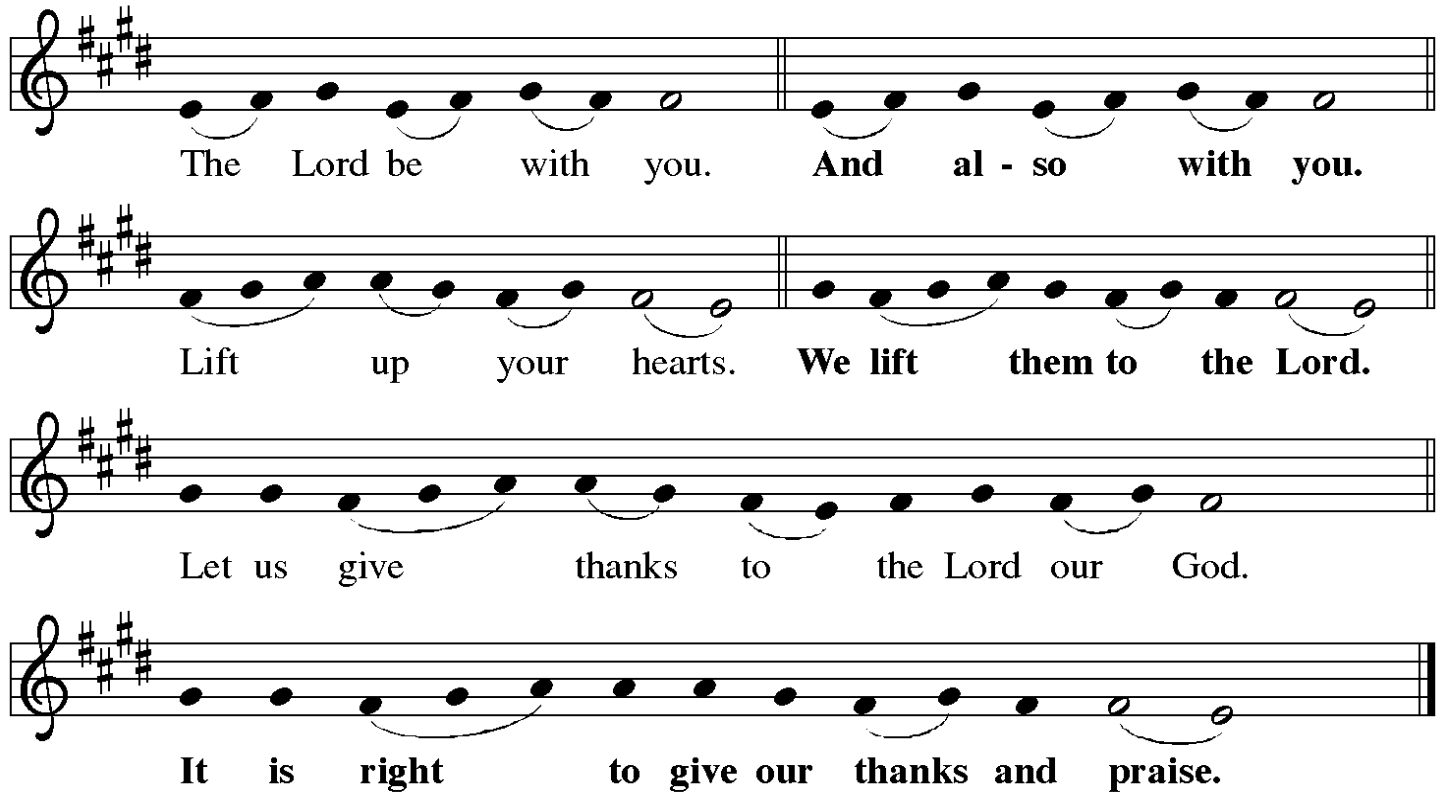
Finally, let the blessing we offer each other go out to our families, friends, neighbors, and the entire world. With God's help, our hearts are big enough to extend peace that far. Let us embody the peace of Christ after we leave worship today.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

[This is the Lord's Table. You are welcome and invited to it. **The Communion Assistant can come to the altar to help serve.** Please stand as you are able.]

THE DIALOGUE

[Sung responsively.]

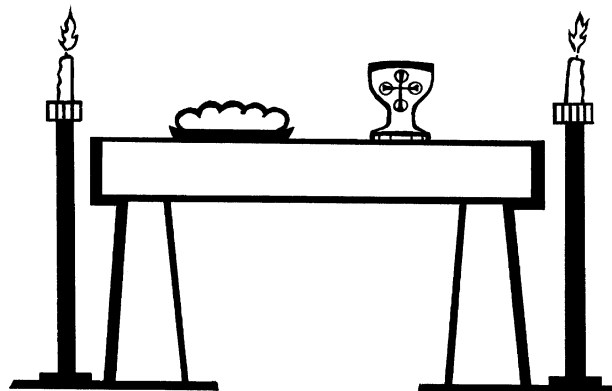


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

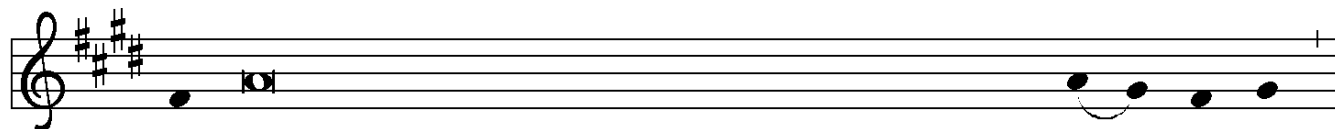
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



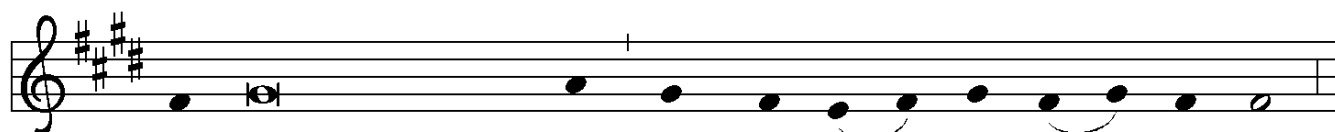
THE PREFACE



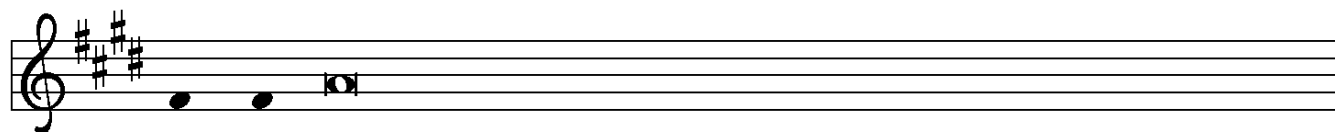
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



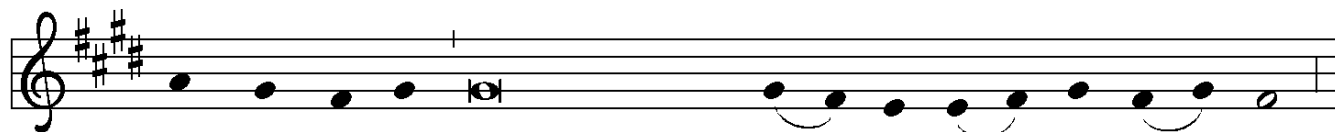
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.



You re - veal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the



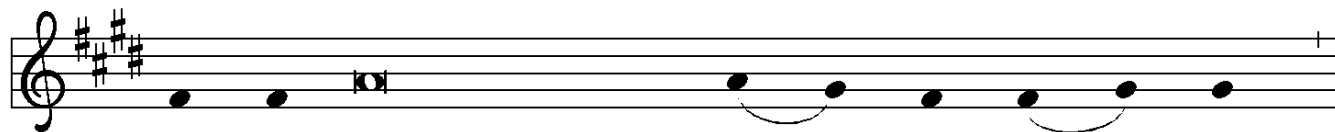
Ho - ly Spir - it: e - qual in maj - es - ty, undivided in splen - dor,



one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your e - ter - nal glo - ry.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

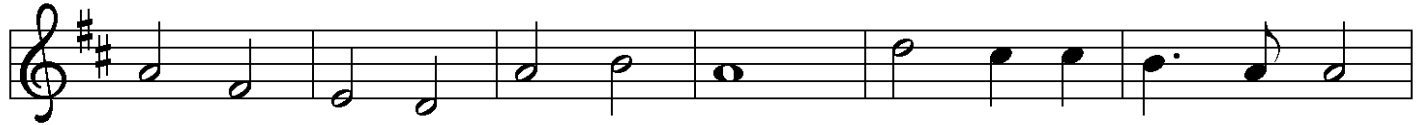


with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



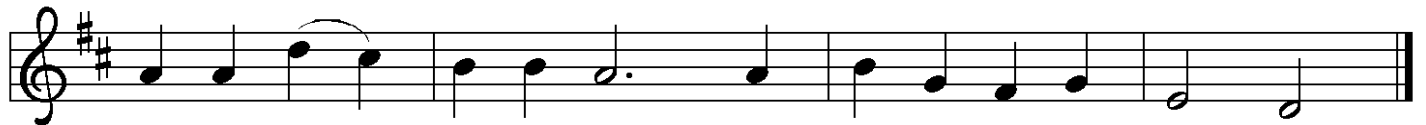
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, present here and connecting across space and time itself – let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

You are here, not because you are perfect, but because, through Christ Jesus, you are welcomed and loved.

[The congregation may sit.]

HOLY COMMUNION

[All are invited to the Table where Christ is bodily present in the bread and drink.
When space is available at the rail, please come forward to kneel or stand.
Please space yourselves generously along the rail.
Bread will be distributed first (gluten free wafers are available),
followed by wine and grape juice in individual cups.
Children and all who have not received First Communion can request a blessing.
For those joining at home or in your seats, we invite you to commune yourself
when Pastor Marc is served at the end.
A medley of music will be played while communion is distributed.]

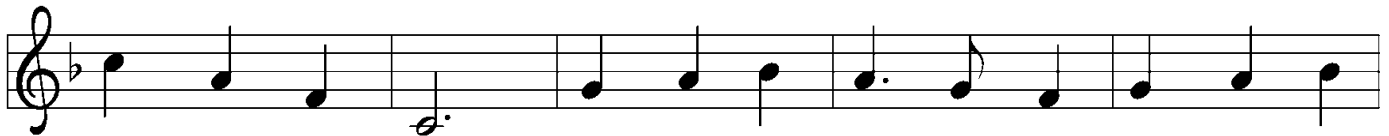
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

[The following song is sung by the congregation during the distribution of Holy Communion.]

COMMUNION SONG – “God, whose almighty word” [ELW 673 (led by Argine)]



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

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[Please stand as you are able.]

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

SENDING SONG – “More of You” (led by David)

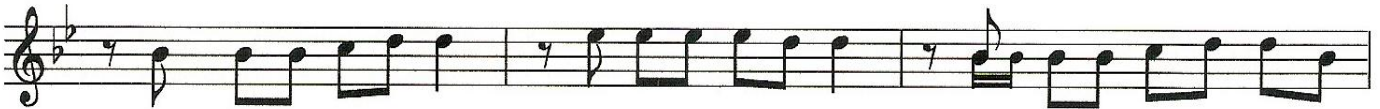
♩=80 **INTRO**

E♭ B♭ Gm⁷ F E♭ B♭ F



VERSE

5 E♭ B♭ Cm⁷ Gm⁷ E♭ B♭



1. I made my cas-tle tall, I built up ev-'ry wall, this is my king-dom, and it
 2. This life I hold so close, O God, I let it go. I re-fuse to gain the world and

8 F Gm⁷ E♭ B♭ Cm⁷ Gm⁷



needs to fall. ___ I want You and no one else. Emp - ty me of my - self
 lose my soul, ___ so take it all; I a - ban-don ev-'ry-thing I am, _ You can have it.

§ **CHORUS**

11 E♭ B♭ F E♭ B♭



un - til the on - ly thing that's left is: ___ More of You, ___ less of me; ___ make me who .
 The on - ly thing ___ that I need is: ___

14 Gm⁷ F E♭ B♭ F



___ I'm meant to be. _ You're all I want, ___ all I need, _ You're ev - 'ry-thing. ___

17 E♭ B♭ F Gm⁷ E♭ B♭



Take it all! I sur-ren-der; be my _ King. _ God I choose ___ more of You, ___ and less of me. .

20 F Eb Bb F Gm⁷

I need more of You, more of

23 1. Eb Bb F 2, 3. Eb Bb F

You.

You.

26 2nd time to Coda ⊕ Eb Bb F Gm⁷

I need more of You, more of

29 BRIDGE Eb Bb F Bb/D Eb

You.

All to You, I sur-ren-der.

32 Gm⁷ F(4) Bb/D Eb 1. F(4)

All to You, my bless-ed Sav-ior, I sur-ren-der all!

35 2. F Eb Bb F Gm⁷ INSTRUMENTAL

all?

38 Eb Bb F D.S. al Coda

More of You,

40 Φ Coda ENDING

E \flat B \flat F E \flat B \flat

You. More of You,

43 F Gm⁷ E \flat B \flat F

I need more of You.

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BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

[Based on work by Rev. Gord]

As people of faith we have gathered for worship.

As people of faith we now return to the world.

Go out to share the story of faith,

the story of life, with the world around you.

We share the faith in word and in deed,

in speech and in action.

As you go out to give a living witness,

as you go out to testify to God's love active in the world,

go knowing that Jesus Christ + goes with you,

sharing the laughter and the hope, the fears and the tears.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL HELLO TO EVERYONE ATTENDING CLC TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME. We are blessed by your presence and pray you will be blessed in this space. If you wish, fill out the orange card ("We're glad you're here!") in the back of the pew in front of you. And if you need to talk to Pastor Marc, please reach out!

AED: If a medical emergency occurs and an AED is needed, one is located on top of the church mailboxes next to the church office and choir room.

ENRICH YOUR WORK WEEK AND ENHANCE YOUR PRAYERS: read these appointed selections in preparation for the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, June 7th: *Hosea 5:15—6:6, Psalm 50:7-15, Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26, Genesis 12:1-9, Psalm 33:1-12.*

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to sponsor flowers for future weeks (\$60 per Sun. through our florist or you can bring two bouquets of your own) in honor or memory of loved ones, sign your name on the flower chart in the narthex.

GENESIS GARDEN - CAN YOU HELP? Bees are buzzing which means its time to prepare and plant our Genesis Garden. Every year, we turn a corner of our property into a garden to grow more than 1200 lbs of fresh produce for the Tri-Boro Food Pantry. This is a great activity for kids, families, and adults even if you don't have a green thumb. Contact that church office to get on the email list for our garden volunteers.

ASSISTING MINISTERS TODAY:

10:00 am

Musicians – Argine Safari & David Scance

Lector – Kim Kearns

Communion – Terry Ciulla

Altar Guild – Jane Conboy & Karen Pasch

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

The Holy Trinity, May 31st

Worship at 10:00 am

Monday, June 1st

SCA Fencing Club, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, June 2nd

Knit One, Crochet Too, 10:00 am

Wednesday, June 3rd

Bible Study, 11:00 am

Chancel Choir, 4:45 pm

Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 7th

Worship at 10:00 am

Concert Rehearsal, 12:00 pm

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Worship on Sundays:

10:00 am

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