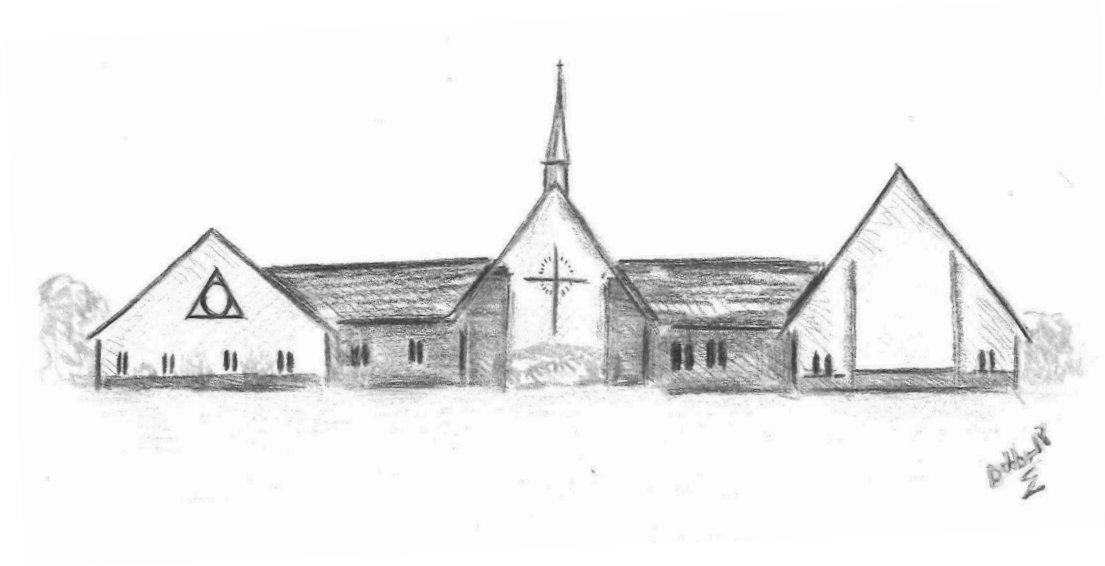


Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 4, 2026



OUR MISSION:

***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,
to baptize and to teach the faith,
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ
and become responsible members of His church.***

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INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who are visiting today. Please complete a purple visitor's card which can be found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you, and place it in the offering plate. May your hopes be restored, spirits lifted and your enthusiasm renewed when you visit here.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of
Jordan Redfield Smith's 35th birthday by Meg Smith.**

Families

At Trinity, we love having children worship with us. And we know children need to fidget and squirm! We invite parents and grandparents to all that the Kid's Corner has to offer, located just off the sanctuary in the narthex. There is a wide selection of books on the tall stand, and plenty of crayons and coloring books in the basket. "Borrow Bags" are filled with items for fidgety children to use during worship. Return them to the stand following worship.

P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME SONG

W&P 113

113

Open our eyes, Lord

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch

him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

Text and music: Bob Cull

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

P Hear this good news:

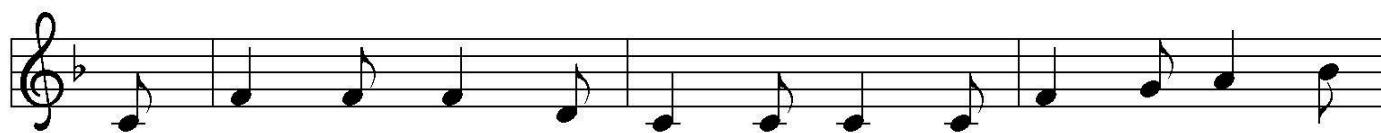
We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

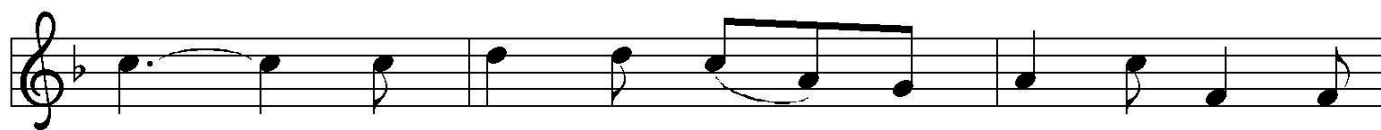
OPENING HYMN

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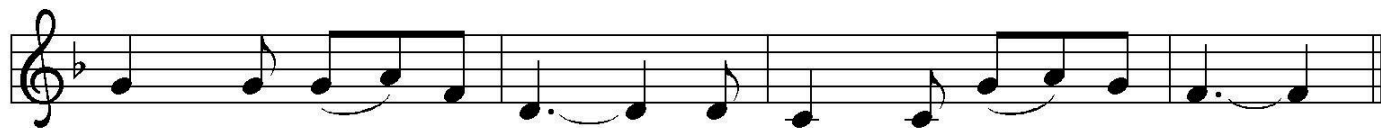
I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- C **Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**
- P Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

- ¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
- ² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

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³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80:7-15

- L ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- C ⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**
- L ⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.
- C ¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**
- L ¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.
- C ¹² **Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**
- L ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- C ¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;**
- L ¹⁵ behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

7

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.

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

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

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff contains 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.'. The third staff contains 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le -'. The fourth staff contains 'lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F, C/E, Gm7, C, C/Bb, F/A, Bb, C, Dm, F/A, Bb2, Csus, Dm, Gm7, C7sus, C, F/A, Bb, C, F, F/A, Bb2, Csus, Dm, Gm7, C7sus, C, F.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the twenty first chapter.

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

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

Jesus said: ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

P Please be seated.

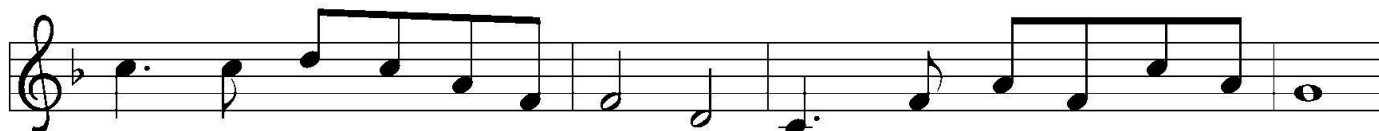
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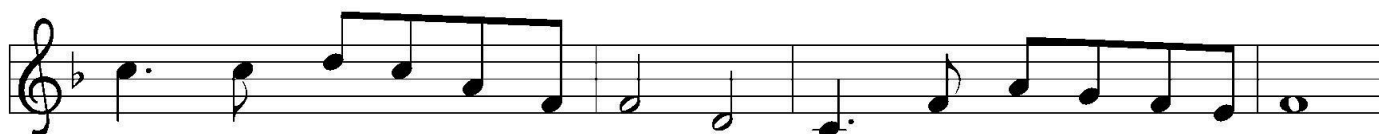
P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess 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,
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.

P Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

L God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Receive our prayer, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation. Receive our prayer, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Receive our prayer, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Joan & Florence.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Sarah, Lou, Martha, Kathy, Susan, Tom, Allyson, Tony, Jim, Karen, Tom, & Connie.

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength: Maria & Christina

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one:
The Fontaine Family upon the death of Conrad's sister Gerry.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

And for those who we hold in our hearts, and those whose needs are known only to you God.

Receive our prayer, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Receive our prayer, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P Please rise.
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.

Peace

The musical score for "Peace" is written in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 70 and a key signature of two flats. The melody is written in a treble clef. The lyrics "Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you" are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics "Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!". The score includes various guitar chords: Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Eb, F, Bb, Bb7 on the first staff, and Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Gm, Gm/Eb, F, 1.Bb, 2.Eb Bb on the second staff. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

- P Please be seated.

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P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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 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:

SANCTUS

$\text{♩} = 65$ C G Am F Dm⁷ G C G

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

⁶ Am Em F Am G C G Am

full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes

¹¹ F Em F G C

i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

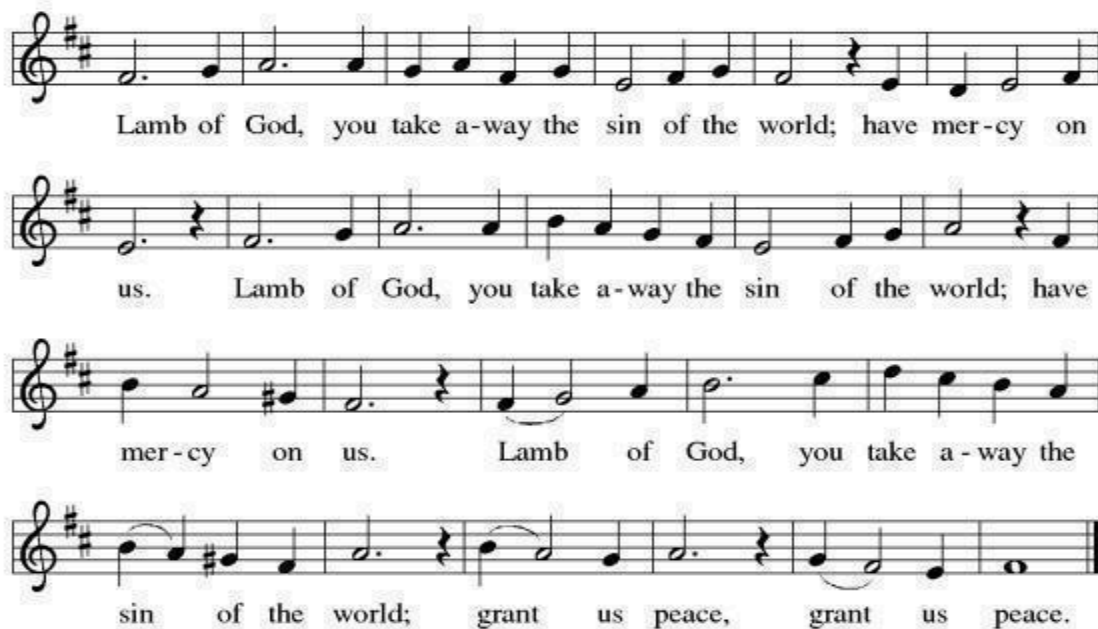
LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.**

P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

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

C **Amen.**

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.

A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.
In the name of the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

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I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

Refrain
All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

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Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!
C Thanks be to God.



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This Week at Trinity

Sunday October 4

Adult Faith Formation in Room 106 at 11:15 am.

Monday October 5

Christian Book Group at 5:30 pm

Tuesday October 6

TAG Book Group meets at 11 am

Wednesday October 7

Juliet's Luncheon at 12 noon. RSVP Brenda Aslin at 610-349-9799

Evening Prayer at 7 pm on Zoom.

Thursday October 8

TAG Games Group at 1 pm.

Looking Ahead

Sunday October 11

Special Coffee Hour hosted by Stewardship and Hospitality Committees after worship.

Tuesday October 13

Craftivism Project at 10 am Room 106. Contact Judy Flanigan to RSVP.

PB & J sandwich making at noon. Bring a loaf of bread.

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Serving Sunday 10/4	
Guest Preacher	Rev. Janelle Kraiss
Lector	Peter Schell
Greeter	Lynne Schell
Communion Assistants	Jen Castor & Francesca Burnett
Ushers	Leslie Askonas & Rick Cole
Coffee Hour	Lynn Chialastri & Anne Meibohm
Building Opener	Karl Schafer
Altar Guild	Brenda Aslin
Counting Team	Rick & Chris Cole
Serving Sunday 10/11	
Guest Musician	Ashley Hiester
Lector	Janet Fontaine
Greeter	Emma Birkmire
Communion Assistants	Susan Chambers & Ann Dungan
Ushers	Rick Cole & Linda Stone
Coffee Hour	Stewardship Committee
Building Opener	Rick Cole
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