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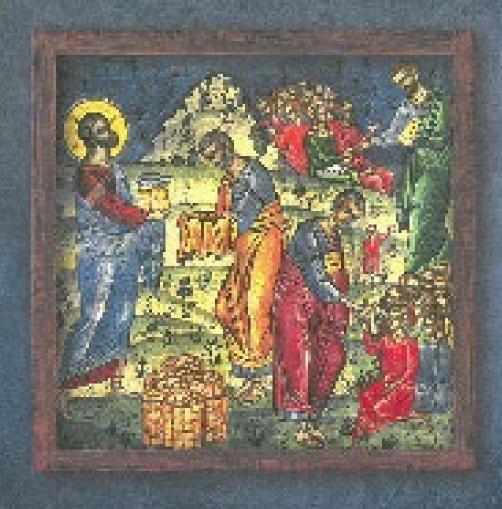
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WELCOME

A Reconciling
in Christ
and a
Stephen Ministry
congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

All ate and filled

MATTHEW 14:20



Welcome to Trinity!

We are glad you are here!



The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Communion

August 6, 2023 9:30 am

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the Eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

A warm welcome to all who are visiting with us today. You are invited to participate fully in worship. Our communion table is open to you if you have been communing in other traditions. Please fill out a check-in card if you would like us to be able to contact you. Cards are available from our Welcome Team members.

If you prefer to use prepackaged communion elements, they are available on the small table at the entrance. Members and guests may leave gifts and offerings in the plate on the same table at the entrance to the church.

Enlarged bulletins and Braille Hymnals are available from an usher upon request.

Children's bulletins and coloring pages as well as children's bibles and story books are available just inside the entrance to the church.

As you enter, you are invited to silently pray and meditate. Please silence your cellphones. Thank you.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE Adoration M. Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

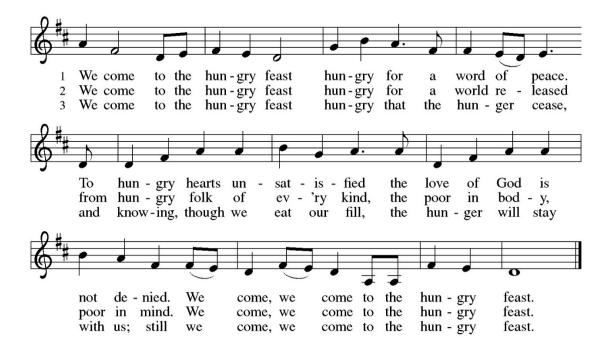
Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Amen.



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.



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex alt ed thus!"
- 3 Je sus is wor thy to re-ceive hon or and pow'r di vine;
- 4 Let all cre a tion join in one to bless the sa cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one. "Wor-thy the Lamb," our lips re-ply, "for he was slain for us!" and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine. of God who sits up-on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

+ WORD +

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

We are in God's house today. We will learn and we will pray. Let us listen, let us sing. Gladly make our praises ring.

We are in God's house today. We will learn and we will pray. Let us listen to God's Word. Gladly do what we have heard.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
 and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21 Spoken responsively by whole verse

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.

²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 10



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Mark Docken

Silence for reflection
Stand



APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church we confess our faith... 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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

... Hear us O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

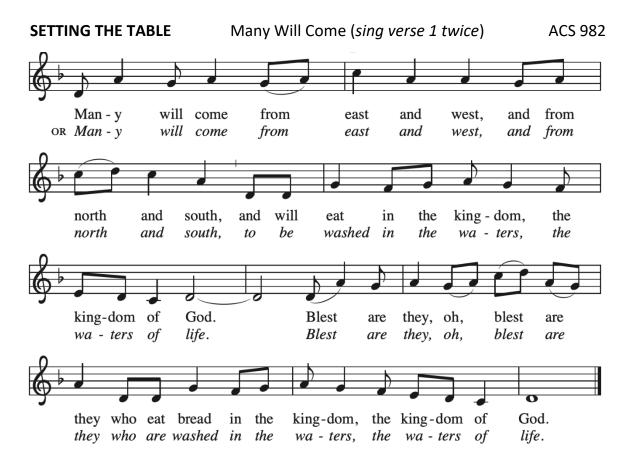
PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with those around you.

+ MEAL +



You may leave your offering in the plate at the entrance to the church after the service.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

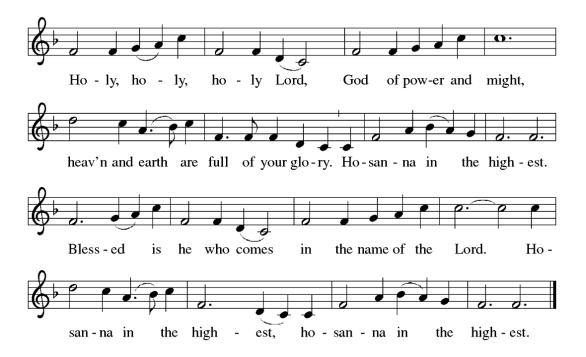
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

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:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION

All people are called to Christ's table.

Come, eat what is good.

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace for communion. We will be serving this meal continuously, all around the altar. When the usher indicates that there is space for you, please come up to the front and stand at the first available space. After you have received communion, please return to your seat for prayer and meditation. We invite you to join in singing the communion hymns.

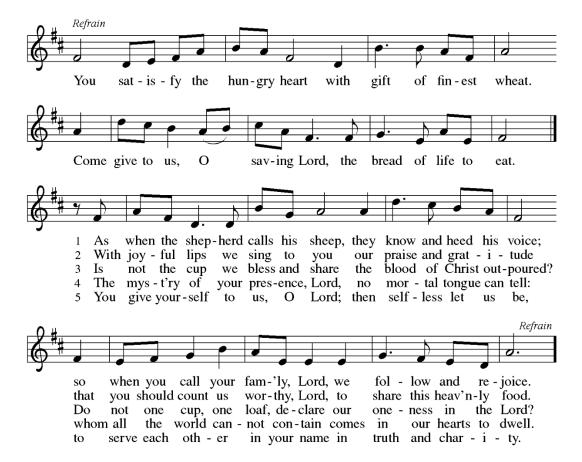
Bread will be placed in your hand by the pastor. Please indicate if you need a gluten-free option. Wine (red) and juice (white) is offered by the assisting minister in individual communion cups. Please place your empty cup in the basket carried by the communion assistant. If you prefer, individually packaged communion elements are available just outside the sanctuary doors.

If you do not wish to commune, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing from the Pastor, or remain in your seats for meditation time. Children too young to receive communion are also invited to come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD ELW Setting 10



Sit



Stand

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **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

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Let All Things Now Living

arr. L. Larson



Remember in Your Prayers

THE CHURCH

our synod & bishops: Bishops Elizabeth E & Leila O our missionaries: Stephen D/Marta G, Cent. Amer

our congregation: Trinity Church

THE NATIONS: Afghanistan, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Korea, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Palestine, Somalia, Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, United

States, Venezuela

THE SICK AND SUFFERING

nursing/rehabilitation center/hospital

Philip T (Manor Care Potomac)
Yulie N (Village at Rockville)

home

Tigist G, Margo W, Lineth M, Isabel F, Gio S, Vimala P, Anya N

family and friends*

Donald B, brother of Marilyn C Erik B, friend of Valerie M Lonnie B, friend of Carol B Pam C, sister of Mike M

Pastor Sarah F-M, friend of Anita S

Betsy G, friend of Margaret F David G, friend of Tad and Vi D

Terry K, brother-in-law of David and Leslie C Randi L, friend of Mike and Valerie M

Linda P, cousin of Julie N

Martha R (Sterling Care), friend of Trinity

Karen and Harold S, friends of Pamela B

Paul S, brother of Steve S

Andrew T, friend of Leslie C

Carolyn T, daughter of Jim V

Alex V, friend of Sunhee P

Gerry W, friend of Tom K and Sarah M

first responders

Lisbeth N-D

Greta S & Linda A, sister & sister-in-law of Anita S Vanessa B, friend of Elizabeth & Ben R

births

Camden Jacob Magnusson, Ju1y 29, 2023, son of Katie and Mark M; grandson of Mike and Nancy J deaths

Glendon Robert Frank, + July 3, 2023 +; former minister of music at Trinity

*For family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. To renew, please complete another card/call the office

This Week at Trinity

Livestreamed services on Trinity YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityELCA/streams

Sun, August 6 The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 am Holy Communion Worship Service
NO LIVESTREAMING THIS SUNDAY

(Coffee Hour to Follow)

Mon-Friday, Aug 7 through Aug 11

Building floor strip and wax

Tues, August 8

11:00 am Staff Meeting

Fri, August 11

Church Office due to the floor striping and waxing in that corridor of the building

Sun, Aug 13 The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 am Service of the Word

(Coffee Hour to Follow)



Welcome Rev. Dr. Mark Docken

Rev. Dr. Mark Docken retired last year from forty years of ministry in Montana, South Dakota, and Minnesota. He and his wife, Lois, moved to Greenbelt, MD to be closer to their daughter's family in College Park. They are enjoying time with their two grandchildren, Zak and Noelle. Mark and Lois also have a son and future daughter-in- law living in Australia and a son and daughter-in-law in Nashville. Pastor Docken will also be with us on August 20th and the 27th.

SAVE THE DATES!

Quarterly Interfaith Women's Center
Dinner | Aug 14
Food Drive | August 19
Nationals Baseball | August 19
Irish Inn Event | August 21 (Aug 28 Rain Date)
Interfaith 5K Race | September 4
God's Work Our Hands | September 9 and 10
Red Cross Blood Drive | September 12



No Livestream today, Aug 6th! Please be aware there will be NO LIVESTREAMING OF SERVICES TODAY. This lack of activity is due

to the shortage of livestream volunteers. Currently, recruitment is underway for participants to be trained as livestream operators. Please contact Jeanine or John B if you are interested.



Birthday Anniversaries

John W	10	Sydney R
Luis H	11	Laura T
Wesley O	11	Soren S
Alissa C	15	Philip T
	Luis H	Luis H 11 Wesley O 11

Masks are now optional in the building.

Some Sprucing Up

During the week of Aug 7-11, the floors of the church will be stripped and waxed. During



this time, access to the church will be limited. If you need to access the church during that time, please call the office at 301-881-9725.



Quarterly Interfaith Women's Center Dinner

Trinity will be hosting the Quarterly Interfaith Women's Center Dinner on Monday, August 14, 2023. The Social Ministry Team will be providing the protein and vegetarian main courses; we need your help with the sides, drinks and dessert. Link to Sign Up Genius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4cab a82f4-interfaith1#/.

Online offering is available via PayPal! See details on the Trinity website

http://www.trinityelca.org/give.



News from the Metro D.C. Synod—Sessions Remaining

The ELCA Task Force on Studies for Civic Life and Faith has published a sixsession study about government, democracy, and how

Christians are called to participate in civic life. Good Shepherd in Gaithersburg MD will host a group to participate in the study via Zoom from 6:00–7:00 PM every other Wednesday June 28 through September 6. Please sign up to join the study by providing your name and email address through the signup link at goserve.net/blog/civic-study.

Washington Nationals Game - Saturday, August 19th

A group outing is being organized to see the Nats play the Phillies in a 4:00 p.m. game.
Carol B. is collecting



information about group pricing but if there is enough interest, ticket price should not exceed \$21. Please contact Carol B at csbruno@usa.net with questions or to sign-up.



End of Summer
Outing at the
Irish Inn
Irish Inn Mates,
an Irish music
band that Julie N
sometimes plays
with, will be at
the Irish Inn of
Glen Echo. Weather
permitting, they will be

playing outside—a much more pleasant space than the bar. A rain date is scheduled in the event of inclement weather preventing an outside performance. If you have questions, please see Valerie M. The dates are as follows:

6119 Tulane Ave https://Irishinnglenecho.com

Dinner at 7:00 pm

Irish music 7:00 pm – 10 pm

Monday, August 21st (weather permitting)

OR

Rain date - Monday, August 28th (outside if nice, inside if raining)



Registration for the Interfaith 5K on Sept 4 is now open. See https://mocointerfaith5k.org.

Five Montgomery County religious communities are partnering to create the seventh annual Interfaith 5K race. The 2023 race beneficiaries are Gaithersburg Help and C-4, an interfaith group serving the needs of the Colesville Community. For more information, see the website above, or contact Leslie S



God's Work Our Hands

On Sunday, September 10, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our 10th annual day of service. "God's work. Our hands." began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA's 25th anniversary and continues to be a day to celebrate who we are—one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Make plans to join us!

See Leslie S for more information.

September Blood Drive



Trinity is proud to support the Red Cross' humanitarian mission to help ensure there is lifesaving blood available to patients in need. Help give

the gift of life by donating at Trinity's next blood drive on **Tuesday, September 12 from 1:40-6.**; the sign up is now open on the American Red Cross' website.

In the past year, The American Red Cross has implemented changes to long existing restrictions and creating greater donor eligibility. There is more information available on the ARC website.



This is a community drive, all are welcome; donors of all blood types are needed. Please help us get the word out in the community... invite a friend, add to a list serve, post an announcement!

If you have questions, please contact Margaret F at gmfitzwm85@gmail.com.

Serving in Worship Today

Assisting Minister: Sabrina R

Cantor: Elizabeth R

Lector: David C

Altar Guild: Sarah M

Communion Assistant: Sarah M

Usher: Fred S

Welcome Team: Sarah M

Tellers: Elizabeth and Ben R

Staff

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr.Mark Docken

Guest Musician: Mary Bentley

Office: Carmen Davis

Handbell Choir: Marilyn Converse

Custodian: Kathy Boone