



The HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 A.M.

LECTIONARY 15

JULY 12, 2026

Congregational words are in bold print.

PRELUDE

O Salutaris

Émile Pessard
(1843-1917)

Charles Randazzo, flugelhorn

*Please stand in body
or spirit and face the
processional cross.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.
Amen.

Silence for reflection

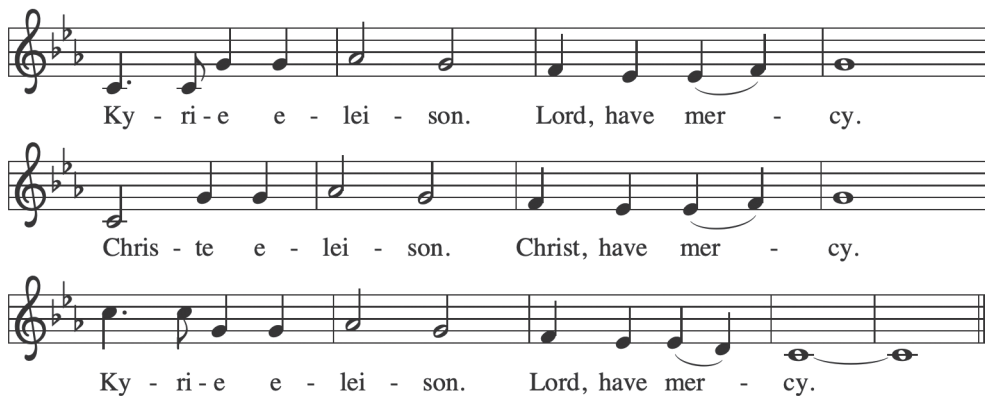
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Have mercy, O God,
**against you, you alone,
we have sinned.**
**In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.**
**Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.**
**Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.**
Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so
deep is God's compassion for you.
As high as heaven is above earth,
so vast is God's love for you.
As far as east is from west,
so far God removes your
sin from you,
renewing your life through
† Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God who crowns us
with mercy and love.
Blessed be God forever.

*Continue to follow
the processional cross,
turning as it
passes you.*

KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
Almighty God, we thank you for
planting in us the seed of your
word. By your Holy Spirit help us
to receive it with joy, live according
to it, and grow in faith and hope

and love, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.
Amen.

*This prayer relates
to the readings
appointed for the day
and asks for God's
help in applying them
to our lives.*

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down
from heaven
and do not return there until they have
watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to
the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my
mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I
purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I
sent it.

For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap
their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the
cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the
myrtle,
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be
cut off.

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God;

it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

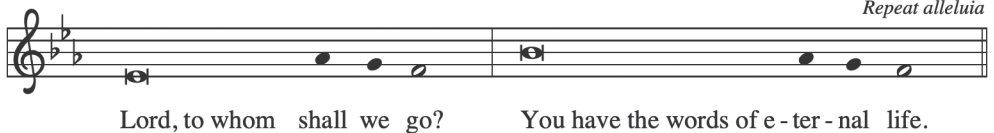
But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand
in body or spirit to
welcome the Gospel.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and

does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Hans E. Becklin

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Word of God is Source and Seed

ELW 506



1 The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to
2 The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to
3 The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to



die and sprout and grow. So make your dark earth
heal and wake and save. So let the Spir - it
sing, to laugh and cry. So dare to be as



wel - come warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.
touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.
Je - sus was, who came to live and love and die.

Text: Delores Dufner,
OSB, b. 1939

Music:
GAUDEAMUS
DOMINO,
David Hurd,
b. 1950



Refrain
Gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no, gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no,



gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no!

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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

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*After a brief silence
each petition
concludes:*

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

*After the final
petition:*

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

PEACE

*Please greet one
another and then
be seated.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Erhebung und Trost

Paul Klengel
(1854-1935)

Jessica Manning, viola

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours, and your
faithfulness is sure. Word and water,
wine and bread: these are signs of
your abundant grace. Receive the
gifts we bring, and

nourish us to proclaim your abiding
love in our communities and in the
world, through Jesus Christ, our
strength and our song.

Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS

IN IMMEDIATE NEED

- ♦ Ralph Unruh
- ♦ Josie Brewster
- ♦ Mary Drehs
- ♦ Ruth Sassaman
- ♦ Carolyn Hoffman
- ♦ Jason Sbarbaro

TRINITY HOUSEHOLDS

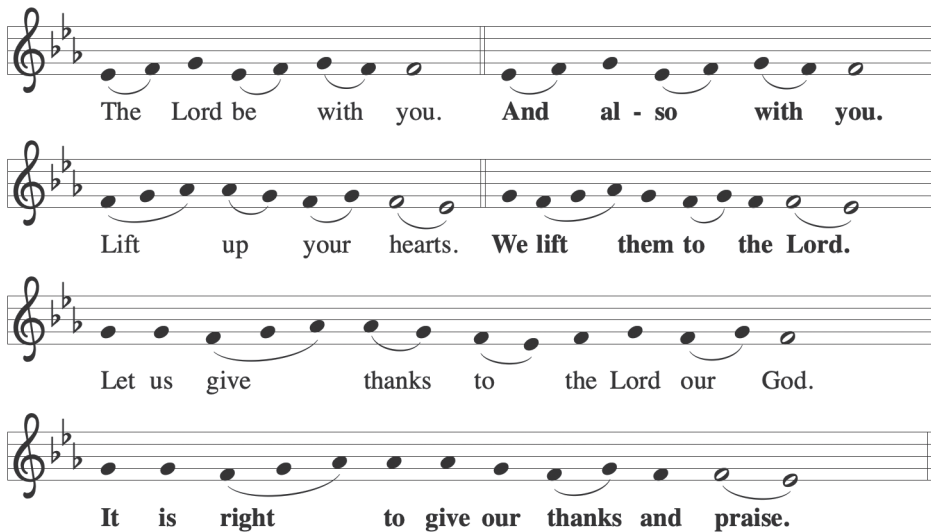
- ♦ Douglas Stoffer
- ♦ James & Andrea Stoyko
- ♦ Levi Strauss & DaNece Lyman
- ♦ David & Doris Strobel
- ♦ Mae Sunderland

ONGOING NEEDS

- ♦ Harry Feinauer
- ♦ Walter Schur
- ♦ Dar Unger
- ♦ Rob Unger
- ♦ Yadar
- ♦ Darryl Jeffries
- ♦ Linda Liptak
- ♦ Matt Sawyer and family
- ♦ Marian Jameson
- ♦ Carol P. Miller
- ♦ Dennis Stine

*The presider greets
the assembly and
invites all to give
thanks.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold (And, We, It, to, give, our, thanks, and, praise).

PROPER PREFACE

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:

SANCTUS



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever
Amen.

*During the Words of
Institution, the bread
and wine are elevated
for the congregation
to revere and adore
Christ's presence in
our midst.*

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.**

*Silence is kept as the
bread is broken.*

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION SONG

*Detailed instructions
for communion can
be found on page 15.*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Living God, as the disciples ate and
drank with their risen Lord, we
have been nourished with the very
presence of Christ. Through this
meal may we be strengthened to

keep your word and to proclaim
the power of your love in
Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

BLESSING

*As a sign of God's
blessing, you may
make the sign
of the cross.*

God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth
✠ bless you all, now and forever

Amen.

*This hymn can be
found on page 14.*

SENDING HYMN

On What Has Now Been Sown

ELW 550

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

King William's March

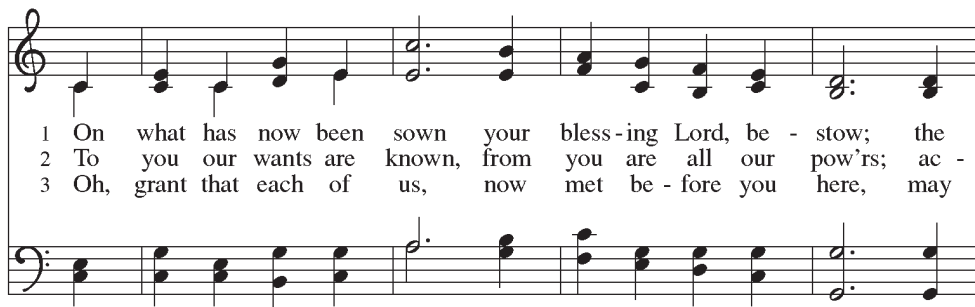
Jeremiah Clarke
(1673-1707)

Charles Randazzo, trumpet

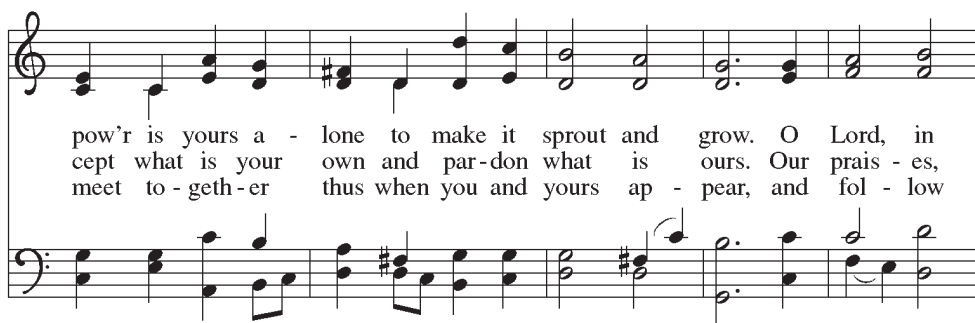
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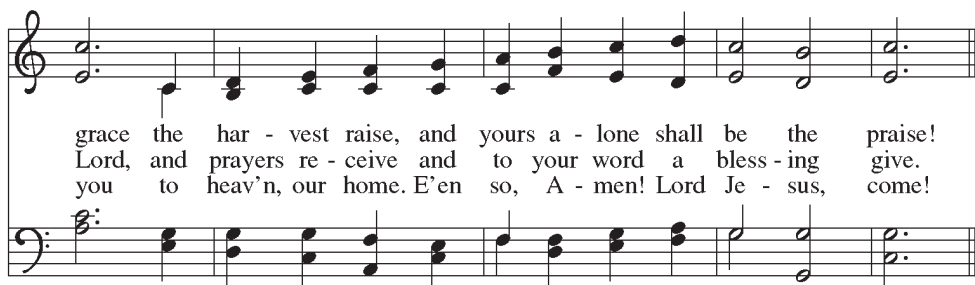
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1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
 cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
 meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton,
 1725–1807, alt.

Music: DARWALL'S
 148TH
 John Darwall,
 1731–1789

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS



All who trust that Jesus Christ is present in this holy meal are invited to receive communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

The four sections will commune sequentially, starting with the side closest to the lectern. Communion will be served continuously in a single file line at the front of each section.

First, the pastor will give you a piece of bread. If you prefer a gluten free alternative, please inform the pastor. If you wish to drink from the common cup or prefer grape juice, consume your bread and proceed to the line for the silver chalice. If you prefer intinction, take your bread to the line for the earthenware chalice.



The assisting minister will hold the earthenware chalice for intinction. Dip your bread into this chalice of wine and then consume the dipped bread.

Alternatively, you may drink from the silver chalice after consuming your bread. If you require grape juice, proceed to this station and take a filled cup from the acolyte, waiting to consume your juice until the communion assistant has said “The Blood of Christ, shed for you.” Place your used cup back in the acolyte’s tray.



If for any reason you wish to only receive one element, trust that Christ himself is fully present in the element you choose.

After receiving the sacrament, return to your seat for a time of prayer and meditation.

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PRESIDING MINISTER

Pr. Hans Becklin

ASSISTING MINISTER

Albert Pohl

CANTOR

Dr. Cameron Lee Wentz

LECTOR

David Himes

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Donna Osborne

ACOLYTE

Declan Rosenbaum

GREETER

Russ Diesinger

USHERS

Steve Welz, Joseph Speece

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Anna Litvinov, Amy Bornhofen

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Charlie Norton, Robin Oberholtzer, Beth Welz

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TRINITY CONGREGATION
to the Glory of God

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUNDED IN 1751

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Becklin*
SENIOR PASTOR

*Deaconess Deborah
Matern Graf*
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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY as we worship God through word and sacrament in this landmark building, home to our congregation since 1791. Our liturgy is rooted in tradition; all are welcome to participate as they feel comfortable.

TRINITY IS A VIBRANT CONGREGATION with members from around Berks County and beyond. If you are interested in learning more about membership, speak with a member of our staff.



DURING WORSHIP, we pray, sing, listen, chant, read, and move our bodies. Please silence your cell phone so as not to disturb this rich experience for yourself or others.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR WORSHIP is receiving the Eucharist, the true Body and Blood of Christ. All who trust that Jesus is present in this holy meal are invited to receive Him with us today. Detailed instructions for communion can be found on page 15 of the bulletin.

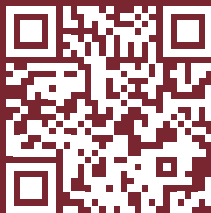


CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME in our worship! A changing table can be found in the all-gender restroom on the first floor. Restrooms can be found on the first floor and are accessible by elevator. Our AED is mounted on the wall in the stairway at the 6th street entrance.



WE WELCOME ALL LGBTQ+ people as full participants in our common life. We're proud to proclaim this publicly in our city and wider church as a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

OUR WORSHIP IS AN ACT OF OFFERING. By being here, we present ourselves and our time to God.



WE ALSO PRESENT our tithes and monetary offerings to God. During the offertory procession, they are brought forward along with the bread and wine used for the Eucharist.

WE NO LONGER pass an offering plate in the pew. However, an offering plate for cash or checks is available at the entrance to the All Saints Room. You can also share your offering electronically using this QR code.