



## HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, August 30, 2026 \* 10a

### TUNED TOWARD THE NEIGHBOR~CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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## WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

*Your thanks and praise strengthens our worship as we celebrate again God's love for all the world  
using a liturgy led by organ, piano, vocal or combo choir as a witness to the rich diversity  
within our one faith in Christ.*

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### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Gather Us In*

Hymn 532

- 1        Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
          now is the darkness vanished away;  
          see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
          brought here to you in the light of this day.  
          Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
          gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
          call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
          we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2        We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
          we are the old who yearn for your face;  
          we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
          called to be light to the whole human race.  
          Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
          gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
          give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
          give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3        Here we will take the wine and the water,  
          here we will take the bread of new birth,  
          here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
          call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
          Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
          give us to eat the bread that is you;  
          nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
          lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4        Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
          not in some heaven, light years away—  
          here in this place the new light is shining,  
          now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
          Gather us in and hold us forever,  
          gather us in and make us your own;  
          gather us in, all peoples together,  
          fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## 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, **Gracious God, having been freed by Jesus Christ from the powers of sin, the world, and self, you do not need our obedience — our neighbors do. Your commandments are not a ladder for us to climb to you but solid ground to protect and sustain our neighbors. Make us that ground; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Welcome and Greeting

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

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#### Hymn of Praise

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

*Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.*

#### Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:34-40

The gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup> He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### Response

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

*Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.*

#### Lesson

Exodus 20:2-16

<sup>2</sup> "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup> you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> "You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup> But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup> "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that

the Lord your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> "You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

## Affirmation of Baptism

### Confirmands

Nathan Richards

Lorraine Shear

Emily Wessells

### Mentors

Mark Abell

Chelsea King

Leslie Torres

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these confirmands, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

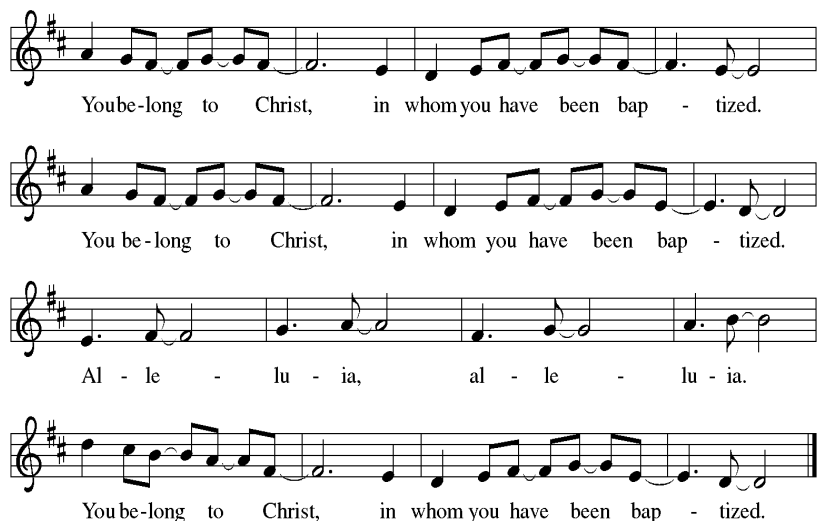
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support these confirmands and pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## Bible Verses and Faith Statements



Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ. **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

### Ministry Announcements

**Prayers of Intercession**    **Response:** hear our prayer.

### LITURGY OF THE MEAL

**Offering**

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**Offertory**

*Lord of All Nations*

Hymn 716

- 1     Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
to love all people, ev'ry race;  
and in each person may I see  
my kindred, loved, redeemed by thee.
- 2     Break down the wall that would divide  
thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.  
My neighbor's good let me pursue;  
let Christian love bind warm and true.
- 3     Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred  
by loveless act and thoughtless word.  
Make me to see the wrong I do  
will crucify my Lord anew.
- 4     Give me thy courage, Lord to speak  
whenever strong oppress the weak.  
Should I myself the victim be,  
help me forgive, rememb'ring thee.
- 5     With thine own love may I be filled  
and by thy Holy Spirit willed,  
that all I touch, where'er I be,  
may be divinely touched by thee.

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord... be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Communion

*All baptized believers of Christ as their Savior are invited to the table. Please approach the table as you are ready.  
Children are invited to receive a blessing. You may request gluten-free bread or grape juice by raising a finger to the communion server.*

## Blessing

### Closing Hymn

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

Hymn 543

- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

## Prayer after Communion

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**

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## Blessing & Dismissal

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace. Together in Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

**Chancel flowers today are given** by Barbara Keller to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her father. A second arrangement is given by Bob and Barb Campbell in praise and thanksgiving to God for 61 years together and prayers for many more to come!

## **Liturgical Ministers**

**Preacher & Presiding Minister:** Pastor Steve Wachtman **Director of Equipping Ministers:** Laura Hudson  
**Minister of Music:** Joshua Brodbeck **Director of Faith Formation:** Noelle Fox

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