



## HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, September 6, 2026 \* 10a

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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

### Confession

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\div$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

*Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive*

Hymn 605

- 1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"  
you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.
- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew:  
how trifling others' debts to us;  
how great our debt to you!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, by your mercy reconciled,  
our lives will spread your peace.

## 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, you claim us before asking anything of us, and give all we need for life: turn our hearts from the restless wanting that comes from measuring ourselves against our neighbor, teaching us instead to help guard what is theirs as gladly as we hold what is ours -- that so contented we may love our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, our 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 20:2-17

<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.  
<sup>17</sup> "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife,  
male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Hymn 879

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

#### *Refrain*

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

- 2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

- 3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

- 4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

- 5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain*

## 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.**

## Ministry Announcements

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

### LITURGY OF THE MEAL

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#### Offering

[www.engagedbygrace.org/offering](http://www.engagedbygrace.org/offering)

#### Offertory

*Down From His Glory*  
Jeff Sammons, soloist



## 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

*The God of Abraham Praise*  
vv. 1-4, 8

Hymn 831

- 1 The God of Abr'ham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love--  
"I Am the One I Am"--  
by earth and heav'n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name  
forever blest.
- 2 The God of Abr'ham praise!  
At your supreme command  
from earth I rise and seek the joys  
at your right hand.  
I all on earth forsake--  
its wisdom, fame, and pow'r--  
and you my only portion make,  
my shield and tow'r.
- 3 The God of Abr'ham praise!  
Your all-sufficient grace  
shall guide me all my pilgrim days  
in all my ways.  
You deign to call me friend;  
you call yourself my God!  
And you will save me to the end  
through Jesus' blood.
- 4 Your promise you have sworn;  
I on your oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,  
to heav'n ascend.  
I shall behold your face;  
I shall your pow'r adore,  
and sing the wonders of your grace forevermore.

8 The whole triumphant host  
give thanks to God on high.  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"  
they ever cry.  
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!  
I join the heav'nly lays:  
to you be glory, might divine,  
and endless praise!

### **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 Dan Perry in memory of Pam Perry on her birthday.

### **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