

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026  
9:30 AM  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

## *TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH*

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# Welcome

Welcome to our worship today: If you are visiting with us, or if you are seeking a faith community and desire to be a part of our ministries, we encourage you to contact the office using the information at the bottom of this page. Please provide your address, telephone number and/or e-mail address so that we may contact you.

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Offering may be placed in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary or in the basket near the elevator. The offering will be carried to the front at worship and presented during the offertory.

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## **Prayer List:**

The clipboard to add people to the prayer list is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please be sure to include your name, their name, your relationship, and the prayer request.

## **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.

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+ GATHERING +

WELCOME

*Remain seated.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.**

# GATHERING HYMN

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

ELW 461



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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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

A: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

## FIRST SUNDAY KIDS

+WORD+

## PSALM 133

<sup>1</sup>How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**<sup>2</sup>It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

## READING: EPHESIANS 4:1-6

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

## GOSPEL: MARK 14:22-25

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

<sup>22</sup>While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.'

<sup>23</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. <sup>24</sup>He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'

P: The gospel of our Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

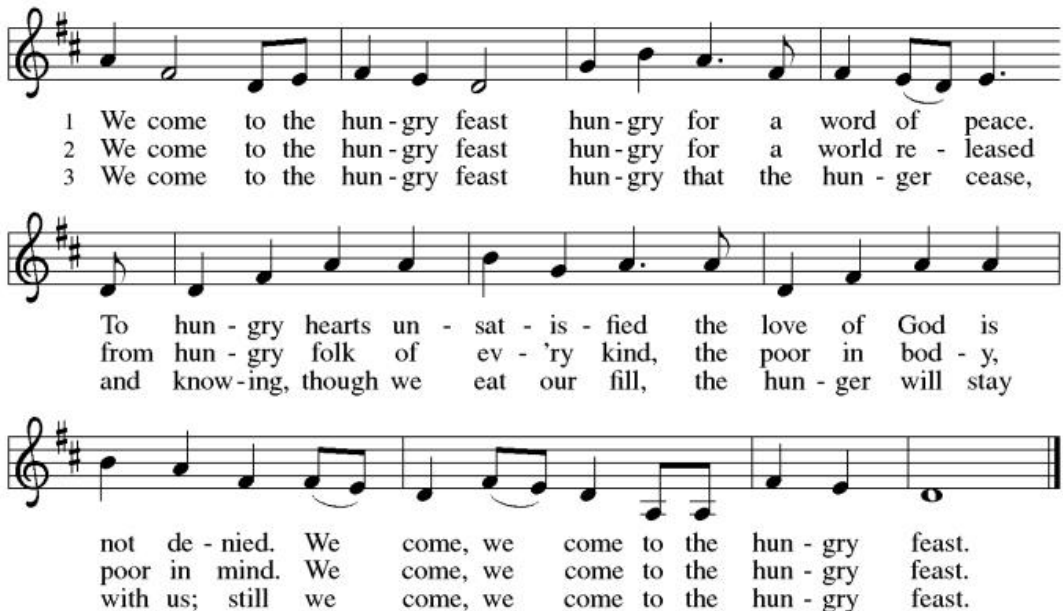
## SERMON

*Silent Reflection*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW 479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

## APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*A brief silence.*

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: 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.**

## PRAYER RESPONSE

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a prayer response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system has four measures of music. The second system has four measures of music, with the last measure ending in a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

## THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

+MEAL+

## THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: **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. 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**

## 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, Jesus 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."

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Our Savior taught us:

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to this table.

**C: All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!**

## COMMUNION

*In the interest of safety, communion will be brought to your seat.*

## PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

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

**C: Amen.**

A: 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+

## BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## GRACE FOR OUR PICNIC MEAL

# SENDING HYMN

"Come, Let Us Eat"

ELW 491



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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## DISMISSAL

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH: OCTOBER 4, 2026**

Sun, 10/4      9:30 am, Combined Worship with Holy Communion  
                     9:30 am, First Sunday Kids  
                     11 am, Church Picnic  
                     2 pm, Blessing of the Animals  
 Tues, 10/6      6 pm, Woman at the Well Needle Night  
 Wed, 10/7      6:15 pm, Choir / 6:50 pm, Bells  
                     7:30 pm, Bible Study  
 Thurs, 10/8      7 pm, Church Council  
 Fri, 10/9        9 am, Set up for Trinity's Clothing Closet  
 Sat, 10/10      9 am, Trinity's Closet on Main

**Prayers:****For all of our homebound.****For the work of the Call Committee.****For the staff and students of Shepherdstown Elementary School.****Members:** Cathy Lamason; Phil Warner; Denise Burkhard; Alan and Bonnie Williamson; John Wallace; Carol Pensyl; Linda Humes; Miriam Wise**Friends:** Eva Worstell; Erica Orner; Steve Orner; Kathy Fosselman; Joe Friary; To'mas and Elena; Joe Friary; Vickie Widmann; Eliette Costella; Olan Turner; Cally Cole; Gunnar Etchison; Robin Gladen; Stephen; Charles Crum; Jean Kuhn**Family and Friends of:** Kenneth L. Anderson; William F. Fish, Jr; Douglas Moses*Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks; if they should remain on the prayer list for longer, please contact the office via phone or email.*

| WORSHIP HELPERS                                                                                      | OCTOBER 4                               | OCTOBER 11                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Acolytes: Aubrey Hartman, Kolton Kramer, Abigail Light, Koen Thomas, Hailey VonLumm, Jonah Wagenheim |                                         |                                           |
| <u>GREETERS</u>                                                                                      | Patsy Shaw &<br>Ja'net Gochenauer       | Larry Etchison &<br>Elena San Antonio     |
| <u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>                                                                            | Stacey Zeller                           | 8:00 Larry Etchison<br>10:15 Matt Thomsen |
| <u>LECTORS</u>                                                                                       | Harold Miller                           | 8:00 Melissa Jacoby<br>10:15 Mike Hartman |
| <u>USHERS</u>                                                                                        | Tim & Heather Zielonis<br>Tyler Hoffman | Harold Miller<br>Gene Champagne           |
| <u>ALTAR GUILD</u>                                                                                   | Deb George<br>Sharon Stevens            | Deb George                                |