

**EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST**

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Mission Statement

***Trinity is a caring family where people gather to know, worship,
serve, and share Jesus.***

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Welcome

Among the flags of the fifty states of the United States, one of the most distinctive is the flag of Rhode Island. It is a simple design featuring a golden anchor on a field of white, surrounded by thirteen golden stars which commemorate the fact that Rhode Island was the thirteenth of the original colonies to become a state officially. There is just one word on the flag: hope. The likely inspiration for the inclusion of this word is from Hebrews: “We who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul.” (Hebrews 6:18–19) The founders of the colony of Rhode Island were hopeful of finding a place of refuge to express their Christian faith freely in their times. In our time, we also are people of Christian hope, as well as people abiding in faith who are given to charity in Christ’s name.

Holy Communion

We believe that Christ’s body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, and that we receive the forgiveness of sins along with the bread and wine in this Holy Meal. As a “Family Church,” we invite those who share this understanding, and who desire God’s forgiveness and strength, to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. If you have any questions, please speak to the pastor at any time. All worshippers are asked to fill out the “Fellowship Pad” in the pew and pass it down. After all have signed, please leave the pad at the end of the pew to be picked up after worship. Please stand where indicated with a ✦. Thank you!

PRELUDE

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word”

- Buxtehude

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

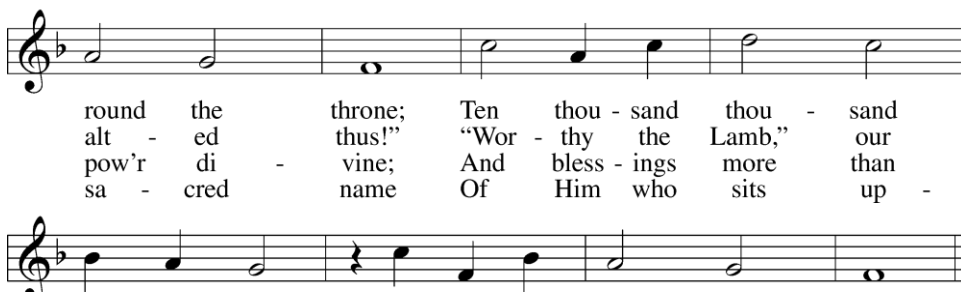
✦ OPENING HYMN

“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”

LSB 812



1	Come,	let	us	join	our	cheer - ful	songs	With an - gels
2	“Wor -	thy	the	Lamb	that	died,”	they cry,	“To be ex -
3	Je -	sus	is	wor -	thy	to	re - ceive	Hon - or and
4	Let	all	cre -	a -	tion	join	in one	To bless the



round the throne; Ten thou - sand thou - sand
alt - ed thus!" "Wor - thy the Lamb," our
pow'r di - vine; And bless - ings more than
sa - cred name Of Him who sits up -

are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
lips re - ply, "For He was slain for us!"
we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.
on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

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❖ INVOCATION

P *In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

❖ CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** [1 John 1:8-9]

+ *Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination* +

P *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.* [John 20:19-23]

C **Amen.**

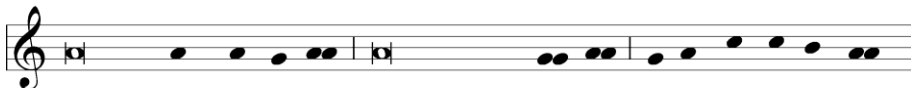
❖ **KYRIE** *Lord Have Mercy*



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CHILDREN ARE NOW DISMISSED TO ATTEND CHRIST'S KIDS (9:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not

just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ ALLELUIA and VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

❖ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-27

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.*

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and

who gave you this authority?" Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

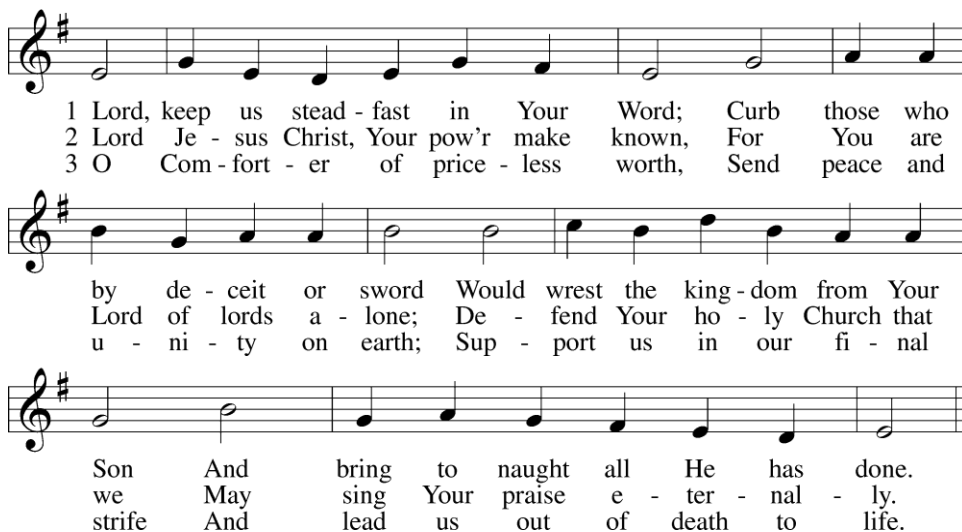
P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

❖ HYMN

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

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SERMON

"A Change of Mind"

Pastor David Wackenhuth

❖ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Lord, in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

*May God look upon our gifts and smile, even as we rejoice
at the gift of new life which is ours in Christ Jesus!*

+ Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad at this time +

+ Four Ways to Give +

Your gift to the Lord is an act of worship which shows your trust in God to provide for you and it shows your thankfulness for the blessings received.

1 – On your Mobile Phone: Send a text to 77977 and type in TLCLI. Follow the instructions to send your gift today or set up a recurring gift.

2 – Go to our website at www.TrinityHicksville.org “Giving” tab – or directly to Pushpay:
<https://pushpay.com/g/tlchicksville?src=hpp>



3 – Arrange through your financial institution’s Online Banking to give through their bill-pay.

4 – Mail in your offering through the US Post Office addressed to the following:

Trinity Lutheran Church
40 W Nicholai St.
Hicksville, NY 11801

TRINITY CHOIR (9:00)

“All the Day Long”

– Scott

Show me your ways; teach me your paths; guide me in truth; instruct my heart. You are my God and Savior strong; for you my soul waits all the day long. Remember, O Lord, your loving kindness and tender mercies, for they are ever of old. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to your mercy, Lord, remember me.

OFFERING VOLUNTARY (10:45)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

– Wold

❖ OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

❖ PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God. Holy are You and great is the majesty of Your glory. You did so love the world that You sent Your only Son to be our Redeemer. By His sacrificial life He has brought us salvation and has shown us the path to life eternal. Pour upon us now the gift of the Holy Spirit, the One who counsels, comforts, and encourages us, that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord with true devotion. Grant us a foretaste of the feast to come, heavenly Father, that we may with increased faith joyfully await a blessed eternity in Your glorious presence. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

❖ LORD'S PRAYER

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.

❖ **AGNUS DEI** *Lamb of God*

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

LSB 704

1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those
heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
 strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
 my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

"Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

LSB 707



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
 4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
 Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
 And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.
 Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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❖ NUNC DIMITTIS



C Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



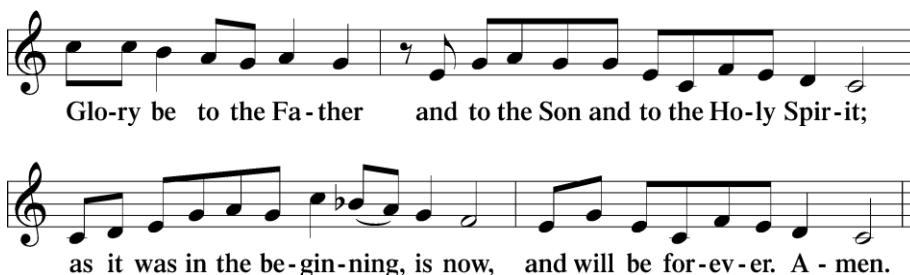
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



❖ CLOSING PRAYER

A *Let us pray.*

Grant that Your Son's body and blood, O Lord, which You have given us to eat and to drink, may abide in us as our source of strength and encouragement, as we continue on our pilgrim journey through this world to Your heavenly kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

❖ BENEDICTION

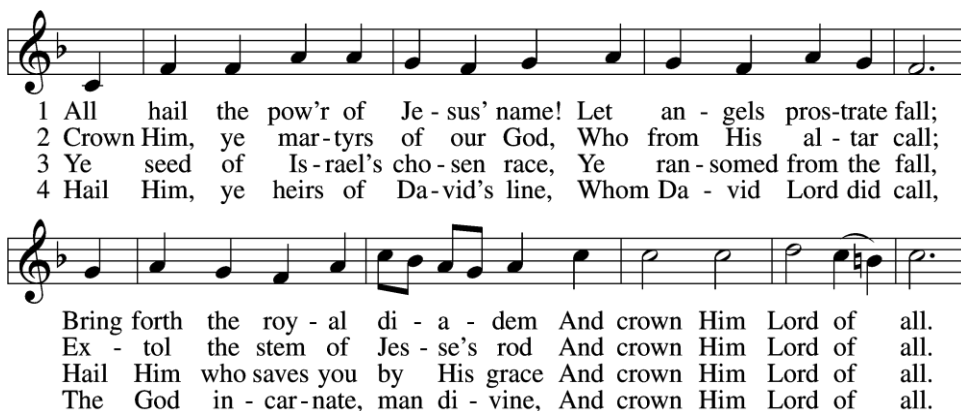
P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.*

C **Amen.**

❖ HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

LSB 549





Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

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❖ DISMISSAL

 *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

 **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Marche en Rondeau"

- Charpentier

*Today leading our time of worship, we welcome Pastor David Wackenhuth,
Regional Vice-President, LCMS-Atlantic District*