

## **BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY**

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#### **Mission Statement**

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



# Baccalaureate Sunday

## WELCOME

We are happy to greet you today as we gather for a special service of prayer and blessing upon the 2025 graduates of Trinity Lutheran School and Early Childhood Center, and others who are graduating from institutions of higher learning. God's Word is the foundation of our Christian Education Ministry here at Trinity. Encounters with our risen Savior changes us. We have been made brothers and sisters in Christ through a different, more precious blood—the blood of Jesus shed for us on the cross. Relationships made possible through His blood last for all eternity. While we honor our families, we give greater honor to the One who made us a part of His family. Thank You, Lord, for the privilege of being called Your sons and daughters!

Please stand where indicated with a ❖. Thank you!

## PRELUDE

"Earth and All Stars"

- Burkhardt

## GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ *Please stand and face the cross during the procession to the altar.* +

## ❖ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Earth and All Stars"

LSB 817



1 Earth and all stars!	Loud rush - ing plan - ets!	Sing to the
2 Hail, wind, and rain!	Loud blow - ing snow - storm!	Sing to the
3 Trum - pet and pipes!	Loud clash - ing cym - bals!	Sing to the
4 En - gines and steel!	Loud pound - ing ham - mers!	Sing to the



Lord	a new song!	Oh, vic - to - ry!	Loud shout - ing
Lord	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees!	Loud rus - tling
Lord	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre!	Loud hum - ming
Lord	a new song!	Lime - stone and beams!	Loud build - ing



ar - my!	Sing to the	Lord	a new song!
dry leaves!	Sing to the	Lord	a new song!
cel - los!	Sing to the	Lord	a new song!
work - ers!	Sing to the	Lord	a new song!



- 5 Classrooms and labs!  
 Loud boiling test tubes!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Athlete and band!  
 Loud cheering people!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 6 Knowledge and truth!  
 Loud sounding wisdom!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Daughter and son!  
 Loud praying members!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 7 Children of God,  
 Dying and rising,  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Heaven and earth,  
 Hosts everlasting,  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

## ❖ CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

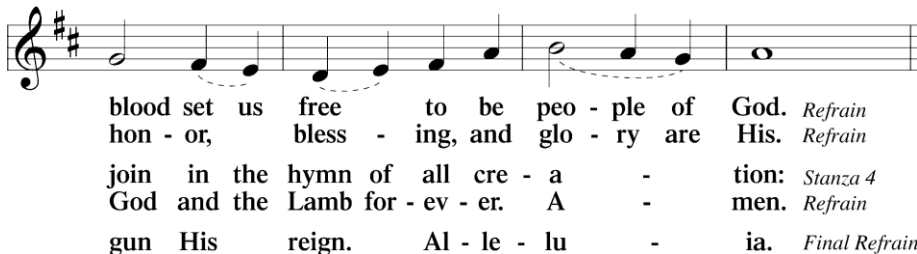
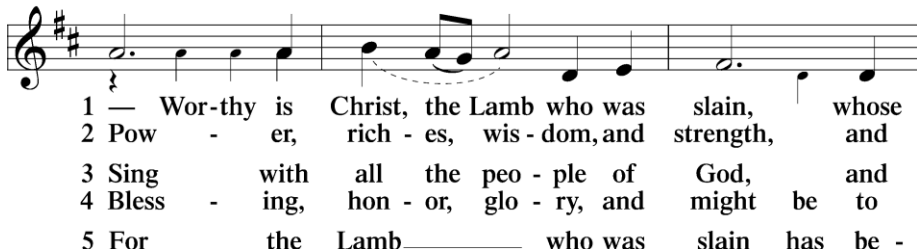
- P** *In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*  
**C** **Amen.** [Matthew 28:19b]
- P** *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us 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.

# ❖ HYMN OF PRAISE *This is the Feast*



*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

❖ **BACCALAUREATE PRAYER**

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C And also with you.**

**P** *Let us pray.*

**A** Dear Heavenly Father,

*Skylar Hinds*

We come before you today with hearts full of gratitude and joy. Thank you for guiding these students through their middle school years. You have walked beside them through every challenge, every lesson, every friendship and every moment of growth.

Lord, we give you praise for the knowledge they have gained, the character they have developed, and the people they are becoming. As they take this next step into high school, we ask for your continued presence in their lives.

Grant them courage to face new challenges, wisdom to make good decisions, and faith to trust in you. Help them to shine your light wherever they go, and to be kind, compassionate, and bold in living out their faith. Bless their families, their teachers, and all those who have supported them on this journey.

We ask these prayers through Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## ECC GRADUATES

## “If I Were a Butterfly”

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

## Proverbs 3:5-18

*Sonia Isabella Montanez*

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.

<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.

- <sup>7</sup> Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
- <sup>8</sup> It will be healing to your flesh  
and refreshment to your bones.
- <sup>9</sup> Honor the Lord with your wealth  
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
- <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty,  
and your vats will be bursting with wine.
- <sup>11</sup> My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline  
or be weary of his reproof,
- <sup>12</sup> for the Lord reproves him whom he loves,  
as a father the son in whom he delights.
- <sup>13</sup> Blessed is the one who finds wisdom,  
and the one who gets understanding,
- <sup>14</sup> for the gain from her is better than gain from silver  
and her profit better than gold.
- <sup>15</sup> She is more precious than jewels,  
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
- <sup>16</sup> Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and honor.
- <sup>17</sup> Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.
- <sup>18</sup> She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;  
those who hold her fast are called blessed.

**R**      *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C**      **Thanks be to God.**

**TRINITY SCHOOL BAND**

“A Childhood Hymn”

- David Holsinger

**EPISTLE**

Ephesians 6:10-17

*Carmela Di Martino*

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can

extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;<sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God...

**R** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **ALLELUIA** (*Sing twice before the Gospel and once after*)

LSB 952



❖ **GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 5:13-16

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.*



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



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

**BACCALAUREATE SERMON**

## ❖ HYMN

## "Thy Word Is A Lamp"

LSB 973

*Refrain*



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,  
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My

Still You're there right be - side me. And  
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.

noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And

*Refrain*

Please be near me to the end.  
I will love You to the end.

## PRESENTATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL GRADUATES

BACCALAUREATE FAREWELL ADDRESS *Summer Gooding-Drew and Charis Akanbi*

+ Please turn and face your fellow members across the center aisle +

## ❖ 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.



## ❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

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## TRINITY CHOIR

“O Come, Let Us Sing”

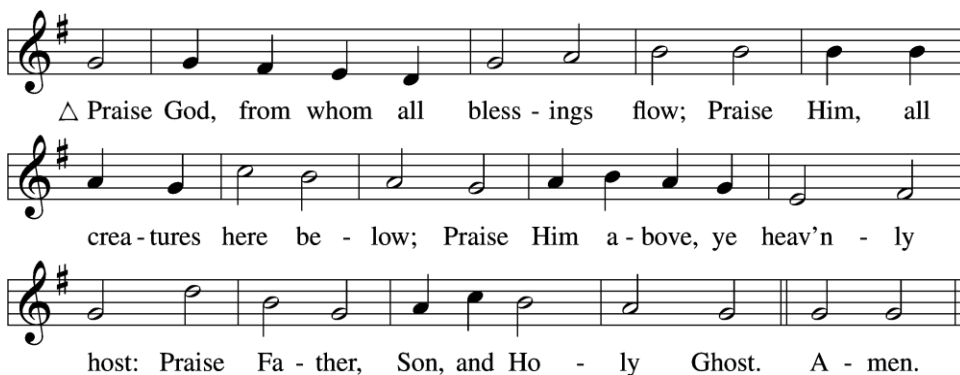
– Pelz

O come, let us sing unto the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. O come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. O come and sing to the Lord! Amen!

## OFFERTORY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LSB 805



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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## ❖ THE 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.

## ❖ 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.**

## ❖ RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LSB 922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.  
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My  
 I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.  
 heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.  
 Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.  
 Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.  
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

## DISMISSAL

**P**      *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*  
**C**      **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

Robert Stainkamp, *Trumpet*

"Voluntary in C"

- Purcell

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