TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, FINDLAY, OH **October 4, 2026**
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION **9 AM Service**
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRESERVICE MUSIC

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.
Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Compassionate God,
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.
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.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG:** ***Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (ELW 618) (vs 1-3)

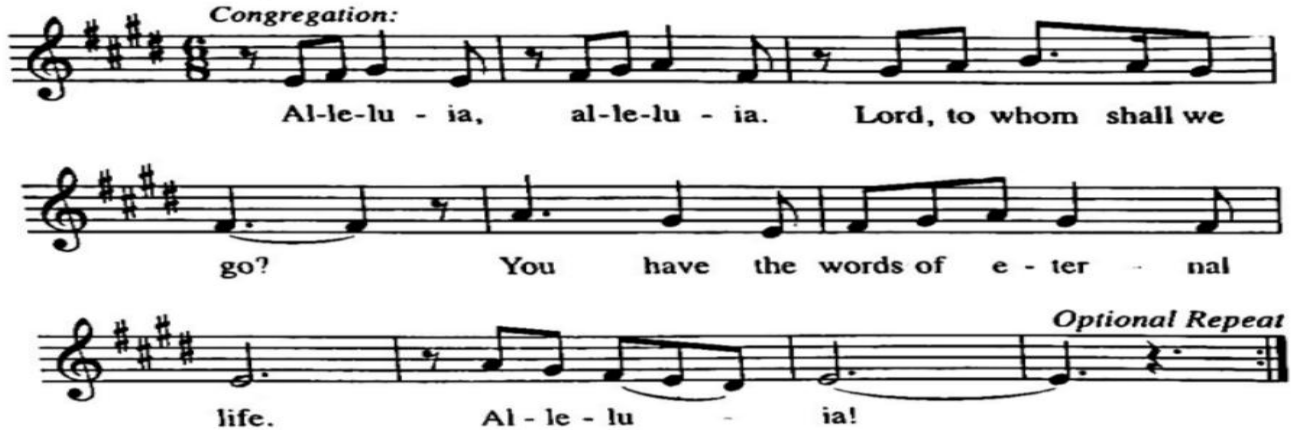
***GREETING**
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: ***Now the Feast and Celebration*** (ELW 167)

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray… God of salvation, you rescued the Israelites at the edge of the Red Sea. Rescue us from the things of this world that threaten our lives and livelihoods, so that we might forever place our trust in you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ***Alleluia!***

SECOND READING: Matthew 2:13-15
The holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SERMON SONG:** ***This is My Father's World (ELW 824) (v. 1-3)

***THE 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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(Each petition ends with the words "Hear us O God," Please respond with **"Your mercy is great."**)*

***PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

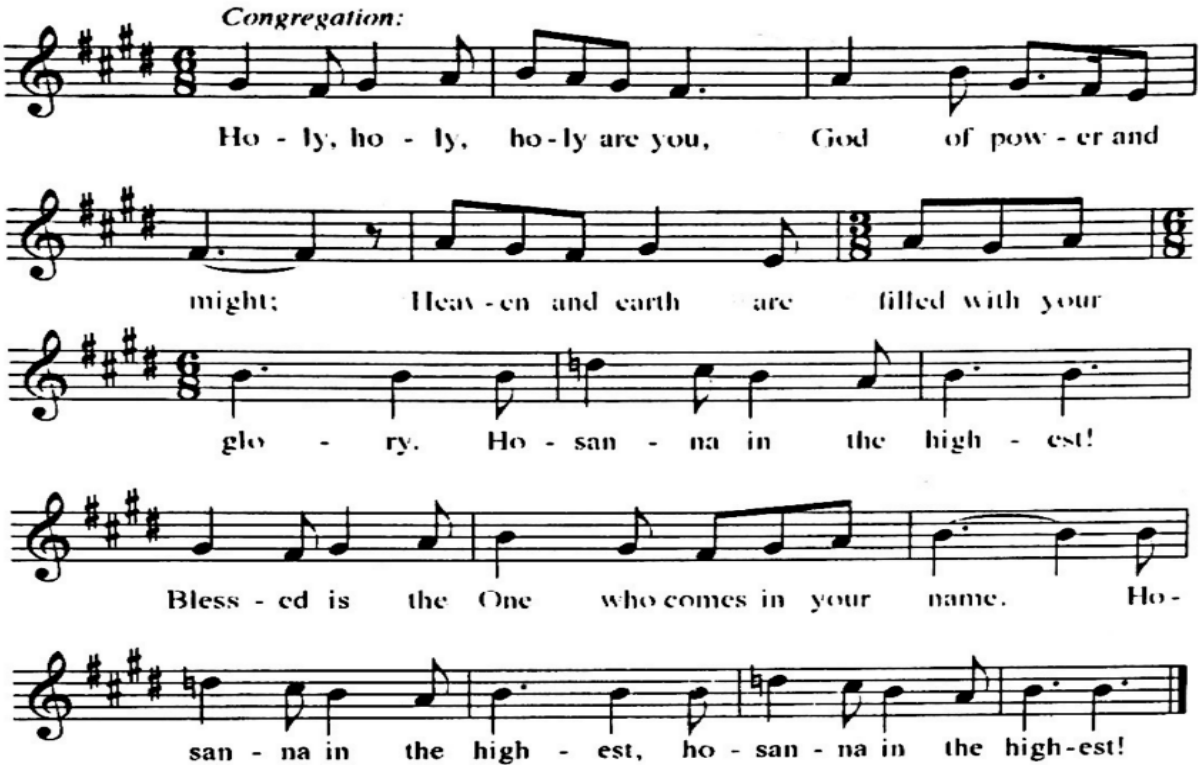
OFFERING & OFFERTORY:

***OFFERING PRAYER**
Let us pray… 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.**

***DIALOGUE**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS – HOLY



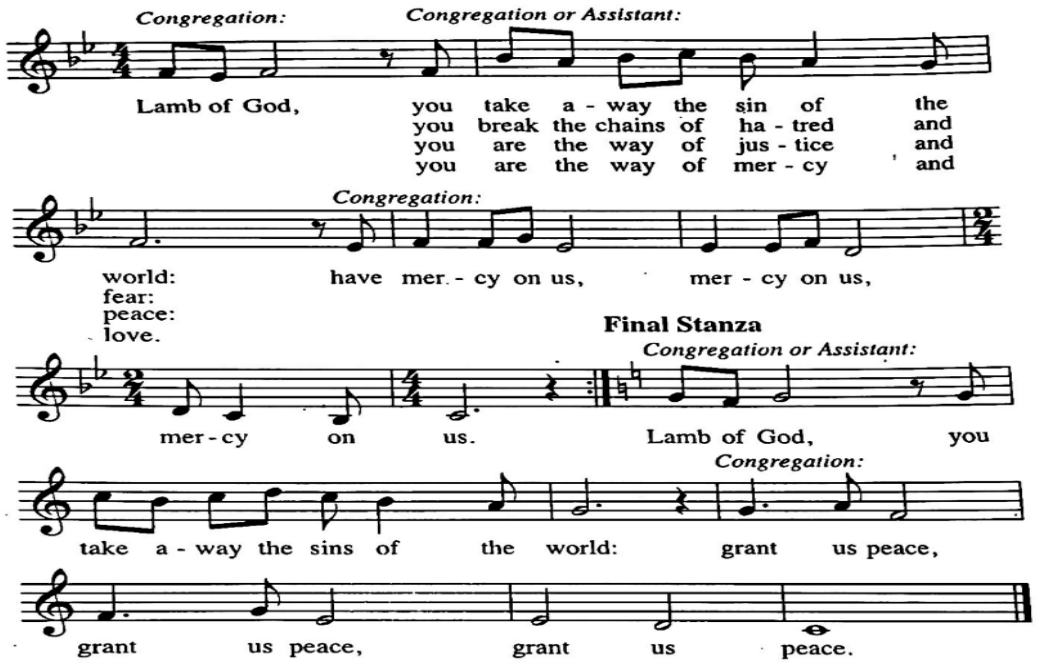
***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

AGNUS DEI: ***Lamb of God***



COMMUNION SONG: ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*** (ELW 803)

COMMUNION SONG: ***Jesus Loves Me*** (ELW 595) (vs 1-3)

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Let us pray… 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. **Amen.**

***PRAYER FOR SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION** (as applicable)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**
The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

SENDING SONG:** ***For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 679) (vs 1-3)

*DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS	TLC Financial Position Jan-Aug 2026
Presiding Minister: Jeannine Grimm Assisting Minister: Christine Reasoner Director of Music: Joy Conners Ushers: Katie Kuhn Lector: Greg Spiess Communion Assistants: Brad & Val Johnson Greeters: Greg & Shawn Spiess	**Budget - $401,000** **Income – $342,560** **Expense - $290,248**

SERVICE & FAITH STUDY INFORMATION		New Ministry Journey Team
Sunday Service	9:00 AM	Pastor Ken Pollitz – (419)-615-8943
Sunday Children's Chapel	During 9AM worship	SAM Jeannine Grimm – (419)-261-6480
Children and Youth Sunday School Classes	10:15 AM – 11:15 AM	SAM Phil Koenig – (419)-306-7530
Adult Sunday School Classes	10:15 AM – 11:15 AM	
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	11:00 AM	
Wednesday Evening Service	6:30 PM	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School is in Session for All Ages –10:15 AM to 11:15 AM
Please join us and try out a new class anytime!
Children's Classes:

- **Ages PK – 2nd Grade**: will meet in Luther Hall (downstairs to the right of the steps).
- **Ages 3rd– 5th Grade**: will meet in the Craft Room (beside Luther Hall downstairs).

Youth Classes: High school and middle school students (on non-confirmation class Sundays) will meet in the High School room (just off the gym).
Adult Classes:

- Berean Bible Study: Room 211 – meet for mutual support and work through the Bishop's lessons.
- Seekers: Room 212 – meet for faith study and informal conversation.
- Men's Class: East Room – casual group focused on fellowship and sharing of opinions on faith, sports, and current events.
- Women's Class: Room 213 – casual group focused on completing faith video studies or books and associated discussion.

Calling all Sunday School teachers and youth parents!
Asking for volunteers. Scan the QR Code to sign up for the different class options. Children's Chapel teachers will cover the period during the worship service between Children's message and the end of the Sermon. Sunday School classes for PreK-2nd and 3rd-5th need teachers and parents to support! Lessons will be shared prior to the class time for review and prep. All youth parents and TLC members are encouraged to prayerfully consider supporting.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Tuesday morning bible studies have begun and are being led by SAM Jeannine Grimm at the usual time of 11AM. Come and learn a bit about how the scriptures made it from antiquity into your hands and why this deepens our love and understanding of "The greatest story ever told".

Fields of Faith – All High School & Middle School Students - October 11th – Food at 6 pm
This is a special invite to Trinity Lutheran Church high school and middle school students: Liberty Benton and Findlay High School Fellowship of Christian Athlete (FCA) organization students are sponsoring a "Fields of Faith" event which will be held on the LB football field on Sunday, October 11th. There will be a cookout at 6 pm, and organized events including field games, student testimonies and a dynamic speaker starting at 7 pm. All area high school and middle school students are invited to attend!

Mobile Food Distribution - October 17th
Our final mobile food distribution will be on October 17th. The distribution will begin at 8:30am. We need 20-25 volunteers! A sign-up genius link will be sent out prior to the event so you can easily register to help (or scan the QR code). Volunteers should arrive at 8:00am. Let's work together to feed all of God's children and make a big impact in our community!

Trinity Singers Retreat – October 17th
Trinity Singers will have a "Singers Retreat" on Saturday, October 17 from 12pm-3pm in the choir room at Trinity to work on music for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. All are welcome to join!

Mark Your Calendars:
Sunday, October 25 – Reformation Sunday
Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Sunday
Wednesday, November 25 – Thanksgiving Worship – Trinity Lutheran Church is hosting!
Sunday, November 29 – Advent begins
Wednesday, December 2 – Wednesday worship moves from the East Room to the Sanctuary
If you'd like to donate Altar Flowers during November and December, please sign up as soon as possible on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Flowers are given to the Glory of God unless specified when you sign-up.

St. John's Fall Festival – October 31st
This is free and open for anyone to attend on October 31. We are always looking for additional cars to set up for trunk-or treat. The only cost is the bake sale and the concession stand. Proceeds will be donated to the NWO Synod's Great Goat Project. We would love to invite Trinity to join us!

Transition Ministry Journey Team:
We continue to be very blessed with our Transition Ministry Journey Team that is serving us during this interim time. If you have any questions or need support from the church, please contact the church office, or you can also reach our Transition Ministers for Pastoral Care as well.

Church Administrative Assistant Opening
TLC is looking for a great candidate to fill our church administrative assistant opening. This position plays an important role in church operations by coordinating communications, maintaining records, supporting worship preparation, and assisting church staff in a Christ-centered environment. The position is part-time and offers paid time off. The opening is currently posted on Indeed. We appreciate referrals, so please spread the word and have anyone interested submit their resume through Indeed!