

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 AM Worship Service

Now the Feast and Celebration • September 18, 2022



*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing – we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

**Welcome members and guests** to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex; or, if you are online during our worship service, drop us a line to say hello or that you and your family are attending, so that we know you have joined us for worship. For those who come in person, please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. Worship service on Sunday mornings during the summer is at 10:00 A.M. and also on livestream.

**A nursery room is available** during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. At this time, there are no nursery attendants. We also have “activity binders” available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about using one.



## **TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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### **PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS**

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;

Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm

Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

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## CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE                      Prelude on *Children of the Heavenly Father*                      Robert A. Hobby

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.    **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
Our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of Mercy and Forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice,**  
**love kindness,**  
**and walk humbly with you.**  
**Turn us in a new direction.**  
**Show us the path that leads to life.**  
**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God:  
your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole.  
God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.  
Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.    **Amen.**

## 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.**

## KYRIE

*Now the Feast booklet page 3*

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Now the Feast*

*Now the Feast booklet pages 4-5*

## SALUTATION

*Now the Feast booklet page 7*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Assembly is seated.*

## FIRST READING: AMOS 8:4-7

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 113 (read responsively)

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;  
praise the name of the Lord.

**Let the name of the Lord be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down  
let the name of the Lord be praised.

**The Lord is high above all nations;  
God's glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the Lord our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,

**but stoops to behold  
the heavens and the earth?**

The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

**enthroning them with the rulers,  
with the rulers of the people.**

The Lord makes the woman of a childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

— this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 16:1-13**

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Pastor Tina Melusky

**SERMON**

Pastor Tina Melusky

*Silence is kept for reflection after the sermon.*

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*We Are An Offering*  
OFFERING

ELW 692

**HOLY BAPTISM**

ELW pages 227-231

**HYMN**

*Children of the Heavenly Father*  
TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

ELW 781

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*The peace, which enables people to live in unity and in the spirit of mutual forgiveness,  
comes from Christ, whose word has been proclaimed.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*In Remembrance*

Ragan Courtney/Buryl Red

*In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.*

*In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.*

*In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.*

*In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbors in, let them in.*

*Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink, and remember too,  
that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you.*

*In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.  
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, look for God.*

*Do this in remembrance of me.*

*The assembly stands.*

**OFFERTORY**                      *As the Grains of Wheat*              *Now the Feast* booklet page 10

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Gracious God,  
**in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**                                              *Now the Feast* booklet page 11

**SANCTUS**                      *Holy, Holy, Holy*              *Now the Feast* booklet pages 11-12

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST**                                              *Now the Feast* page 13

**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,**



## COMMUNION

*Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.*

## MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

*By Your Hand You Feed Your People*  
CAMROSE

ELW 469

*The assembly stands.*

## SENDING

### TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE      *Thanks Be to You*      *Now the Feast* booklet page 15

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*  
SLANE

ELW 793

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Grand Choeur*

Theodore Salomé



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Holy Baptism:** We celebrate with Stephanie and Andrew Muise and the Quist family the birth of Hayden Andrew Muise, born on August 5, 2022. We rejoice in his baptism today. May he grow strong in the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Children's Sunday School starts TODAY!:** Pastor Tina will be doing a brief opening for the children immediately after our worship service. The **younger grades (K-5)** will meet in the same classroom as last year (downstairs, farthest room on the left). See below for older youth Sunday School information. Our theme for the younger grades is *Building With Christ*-building community, family, connections etc. Class time will be 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**Movies, Donuts, and Discussion:** Our **youth group aged Sunday School class** starts **TODAY** and is in for a treat this year as we explore the books of the Bible through film. Join us as we watch Thor Ragnarok, The Lord of the Rings, Hidden Figures, Beauty and the Beast, and more during the Sunday School hour. We will enjoy treats and have a great discussion about these movies and Bible stories taking a look at how they impact our everyday faith life.

**Trinity Discussion Group, a.k.a. Adult Sunday School Class:** Starts **TODAY!! From 8:45 until 9:30 a.m.**, in the church parlor, we will be "catching up with each other" and talking about the introduction to the book "Twelve Unlikely Heroes: *How God Commissioned Unexpected People in the Bible and What He Wants to Do with You*, by John MacArthur. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THIS DISCUSSION GROUP.**

**Handbells:** After the service **TODAY**, we will have a handbell hands-on event. If you have any interest in ringing bells, please feel free to stay after the service to learn how to ring the bells and learn some common bell-ringing techniques. On **October 2**, we

will officially begin bell choir rehearsals immediately following the Sunday worship service. Please let me know if you are interested so I know how many ringers to expect!

**Inclusion means everyone has a voice!:** Reconciling in Christ is a program of the ELCA that supports congregations in their desire to become a more inclusive congregation. We've been called by the Church Council to participate in this journey. One of the first steps is to ask congregants what your thoughts and opinions about this process are. We've created a survey for this purpose and it was emailed to you. We want everyone who considers Trinity their worship home to complete an individual survey. To take the survey online, go to <https://forms.gle/bA4VrCDYQ5j1jbj87> Hard copies of the survey are available in the church library or you can request one be sent to you by contacting the church office. We want to hear from any interested person in order to make this the most inclusive and comprehensive journey possible. This survey should only take about 10-15min to complete. Your responses are completely anonymous. We value your privacy. Your honest responses will help us build a successful and inclusive journey. In order for us to efficiently move forward, we request your response by October 9, 2022. Thank you for your time, The RIC Committee (

**Glass Vases for The Simple Sunflower:** Small to medium sized glass vases are needed to repurpose flowers from The Simple Sunflower. If you have any vases to donate, please place them in the labeled cardboard box at the wheelchair ramp door, near the sacristy kitchen. Thank you!

**Email Changes/Corrections:** Please note that Pete Mizelle's email has changed to [pmizelle3@gmail.com](mailto:pmizelle3@gmail.com) . Also, Bob's Schappert's email was incorrectly listed in the directory and should be [drbob381@gmail.com](mailto:drbob381@gmail.com).

**New Address:** Nicole (May) Nelson and her husband, Phillip, have a new address. It is 4532 Ellington Avenue, Suffolk, VA 23435.

## YOUTH

**Pure Vida Bracelets Fundraiser for National Youth Gathering:** The youth are still selling Pure Vida bracelets to help raise money for the ELCA National Youth

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** The next bible study will be held on **September 20** at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor and online via Zoom. All are welcome!

**Reformation Remix:** The next meeting for Reformation Remix will be held on **Monday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m.** Our theme for the month is "United to Christ" and we will also meet on for the last session on the 26th. All are welcome to join in.

**Church Picnic:** Next Sunday, **September 25**, we will enjoy worship time outside by having our annual church picnic at Deer Park, at **11:00 a.m.** Kelly and Erik Rummel and Ashleigh Ardis will help lead us in the hymns. Hamburgers, hot dogs, side dish salads, watermelon, and dessert will be provided. You are welcome to bring family picnic foods to share within your family group.

**Choir practice:** Trinity rejoices in the return of the chancel choir on Sunday mornings as of last Sunday. Choir rehearsals are on **Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.** Any youth or adult who enjoys singing is invited to join us - no musical training required, and we can work with any voice!

**Confirmation Classes:** The first confirmation class is **TODAY from 6 to 8 p.m.** in the church parlor.

**A Note from the Finance Committee:** Just a reminder that, as Finance Chair Cliff Obara mentioned at the annual meeting, when we vote to approve a NEW budget (done in June), we are also voting to increase our regular offerings to the general fund. If you haven't done that yet, please prayerfully consider the needs of our church family and the needs of our community family, which your offerings help to fill! Thank you!

**VANCO Online giving:** The procedure to use the online offering system, VANCO, is very user-friendly. Just go to Trinity's website, <http://www.trinitylutheran-nn.com> and click on the green "online giving" link found on the homepage. If you have questions about the donation site or how to make your donation, please don't hesitate to contact the church office, **245-7861**.

Gathering in 2024. The bracelets are **\$5 each** and make great gifts. Call the church office if you need an order form or grab one from either the narthex or church office.

**Parent Meeting - September 25:** Immediately following the Worship in the Park on Sunday, **September 25**, we will all enjoy a cook out with our church following. Following our meal, the youth group and parents will meet to welcome our new youth group members, go over the calendar for the year, fill out any necessary paperwork, and get out our first sign up sheets. Please plan on joining us if your youth will be participating in the youth group this year.

### **SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY**

**Crucifer:** Nathan Rummel; **Acolytes:** Andrew Rummel, Karina Stevens; **Lector:** Sarah Green; **Ushers:** David Hunt, Judy Hunt **Camera:** Ben Melusky

### **PRAYER LIST**

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:** **Jeanette Cantrell** (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); **Millie Christensen** (Morningside: Rm. 131; **Lucille Lebold** (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); **Joan Johnston** (The Newport – Rm 33); **Shut-in at Home:** Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade.

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:** **The Ahlen Family and Brittany Hock**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother)**, requested by the Ardis family; **Jack and Sharon (Sherry) Johnston** and Pam Little (Donna's sisters), requested by Grant and Donna Owens; **Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia)**, requested by Patricia Fielding; **Ben Nelson**, requested by Laura Davis; **Donald Hall (son)**, requested by Susan Hall; for the **mental health of all those who are first responders**, requested by Dinah Balthis; **David Harvey (uncle)**, requested by Anne Obara and Richard Anderson.

**Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty:** James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Belleville, IL.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce.

The flowers TODAY are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Donald E. Golden, organist emeritus, who served Trinity from 1966 – 1995.



*Service of Remembrance for  
Donald E. Golden*

*TODAY, September 18, 2022 at 3 PM a special service of remembrance will be held for our Organist/ Choirmaster Emeritus, Don Golden, who passed away December 2, 2021. There will be hymns, musical performances, some recordings by Don, and remembrances from those who worked with Don in the school, the church, and the community during his tenure of almost 30 years at Trinity. We encourage you to attend this service to honor our friend and brother who contributed immeasurably to Trinity and our wider community.*

## Youth Schedule 2022 - 2023

<b>September 25</b>	Cook Out and Parent Meeting (Following Worship in the Park)
<b>October 9</b>	Howl O Scream Busch Gardens – Meet at Rummel house
<b>October 22</b>	5 Pm Festival starts, 7 PM Walk starts Light the Night – Leukemia/ Lymphoma Society – McArthur Center
<b>November 11</b>	Homebound Gifts/ Lock In
<b>November 12</b>	Roanoke College Lutheran Visit Day
<b>November 18-20</b>	Lost and Found (7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders – Eagle Eyrie)
<b>December 11</b>	Decorating and Caroling
<b>January 8</b>	Bowling
<b>January 27-29</b>	Winter Celebration (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> graders – Eagle Eyrie)
<b>February 12</b>	Soup-er Bowl Party (Watch the Super Bowl / Canned Food Drive)
<b>March 4-5</b>	Seventh Day 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> graders
<b>March 17-18</b>	Lock In
<b>April 2</b>	Stuff Eggs and Make Baskets for Homebound members
<b>April 9</b>	Easter Egg Hunt (Easter Sunday)
<b>April 23</b>	Ropes Course (VA Beach Aquarium)
<b>May 7</b>	Fundraiser for 2024 NYG – Cake Auction
<b>June</b>	Confirmation Sunday
<b>June 9-11</b>	Youth Assembly
<b>June 25-30</b>	Kairos (Week-long event at Roanoke College – Rising 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> graders)
<b>July 9-13</b>	Launch (Graduated High School Seniors)
<b>June 25-30</b>	Kairos (Week-long event at Roanoke College – Rising 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> graders)
<b>July 9-13</b>	Launch (Graduated High School Seniors)
<b>July</b>	YARD SALE for NYG 2024

\*\*\*Dates are subject to change based off of Advisors' schedules and weather events!\*\*\*

# Gathering Hymn

## Gather Us In

ELW 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.



The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'We Are an Offering'. It consists of six staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef. The melody is in 3/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the first, third, and fifth staves. The lyrics are: 'We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.'

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
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We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

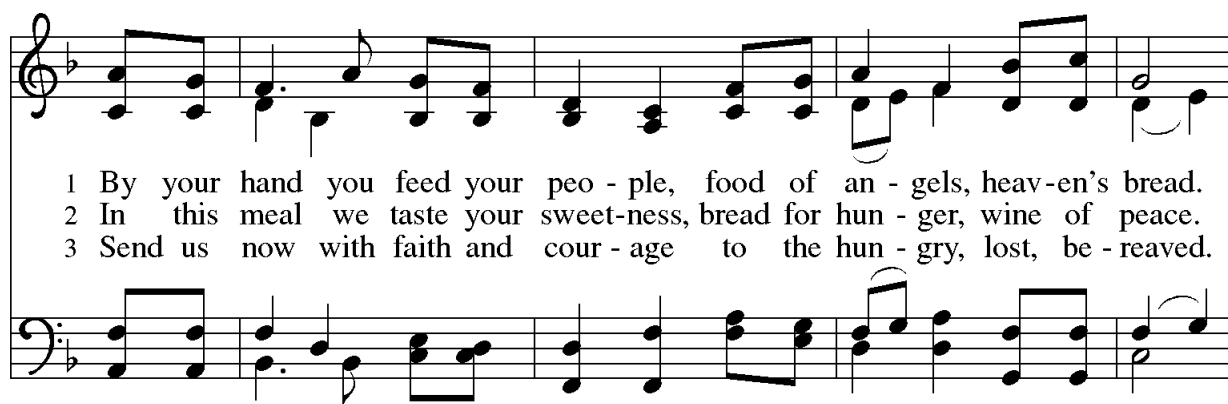


stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

## *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

ELW 469

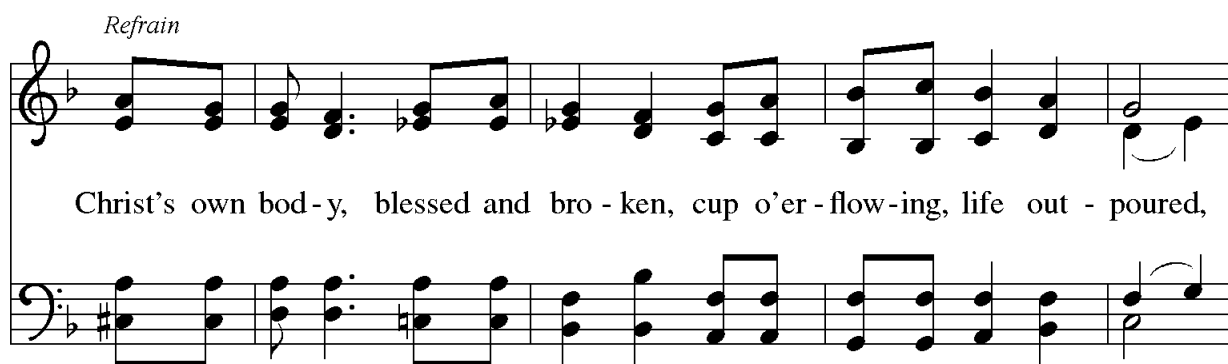


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

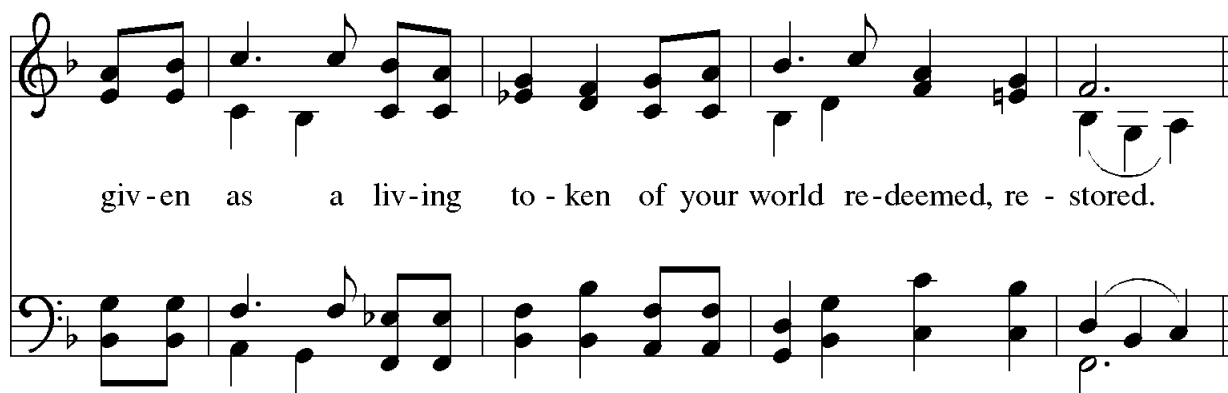


For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

*Refrain*



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

# Sending Hymn

## *Be Thou My Vision*

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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.