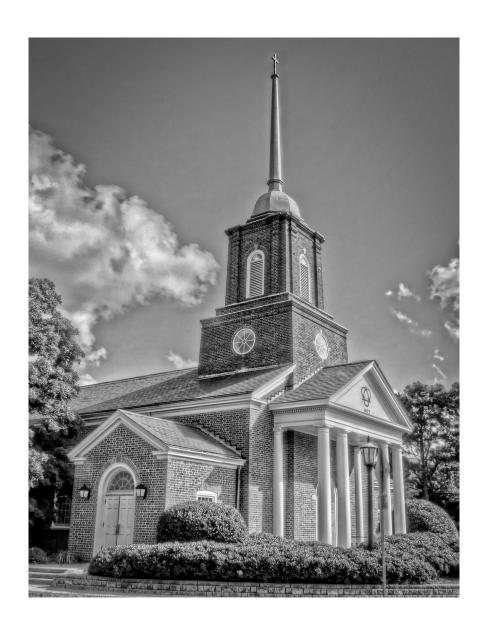
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost • Setting 1

10:00 AM Worship Service • November 13, 2022



The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

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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Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;
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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude on St. George's Windsor

David Cherwien

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEDICATION OF NEW GREEN PARAMENTS

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 redeems us in Christ Jesus whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.
We have ignored voices that call for your justice.
We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness.
We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.

Rejoice and be glad!
God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death

and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR **ELW 693**

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

PSALM 98 (read responsively)

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

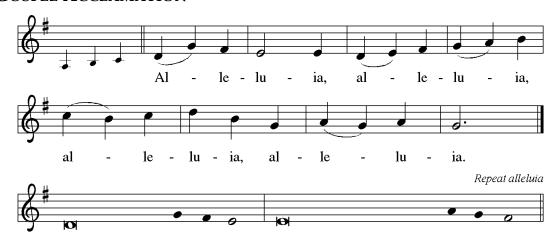
Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Stand up and | raise your heads, because your redemption is | drawing near.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and

governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Tina Melusky

SERMON Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAYAll Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
ELW 461

HOLY MANNA

The assembly is seated.

HOLY BAPTISM ELW page 227

Baptism Hymn Children of the Heavenly Father ELW 781

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

And we shall study war no more. Come, O people, O come and walk in the light of the Lord. And we shall walk the paths of peace. Come, O people, O come and walk in the light of the Lord.

The night is far spent; the day is at hand. Dona nobis pacem. And we shall study war no more. Come, O people, O come and walk in the light of the Lord.

So let us cast off the works of night so we may wear a Shield of day.

Come, O people, O come and walk in the light of the Lord.

Evermore and evermore.

OFFERTORY HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

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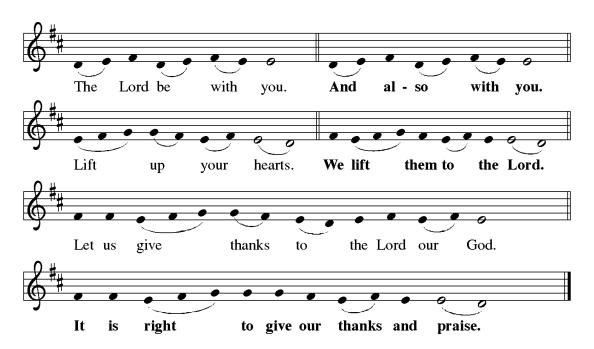
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.
As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

MEAL

The assembly stands.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

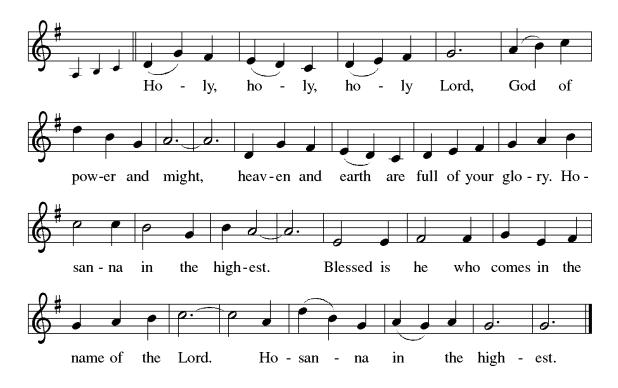


Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. 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, he 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.

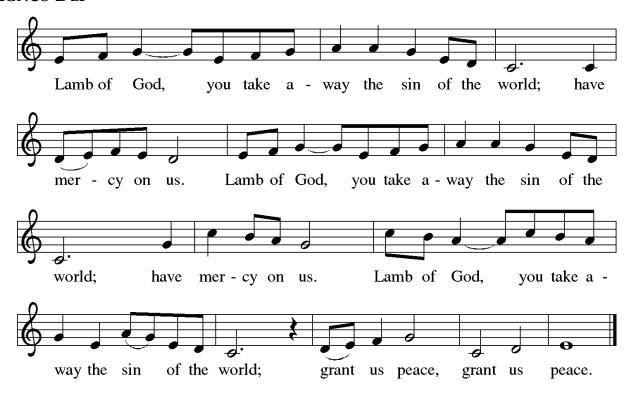
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

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



The assembly is seated.

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

Christ, Be Our Light
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

ELW 715

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 PRAYER

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, \pm bless you now and forever. **Amen**.

SENDING HYMN

The Church of Christ in Every Age WAREHAM **ELW 729**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude on Wareham J. Bert Carlson

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FLOWERS

The greenery today is presented to the Glory of God.

Please note: Due to the flexible nature of the server schedule and the frequent last minute changes, we will not be including a list of those serving the assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Dedication of Green Paraments</u>: Today, we dedicate the long awaited NEW green paraments for our altar. Glory be to God.

<u>Welcome to the Edwards family</u>: With pleasure, we welcome Lina Edwards, 7th grade teacher for Trinity Lutheran School, and her family, who join us today for the baptism of her grandson, Marshall Taylor Edwards. He is the son of Tyler and Kinsey Edwards. Congratulations to the entire family!

<u>Poinsettias</u>: We are now taking donations for poinsettias up until December 1. Each 6.5" pot is \$15. A revised Poinsettia form was sent out via Constant Contact email this past week. More forms are available in the narthex.

<u>Flower Vase Liners</u>: There are two silver, aluminum vase liners missing from the sacristy kitchen. If you possibly took them home, for whatever reason, please return them immediately. We need them to trade off with Pollard's when they bring flowers to the church. Thank you!

<u>ELCA Disaster Relief</u>: On Sunday, September 18, Hurricane Fiona struck Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands causing massive flooding and power outages. The islands have experienced devastating flooding and loss of power. The Caribbean Synod led by Bishop Idalia Negrón Caamaño consists of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. It's one of the six synods along with the Virginia Synod in ELCA Region 9. We have received a request from Bishop Negrón Caamaño for assistance with recovery. The Caribbean Synod will be purchasing and distributing Wal-Mart gift cards to allow residents to purchase the resources they need. If you would like to help the Caribbean Synod with this project, please make a financial donation to the Virginia Synod Disaster Response Fund using the button below. The Virginia Synod will ensure the financial support gets to the Caribbean Synod.

If you would like to donate, here is the link::

https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YR1Z/campaign/C-ZDMP

<u>Newsome-Bailey Project</u>: There will be <u>THREE</u> options for helping underserved students in the East End this fall. Our newest request is to tutor GED students M-TH (9-12 &/or 12:45-2PM) with YouthBuild at Four Oaks Day Center. Newsome Park has tutoring spots open M-F 10:15-11:45 AM, working 1:1 with 3rd graders. And/Or you may choose to work with PK and K students on early reading/writing skills from 8:30

-10 AM M-F at Marshall Early Learning Center. If you or someone you know would like to be trained for these volunteer positions, all in the East End NN, please contact Tinaotool@gmail.com or at 402-490-0312. You need not be available daily-we'll be grateful for any hours you may serve. Perfect for college students and those who are retired!

<u>Edmarc Thanksgiving Baskets</u>: Many thanks to all who donated! There will be lots of smiles on needy faces.

A Note from the Finance Committee: The Church Finance Committee would like to thank the members of the congregation who have generously responded to supporting the 2022-2023 Ministry Investment Plan by increasing their regular offerings to the general fund. Your growing support of our financial goals helps Trinity become a powerful force for good in our community, a living example of "God's Work - Our Hands." If you are prayerfully considering your own ability to increase your financial response, please remember that *the amount doesn't matter!* It is your willingness to contribute your time, talent, and treasure that helps us to grow in our service to God and to our siblings in our community and around the world.

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 are updating your donation and paying by credit card, you will need to reenter the CVC number. 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**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ...

<u>Confirmation Class</u>: Today, there will be a time change for our confirmation class. We will **meet from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** instead of 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. See you there!

<u>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</u>: The next Bible study will be held on **November 15** at **10:30 a.m.** in the church parlor and online via Zoom. All are welcome!

<u>Midweek Advent Services</u>: Very soon, we will be moving into the Advent season highlighted by Wednesday evening services at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The **first service** will be on **Wednesday**, **November 30**. More details to come!

Mark Your Calendars, cont.

<u>Advent Event</u>: During the **Sunday School hour** on **Sunday, December 4**, there will be an Advent Event that is birthday themed and will emphasize the **124th birthday of Trinity Lutheran Church**. Please mark your calendars for this special event.

<u>Do you like to Decorate for the holidays?</u>: At Trinity, we do also. Please mark you calendar to help us **decorate the sanctuary** (even if it is only for 30 mins. to an hour) **after the December 11 worship service**. The Worship and Music committee could really use your help, especially those who can climb ladders. Many thanks in advance.

<u>Please note:</u> Information about our Christmas worship services will be coming out soon.

YOUTH

<u>Prayers for Our Youth:</u> Prayers for safe travels go out to our youth and their advisors as the travel to and from Lost and Found this coming weekend, November 18-20. Have a wonderful time!

<u>Pure Vida Bracelets Fundraiser for National Youth Gathering</u>: The youth are still selling Pure Vida bracelets to raise money for the ELCA National Youth 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.

<u>Sunday School for Youth Group</u>: Come and hang out before church (8:45 -9:45) and join us in conversation and movie watching. We will be watching "The Greatest Showman" this month.

<u>Light the Night</u>: Thank you so much for everyone who donated to LLS! This organization has a special place in our hearts and we successfully raised money to donate to them as well as walked to "light the night!" Final totals are pending.

Lost and Found - November 18-20: Our 7th and 8th graders are attending the VA Synod's Lost and Found event this year which is held at Eagle Eyrie near Lynchburg, VA. They will get to see our very own Samantha Harry serve on the planning team for the event. Remember that there is a Talent Show, so plan on bringing your talent with you if you want to share it. Many thanks to our youth advisors who will be

going on this trip, Kelly Rummel and Ashleigh Ardis for their time and love of our youth. Have fun!

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

New Music Setting During Advent: During Advent this year, we will be using **Setting 12**, one of the new settings <u>from *All Creation Sings*</u>, as our liturgy. Please join Geoffrey and the choir before next Sunday, November 20, at 9:50 a.m., for an introduction to this setting, where we will sing through the liturgy and learn it before we begin using it in worship the following Sunday.

<u>Choir practice</u>: 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!

<u>Bell Choir</u>: If you are interested in ringing choir bells, (with Geoffrey Bell as our leader) please stay after church on Sunday mornings to join us in merriment. We practice every Sunday immediately after worship.

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 Becky Peterson, requested by Kathy Stevens; Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother), requested by the Ardis family; 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 and Kathi Rokitski, 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, Matt Eggar, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; James Newsome (son-in-law), requested by Bill Solomon; Dick Duregger, requested by Sandy Cobb; and the

family and friends of Betty Engelhard, former member and daughter of Anne and John Engelhard.

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.

CHRISTIAN HOPE AND SYMPATHY are extended to our siblings in Christ, Keegan Wise, Rob Wise and Anna Percell on the death of Rob's father, Bobby Wise. Please keep the family in your prayers. "Thanks be to God who gives us victory over death through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

CHRISTIAN HOPE AND SYMPATHY are extended to our siblings in Christ, Sherry Johnston, as well as Donna, Grant and Spencer Owens. Sherry's husband, Jack Johnston, died on Tuesday, November 8. Both Sherry and Jack were long-time, former members of Trinity. A memorial service will be held at Trinity on Friday, November 18, at 1:00 p.m. "Thanks be to God who gives us victory over death through Jesus Christ, our Lord."



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- Meals twice daily
- Storage for personal items while on-site



SPCA Donations: As a celebration of the Feast of St. Francis and acknowledgment of our commitment to serve all of creation, we will be collecting items for Peninsula SPCA throughout the rest of October. Bring donations to church and we will deliver them at the end of the month.







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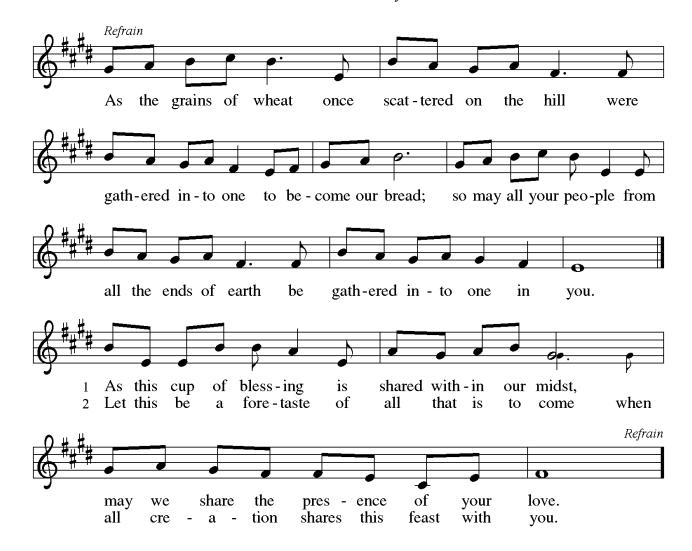
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