Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM Worship Service • February 26, 2023 Setting 1



Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

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. 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.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

Trinity offers an induction loop for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE CONGREGATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN—Ministers of the Word

We are an <u>all inclusive</u> congregation. Join us for a riveting worship service.

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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.

Pastor's Cell: (734) 239-4013

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on Cwm Rhondda

Robert A. Hobby

GATHERING

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.
This promise is for you!
God embraces you with divine mercy,
+ forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power. Amen.

Lord,

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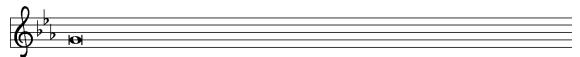
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GREETING

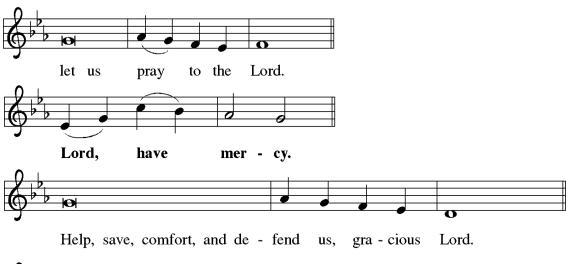
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

PSALM 32 (read responsively)

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter

came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6aying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the

kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Tina Melusky

FAITH REFLECTION

Dee Klapperich

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Peace Like a River VILLE DU HAVRE

ELW 785

APOSTLE'S 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

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM We Shall Walk Through the Valley arr. Undine Smith Moore

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no more trials there.

If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace

OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 188

OFFERTORY PRAYER

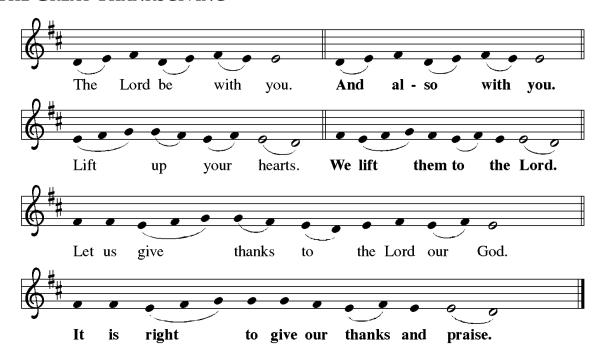
God of good gifts,

receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

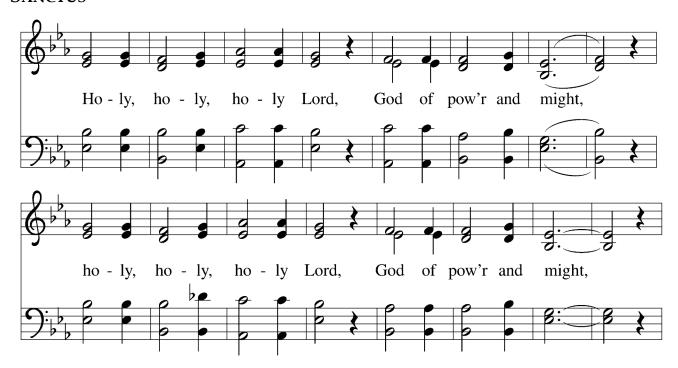


PROPER PREFACE

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





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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

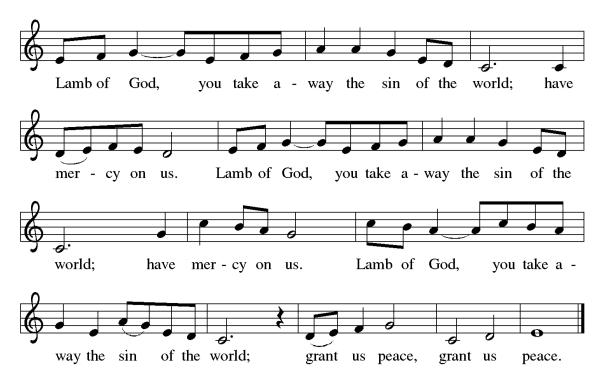
Amen.

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.

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI



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.

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When We Are Tested
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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 PRAYER

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
CWM RHONDDA

ELW 618

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

<u>Guest Singer</u>: Today, we welcome Karla Robinson as a guest singer in our choir. Karla is an accomplished soprano, having graduated from St. Olaf College under the direction of Dr. Anton Armstrong. She currently serves as the Director of Young Musicians of Virginia and is also a musical director for many community theaters. She is also the mother of Charles Robinson, our bass section leader! We thank Karla for sharing her voice with us today!

<u>Easter Candy</u>: The youth group is collecting candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the youngest members of our congregation through elementary school aged youth. Please drop off all candy donations to the church library or the youth room by the Sunday School hour on March 26. Please remember that all candy must fit in a small egg and must be individually wrapped. Please avoid jaw breakers, lollipops and peanut butter candies due to allergies. Thank you in advance for your support!

<u>Calling all 3rd through 5th grade girls!</u>: Come join Trinity's Girls On The Run Club! We meet at Trinity **Mon and Wed from 3pm-4:30pm** weekly starting **Feb 27th** and will complete a 5K together on **May 21st.** Coaches Tricia Wessler, Angel Cottom and Tina Melusky will facilitate lessons that blend physical activity with life skill development to help girls build a sense of confidence while fostering care and compassion for self and others! Register online at <u>GOTRHR.ORG</u> For more information, contact Tricia Wessler at <u>(trish.wessler@gmail.com)</u>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

<u>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</u>: On <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 28</u>, there will be a Bible Study from **10:30 to 11:30 am. in the church parlor**. Pastor Tina will also send out a Zoom invitation.

<u>Lenten Service on Zoom</u>: Wednesday, March 1 will begin our first of five weeks of Lenten services via Zoom. The theme is *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* which is centered around the different past and modern saints whose festival days fall during lent. Worship will center around prayer, song and reflection.

<u>Black History Month Event</u>: As a congregation, we are committed together to our Reconciling in Christ journey. As part of that effort, we are seeking to educate

ourselves towards a goal of joyful inclusion of all of our siblings. February is marked out as Black History Month and as part of that celebration, we will be joining together **TOMORROW NIGHT**, **Monday**, **February 27 at 6:30 in the social hall** to view the documentary "Let the World See." "Let the World See" is centered around Mamie Till -Mobley's fight to bring her son, Emmett's, body home to Chicago after he was murdered. We will watch the documentary together and then engage in discussion after. Please feel free to bring drinks and snacks to enjoy during viewing.

YOUTH

<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 are now watching *Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring.*

7th Day Participants: You should have received a confirmation email from Dave Delaney at the VA Synod Office confirming your attendance at the event. Please make sure that you read the information provided as it will assist you in packing for the event. **A couple of big items to bring:** Sleeping Bag and pillow, PJs, layered clothes, hygiene items, a reusable water bottle, and your favorite snack to share. The advisors will have lots of snacks and drinks for the weekend. We will be staying in heated and air conditioned houses on the side of a mountain, so also make sure you have appropriate footwear (tennis shoes are fine). **All youth and advisors will meet** at the **Rummel household** on **Saturday, March 4 at 7:15 AM**. We will contact parents on our way home to come and pick up your youth from the Rummel household. We usually arrive home on Sunday at approximately 6 PM.

<u>Lock In: March 10-11</u>: All youth are invited to attend our last lock in for the school year. Parents can drop their youth off at 6 PM March 10 and can return to pick them up at 8 AM on March 11. Bring a snack to share and all your normal lock in gear.

Egg Stuffing: The Youth Group will meet on Sunday March 26 during the Sunday School hour to stuff hundreds of Easter eggs for our annual egg hunt.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Today, **at 3: p.m.**, **Geoffrey Bell** will present his **first organ recital at Trinity** since joining us as our Director of Music Ministries. The program will feature classic works by Bach, Franck, Mathias, and others; newer works by composers such as Gwyneth

Walker and Paul Manz; and selections by African-American composers to commemorate Black History Month. Please join us for a reception downstairs in the social hall after the recital.

Please note: This recital will kick off our year of 125th anniversary musical celebrations – a full list of events and dates will be coming soon!

PRAYER LISTS

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); Shut-in at Home: Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade; Recovery At Home: Bonnie Carlson, Gloria Stoffa and Butch Klapperich...

PRAYER REQUESTS: The Ahlen Family and Chloe Koenig, requested by Kathy Stevens; Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother), requested by the Ardis family; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia), requested by Patricia Fielding; Shirley Krause, requested by Anne Obara; Matt Eggar, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; Mary Lou Hubble (Jacob's aunt), requested by the Wessler family; Barbara Smith, requested by the Lunsfords; David Dellinger, requested by Laura Davis; the family and friends of Daniel Hickman (cousin of Pastor Tina), requested by Pastor Tina; and the family and friends of James Newsome (Bill Solomon's son-in-law), requested by Bill Solomon.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: We rejoice with **Harlan and Virginia Hamby** who are celebrating **56 years of marriage** as of yesterday, Saturday, **February 25**. God bless the sanctity and union of these two members of Trinity. Along with their families, we say Congratulations to both of you!

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.

FLOWERS:

The Worship and Music committee has decided that there will be **NO flowers or greenery** presented on the pedestals in the sanctuary **during Lent** beginning **February 26.** You may donate flowers starting April 16 forward.

The church office wishes to express deepest apologies for the vases of flowers that did not arrive for last week's service.

CHRISTIAN HOPE AND SYMPATHY are extended to Joan Johnston and her family upon the death of her husband and our Brother in Christ, Pete Johnston. For many years, Pete was a very devoted member of our Trinity church family. He also was a dedicated driver of TLS students to after school activities for many years.. A memorial service was held at Trinity on Friday, February 20. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Pete's address: c/o Mike and David Johnston and Diana Spencer, 257 Herman Melville Ave, Newport News, VA, 23606.

Please keep Joan, David, Mike and Diana, as well as their families, in your thoughts and prayers. "Thanks be to God who gives us victory over death through Jesus Christ."

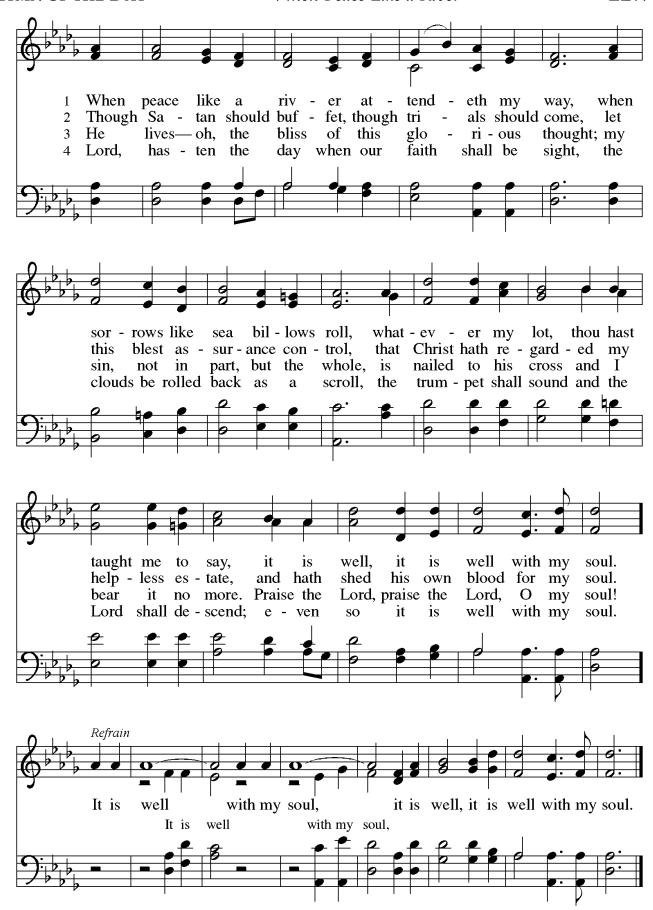
Serving the Assembly

Crucifer	Nathan Rummel
Acolytes	Karina Stevens
	Samantha Harry
Lector	Lauren Hill
Ushers/Greeters	Dave Roselius
	John Lunsford
Altar Guild	Karoline Ardis
	Steve Quist
Camera/Livestream	Cliff Obara



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Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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