

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 AM Worship Service • September 15, 2024

*ELW Setting 1*



*Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross*

**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 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553*

J. S. Bach

## 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 forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first  
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

## CRUCIFER

## 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

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -  
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,  
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of  
God the Fa - ther. A - men.  
Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The assembly is seated*

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning God wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
God who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 116:1-9** (*spoken responsively*)



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I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,  
**for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**  
The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.  
**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:**  
**“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**  
Gracious is the LORD and righteous;

our God is full of compassion.

**The LORD watches over the innocent;**

**I was brought low, and God saved me.**

Turn again to your rest, O my soul.

for the LORD has dealt well with you.

**For you have rescued my life from death,**

**my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

I will walk in the presence of the LORD

in the land of the living.

## **SECOND READING: James 3:1-12**

*This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Creator, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

**Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for | the unrighteous,  
in order to bring | you to God.**

### GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

*This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" and they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them



to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of the Creator with the holy angels.”

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

*The assembly is seated.*

CHILDREN’S CHAT  
SERMON

Pastor Tina Melusky  
Pastor Tina Melusky

*The assembly stands.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.

Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;  
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;  
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,  
*Last time to coda ☩*

where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;  
where there is dark - ness, . . . . . on - ly light;  
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -

and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.

2  
3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so

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much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be  
 un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be  
 loved as to love with all my soul.  
 ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

*D.C. (stanza 4) al coda*

*Coda*

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## 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

Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great..

## 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

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;  
and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;  
and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.*

*Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.*

*Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;  
separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,  
and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.*

*Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;  
'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;  
let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory*

*The assembly stands.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

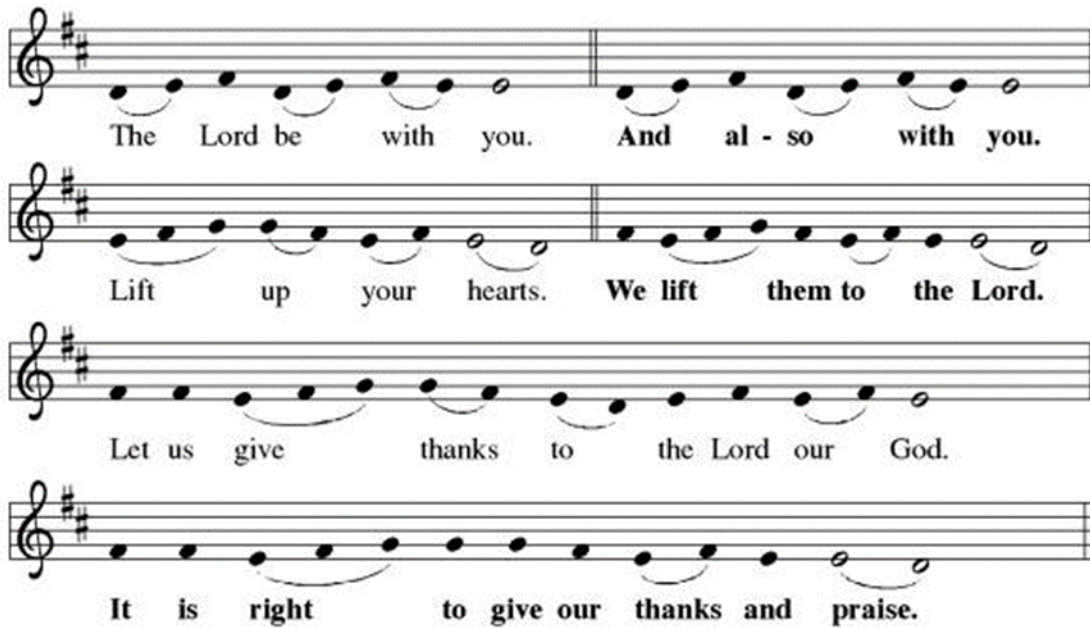
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### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,  
**source of every gift of your creation.**  
**By these gifts and with our lives,**  
**help us to serve one another and all in need,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

# MEAL

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



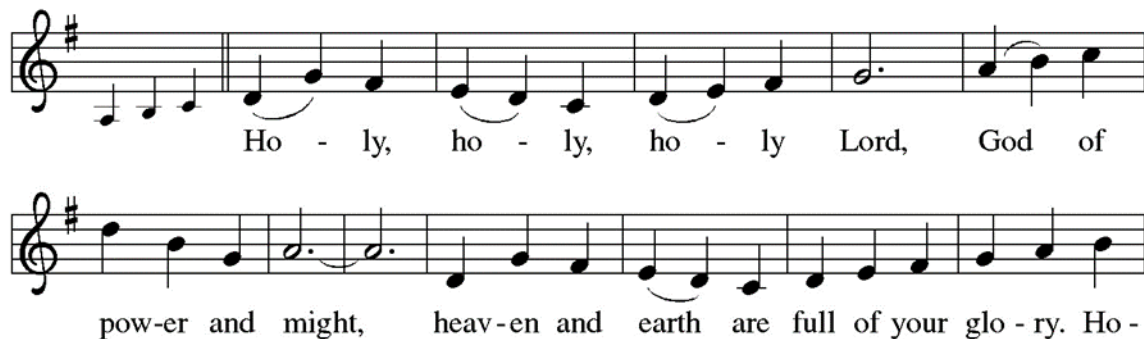
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

*The assembly is seated.*

### AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

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## SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER – Andrew Rummel

ACOLYTES – Elana Stevens and Luke Harry

LECTOR – Misty Prussia

USHERS/GREETERS – Anne and Cliff Obara

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM – Doug Hill



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES** We have a new service project focus for folks to spend time with Faith In Action! On the first Sunday of the month we will do a different service project. Kick off was today 9/15 at 8:45 AM during the Sunday School Hour. We focused on Adopt A Spot. Information about the next service event will be coming soon!

**WORSHIP IN THE PARK** Worship in the Park (Pavilion 1) and the church picnic will be on **Sunday, September 22 at 11:00 AM** at Deer Park. We will gather for worship with the picnic immediately following. Bring a chair, a blanket, games, and a dish to share and join us for an afternoon of joy. (Please note there will be no Sunday School that morning)

**RED FOOD BOX** Thank you so much for your continued donations to the Red Box! Thanks for helping to feed our siblings in Christ!

**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE TO 9/26**

**EVERYTHING I LEARNED IN CONFIRMATION...IALREADY FORGOT...**

Have you ever asked, "Why do we do that?" while sitting in church? Have you ever wondered how we got to where we are? Has the Bible ever confused you? Join the club! This fall we are going to tackle all the things we probably learned in Confirmation and then promptly forgot! Starting on **Thursday, September 26**, Adult Confirmation, will begin and gather every other Thursday throughout the fall. We will gather from 6:30-8 for discussion and diving into the ins and outs of faith. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board, please sign up and indicate if you would like an in-person or a Zoom model so we can plan appropriately!

## WOOD REFINISHER

Does anyone like to stain furniture? In the narthex, the stand on which our guest book rests really needs to be stained to darken it and make it match the other furnishings in our narthex. If you'd like to take on this project, please contact Connie Hoover, Judy Hunt, Sandy Lunsford or Anne Obara, who are working hard to clean and update our church. Thank you.

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Congregational Council continues its work to update to the church constitution and by-laws. The most recent draft after the August collaboration session has been provided via Constant Contact. In the draft, gray highlighted text denotes changes to the constitution that align with the most recent synod template while those highlighted in yellow and underlined are proposed Council updates. The last congregational collaboration session will be held October 2nd in the church library after Sunday service for members to ask questions and provide inputs and changes. The final draft will be available to the congregation no later than October 27, before the final vote to be scheduled concurrently with the election of new Council members in December.

## PRAYER LIST

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS:** Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, and Barbara Olson; Shut-ins Home: Richard Anderson, Peggy Cash, and Shirley Anderson.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** **Sheree Morgan**, friend of Anne Obara, requested by Anne Obara; **Charlie Edmonson**, friend of Sandy and Jerry Cobb, requested by Sandy Cobb; **Nancy Allerding**, who works with the Costa Rica mission trip, requested by Tricia Wessler; **Dr. Bill Whitehurst**, friend of Dottie Self, requested by Dottie Self; **Sherry Johnston**, former member and sister of Donna Owens, requested by Judy Hunt; **Harlan Hamby**, requested by Katherine Harry; **Jeff Belote**, by friends; **The family of Carole Knopp**, by Wendy Mynoymany; **Scully, Pastor Tina and Ben's dog**, requested by Tricia Wessler; **Janet Stephan**, requested by the Dail Family; **Amanda Griegos** and her family, requested by Diane and Dave Roselius; **Karen Admano** and her husband **Matt** requested by Patricia Fielding; the **Ahlen family**, requested by Kathy Stevens; Family and Friends of **Matt Eggars** (Sandy's nephew), requested by the Sniady family; **Beth Eisdorfer**, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; **Cousin Florence** (Alzheimer's) and **Richard**, requested by Dottie Self; Jean Wimmer—friend of Jeannette Dail; **THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY:** James Fielding, in Tokyo, Japan, Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone.; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and wife, Elisabeth Bruce.



*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied tree,  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!