

Season of Creation

September 27, 2026 ▪ 9:30 am



Welcome to Trinity Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company!

+ + +

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

23 Church Street ▪ New Hamburg, Ontario ▪ N3A 1J1

Phone (519) 662-1810 ▪ **E-mail** mail@telc.ca ▪ **Web** www.telc.ca

Holy Communion

Gathering

Prelude	O Blessed Spring – <i>Robert Buckley Farlee</i>
Greeting & Announcements	
Thanksgiving for Baptism	
Gathering Song	Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters , page 4
Prayer of the Day	

Word

First Reading	Genesis 8:20-22; 9:12-17, page 4
Psalm 104:27-33	page 5
Second Reading	Revelation 22:1-5, page 6
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia , page 6
Gospel	Matthew 28:1-10, page 7
Sermon	
Hymn of the Day	As Rivers Flow from a Distant Spring , page 8
Affirmation of Faith	page 9
Prayers of Intercession	page 9
Peace	

Meal

Offertory Music	Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters – <i>Kenneth T. Kosche</i>
Offertory Song	God of the Fertile Fields , page 11
Offertory Prayer	
Great Thanksgiving	The Lord be with you , page 12 Holy, Holy, Holy , page 12
Thanksgiving Prayer	
Lord's Prayer	page 13
Invitation	<i>All are invited. All are welcome.</i> Thanks be to God.
Communion Songs	O Blessed Spring , page 14 When Peace Like a River , page 15

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing	
Sending Song	Crashing Waters at Creation , page 16
Dismissal	<i>Tend the earth...</i> <i>Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.</i> Thanks be to God.
Postlude	Postlude – <i>Alexandre Guilmant</i>

Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer
Preacher:	Rev. Dr. Tanya Varner
Assisting Minister:	Emily Pentelow
Greeters:	Mim & Doug Miller
Usher:	Ross Eichler
Altar:	Kathy Eichler
Musician:	Jamie Courtney
Fellowship:	Pat Schmetzer

We acknowledge that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga peoples.

Gathering Song

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

First Reading

Genesis 8:20-22; 9:12-17

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹ And when the LORD smelled the pleasing odor, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of humans, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done." ²² As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,

summer and winter, day and night shall not cease.”

¹² God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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

Psalm 104:27-33

All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are terrified;

when you take away their breath,

they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

You look at the earth and it trembles;

you touch the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth
and the wicked be no more.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Revelation 22:1-5

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

Gospel Acclamation



A cantor sings the proper verse. The alleluias are repeated.

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

Hymn of the Day

As Rivers Flow from a Distant Spring



1 As riv - ers flow from a dis - tant spring
 2 As trees rise up from the for - est floor
 3 As woods make shel - ter with - in its shade
 4 So let us praise you, Cre - a - tor God,



to quench our thirst and feed the earth,
 by roots that feed each limb a - bove,
 for beasts to feed and birds to nest,
 for worlds that wit - ness to your care,



so let our lives flow from you, our Source,
 so let our lives rise in praise to you
 so let our lives be a shel - tered space,
 that show your pres - ence in ev - 'ry place,



to coun - ter death and nur - ture birth.
 from hearts we root in your deep love.
 a ref - uge for the worn to rest.
 your glo - ry shin - ing ev - 'ry - where.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, seen in the suffering one,
the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world and suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope
that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for
the earth and for all in need.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us
listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt by the church and
dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Send for your Spirit to bring peace to all places, especially the Holy Land, Columbia, Cameroon, Myanmar, Thailand, Ukraine, Russia, Congo, Sudan, the United States, and Iran.

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

Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need, especially Lyle, Steve, Dorothea, Myles, Stan, Jacob, Mary, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. [a pause]

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

Uphold and support Indigenous peoples in Canada. Promote meaningful relationships between all who share this land and stir us to action as we continue our shared journey towards reconciliation.

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

Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks.

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

Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper, we commend ourselves and your whole creation, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Offering Song

God of the Fertile Fields

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

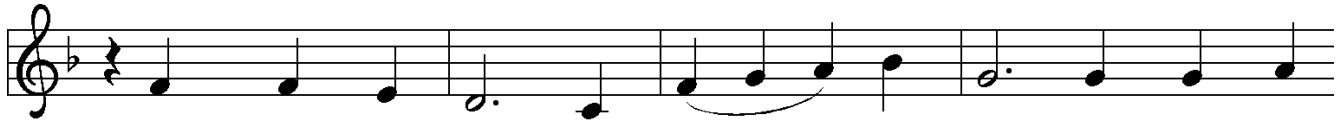
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

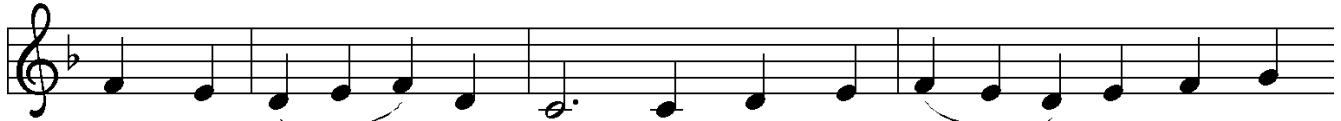
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



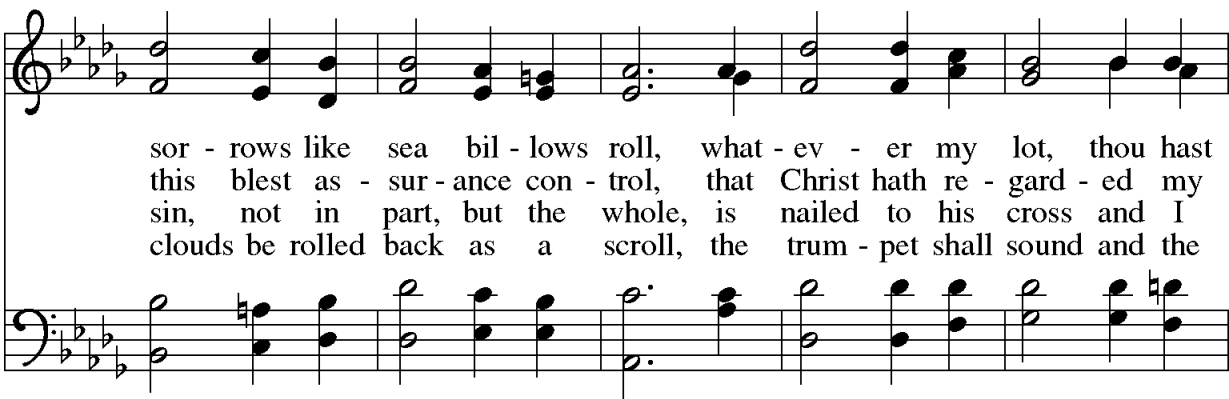
be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Communion Song

When Peace Like a River



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

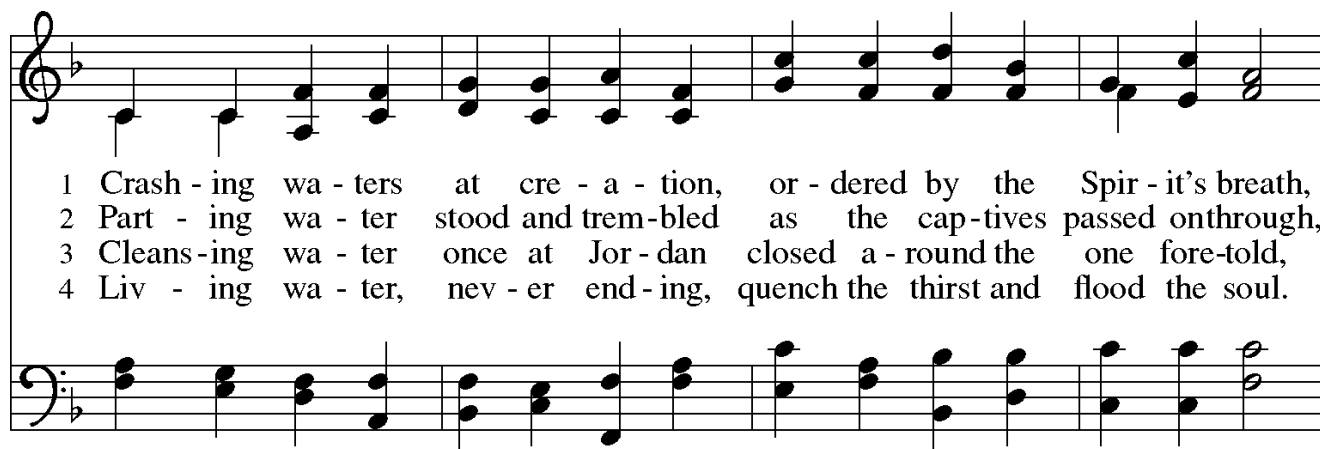


taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

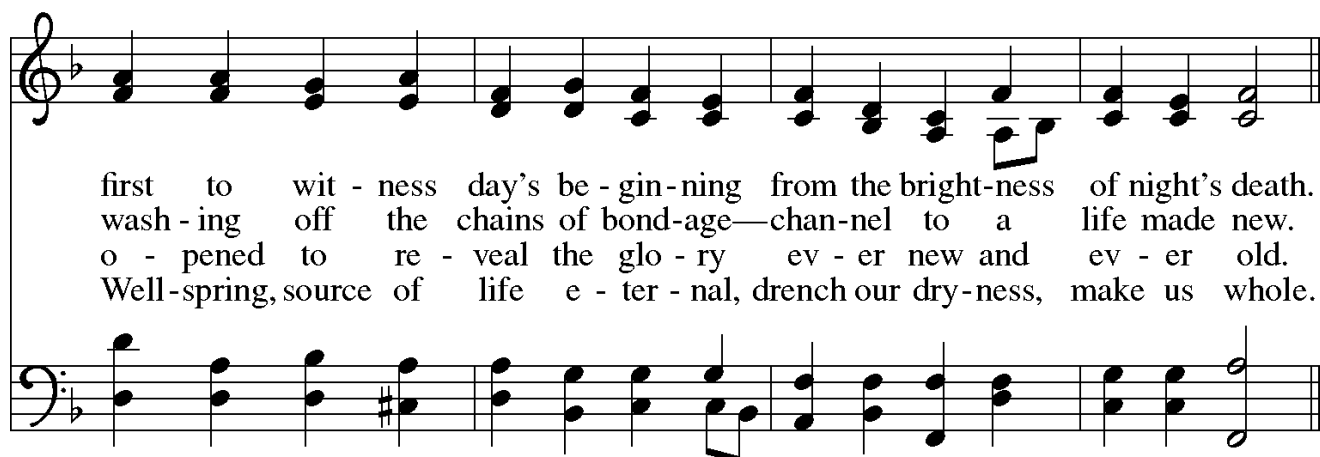
Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem-bled as the cap-tives passed onthrough,
 3 Cleans-ing wa - ter once at Jor-dan closed a - round the one fore-told,
 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end-ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin-ning from the bright-ness of night's death.
 wash - ing off the chains of bond-age—chan-nel to a life made new.
 o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
 Well-spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry-ness, make us whole.

Scripture quotations from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, copyright © 2021, National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

Liturgical texts and music copyright © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted and broadcast by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS103461. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Hymn texts and music are in public domain, except the following, reprinted by permission under OneLicense, license #A-724555. All rights reserved.

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Text © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

As Rivers Flow from a Distant Spring

Text © 2020 GIA Publications, Inc.

Music © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

God of the Fertile Fields

Text © 1955, 1983 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Company

O Blessed Spring

Text © 1993 Susan Palo Cherwien, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Music © 1993 Robert Buckley Farlee, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Crashing Waters at Creation

Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

Permission to stream copyrighted music in this service is obtained from OneLicense, license #A-724555, and in addition to the music listed above includes:

O Blessed Spring

Setting by Robert Buckley Farlee © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Setting by Kenneth T. Kosche © 2009 Augsburg Fortress

+ Sunday to Sunday

27 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Season of Creation
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
28 – Monday	10:00 am	Monday Morning Meetup
	3:00 pm	Visioning Task Team via Zoom
	5:00 pm	Karate
29 – Tuesday	4:00 pm	Karate
30 – Wednesday	5:15 pm	Music Together
	5:30 pm	Vigil Service – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
1 – Thursday	8:45 am	Music Together
3 – Saturday	7:45 am	Music Together
	7:00 pm	AA
4 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Season of Creation
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation

+ Service of Lament

Wednesday, September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day. The Wilmot Indigenous Relations Interfaith Working Group hosts a service of lament Trinity's Peel Street lawn at 5:30 pm. Attendees are invited to bring a lawnchair and wear orange. All are welcome.



Kitch Radke, president ▪ **Tanya Varner**, pastor
Jamie Courtney, parish administrator & minister of music
Brian Racho, sexton ▪ **Gywin Murray**, emerita director of music