Preparation for Worship: Romans 1:21; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Entrance - God Calls Us into His presence; we respond with praise

* Entrance	Psalm 100:4-5 Trinity Hymnal, #83 We Praise Thee, O God
* Call to Worship	Psalm 92
Minister:	Grace, mercy and peace to you from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Congregation:	Amen!
Minister:	Our help is in the Name of the Lord!
Congregation:	Who made heaven and earth!
Minister:	The eyes of all look expectantly to You,
Congregation:	And you give them their food in due season.
Minister:	You open Your hand
Congregation:	And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

* Hymn

Songbook, #46 Let All Things Now Living

Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him

Exhortation

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us kneel before the Lord our God and corporately confess our sins unto Him.

Heavenly Father, You are good, and holy, and righteous and just. We are sinful because of Adam and because of what we have done. Gracious Father, You do not desire the death of a sinner, but are ever ready to receive humble and repentant sinners. Look upon us in mercy; make us deeply sensible of the great evil of our sin; and forgive us our debts. Thank You for Jesus, Who gave to us His righteousness and took from us our sins. Thank You for the saints, for baptism, for the bread and cup, and for all good things. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

The Almighty and merciful Lord forgive you of all your sins, and grant you true repentance, amendment of life, with grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

Ascension - God Consecrates us by His Word; we listen & offer ourselves to Him

Therefore, wit	The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord! Let us give thanks to the Lord our God! It is proper and right to do so! Truly it is proper, right, and healthy that we should at all times and in ve thanks unto You, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God. th all the host of heaven and the Church on earth, we praise and magnify Name, singing:		
The Sanctus	Songbook, #79		
Hymn	Trinity Hymnal, #615 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come		
Let us pray: Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks for the fruits of the			

Let us pray: Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of Your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Old Testament Lesson The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	Job 42
Epistle Lesson The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	Romans 12:3-16
* Gospel Lesson The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!	Matthew 25:14-30
Sermon	"The Parable of the Talents"
* Hymn	Trinity Hymnal, #243 O Q <i>uickly Come</i>
* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings	
Prayers of the Church	Requests & the Lord's Prayer

Peace - God Communes with us; we eat with joy at His Table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	Matthew 26:26-30
We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God	Creed (inside hymnal cover)
* Hymn	Songbook, #56 O God of Earth and Altar

Dismissal - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we go out to serve Him

* The Lord's Commission of Us	1 Corinthians 4:1-2
* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us	Hebrews 13:20-21
* We bless the Lord, lifting hands and voices to Him	Psalter, #72D

Announcements

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

- 1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
- 2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
- 3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
- 4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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Luther designed this rose seal to represent his theology. By the early 1520s, it begins to appear on the title page of his works. He explains its meaning in a letter to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530: First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace-it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exauisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.