

**Pottsville Area High School Class of 2021  
Baccalaureate Service June 6, 2021  
Trinity Lutheran Church**

**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn: *God of Our Fathers***

**Warren**

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:  
Our grateful songs before your throne arise.

Your love divine has led us in the past;  
In this free land by you our lot is cast;  
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;  
Your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Make your strong arm our ever-sure defense.  
Your true religion in our hearts increase;  
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh your people on their toilsome way;  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace  
Until at last we meet before your face.

**Welcome**                      **Pastor Chris Rothharpt, Trinity Lutheran Church**

**Invocation**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Bella Varano**

**Psalm**

**New Testament Reading**

**Allison Campion**

**Anthem: *We Are Called***

**Haas**

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

*Refrain:*

*We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;*

*We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more.

*Refrain*

*We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;*

*We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

*Refrain*

*We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;*

*We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

**Address: Pastor Chris Rothharpt, Trinity Lutheran Church**

**Class of 2021 Prayer: Recited by Christian Honicker**

**Hymn: *Let All Things Now Living***

**Davis**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise,

who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

who still guides us on to the end of the days.

God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,

a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,

till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,

as forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine;

the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,

the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;

with glad adoration a song let us raise

till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:

“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God* (3 verses)tr. Winkworth**

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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