

Trinity Sunday

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Thoughts for the Day:

- "It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." -J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
- "If we do not change our direction, we are likely to end up where we are headed."

 -Ancient Chinese Proverb
- "Any dead fish can float down the river. GO AGAINST THE FLOW!!"

Call to Worship:

- L: Tongues of fire
- C: Set our hearts ablaze with love.
- L: Tongues of fire
- C: Kindle our passion for justice and beauty.
- L: Mighty winds
- C: Blow the timidness from our words and deeds.
- L: Mighty winds
- C: Send us along the paths of peace and reconciliation.
- L: Wind and fire
- C: Make us alive and surprise us with the depths of love and the heights of joy you stir in us.

Praise Song: Amazing Grace, verses 1-3 (music at end of bulletin)

The Confession:

Holy God, you are the great inviter, always extending a welcome to us. We respond with caution, fearful of what may be required of us. We respond with narrow delight, hoping the invitation is only for us and not for "them." We respond hesitantly, not trusting or believing that you really want and invite us. We respond with excuses, waiting to make a full commitment, waiting to give more until we feel ready.

Tender God, release us from the grip of our fears and guilt. Open up our lives and help us to let go of that which hinders our love of you and one

another. Dissolve our foolish fears that make us grasp things rather than hold people. Ease us into a deep promise of community. Make us dwell in your healing forgiveness. Enable us to respond to your invitation to pray, to give, to serve. Make us open to receiving what you give and to risking something new for you. Awaken us to your Spirit and help us to follow the example of Jesus in all areas of our lives. Amen.

The Confession Response: In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified (music at end of bulletin)

The Lesson: Joshua 24:14 and 15

Joshua tells the people of Israel to revere God and then asks whether they will be like their ancestors who served many gods. Joshua says that he and his household will serve God. We have a similar choice to make, to serve one or many.

¹⁴"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

The First Reading: Romans 8:12-18

¹²⁻¹⁴ So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!

The Gospel: John 3:16-18a

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it.

Message: "Remember Who You Are!" Pastor Cristy Schoob

Message Response: Let This Be A Place (music at end of bulletin)

The Apostles Creed:

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

The Prayers

The 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.

The Sending Out:

P: May the God of the Heavens cause you to soar.
May the Christ of the journey light your path.
May the Spirit of power fill your heart with the courage to follow.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: Christ Be Our Light ELW 715 (v. 1,2 5) (music at end of bulletin)

The Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

On Sunday morning, we will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for:

Reuben William Holcomb Landon Jeffrey Ketter Eadrick John Lohr-Kougl Elena Elizabeth Lohr-Kougl



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