MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O God, we are no different from your people long ago who cried out to you in their struggles and sufferings. As you did with them, do now for us: Hear our voice as we call to you and see the misery, toil and oppression that keep us enslaved. We look to you, O Lord, and to your strength; we seek your face. We are lost and empty without you. Make your presence known to us now. Shine your face upon us, our glorious King. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECUMEN "Like a River in My Soul", "Saints Bound for Heaven"

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and "Hallelujah!" is our song. -Pope John Paul II

Evil may have its hour, but God will have God's day. -Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God sees our sadness and despair.
People: We bring our broken hearts to God.
Leader: God comes and walks with us in our darkness.
People: We reach for God's hand in our lostness.
Leader: God guides us towards the light and to hope.
People: With God's help we will hope again.

PRAISE SONG



THE CONFESSION

- Leader: Let us confess to God and before one another our sins and especially when we fall into despair forgetting that God is our everlasting hope.
- People: We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. We have allowed the conditions of our lives to rob us of our joy. We have forgotten the power of love that you bring into our lives. We act as if the powers of this world have the last say. In our focusing on ourselves and our condition we have forgotten that you are the very foundation of our lives. Restore our sight so that we might see you at work in our lives. Lift us once more to that hope that is based on you. Amen.
- Leader: God is our hope and our salvation. Trust in God and share God's hope with others.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE LESSONS

In this Old Testament book one of the early prophets, Elijah, a spokes person of God to the kings of Israel, seems to be overwhelmed by his challenges and retreats from his responsibilities.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Psalm 34:1-8

Here the Old Testament Psalmist expresses his sense of deliverance by God with words of praise and assurance.

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. Cong: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Leader: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. Cong.: I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Leader: Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. Cong.: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble. Leader: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Cong.: O taste and see that the LORD is good: happy are those who take refuge in him.

1 Kings 19:4-8

The Gospel

John 6: 35,41-51

Here is one of Jesus' I Am statements in which He indicates that He is the bread and sustainer of life. His Jewish listeners question this statement but Jesus continues with words of promise because of who He is.

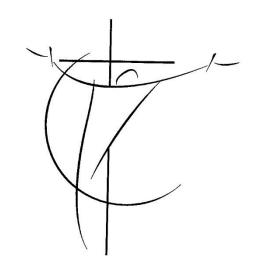
Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' heaven.

MESSAGE

"It's Not the End"

Pastor David Schoob





THE OFFERING Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to "share the love and promise of God" through its ministries.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Leader: God sees our sadness and despair. **People: We bring our broken hearts to God.** Leader: God comes in bread and wine to give us strength. **People: We reach for God's hand in our lostness.** Leader: God guides us towards the light and to hope. **People: With God's help we will hope again.** Leader: In the night in which He was betraved our I

Leader: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

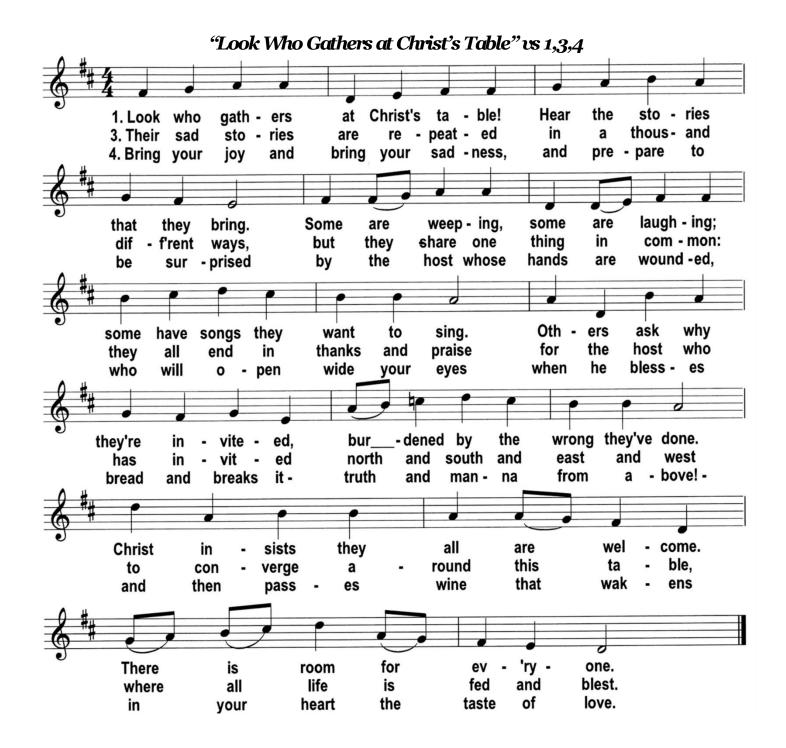
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 DISTRIBUTION OF THE FAMILY MEAL. (Sit)

All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

When you receive the bread, you may either dip the bread in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer. We also now have individually packaged gluten free wafer/wine in the front pews.



"Taste and See"



"I Will Trust In You"



THE BLESSING (stand)

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you. **All:** Amen.

THE SENDING SONG



THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for a coffee hour after the 9:30 worship service.



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