# Trinity Lutheran Church Created to Praise Sunday August 18, 2024

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### **MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Lord, like Solomon of old we, too, pray for wisdom to know the difference between good and evil. You have blessed us in many ways, and we are grateful. We want to please you and walk in your ways, but we are weak and need your help. Grant us this wisdom, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

# **GATHERING MUSIC**

## PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# TRINITY WELCOME

# THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Always keep an open mind and a compassionate heart.

Phil Jackson (Chicago Bulls Coach)

Not until we have become humble and teachable, standing in awe of God's holiness and sovereignty. Acknowledging our own littleness, distrusting our own thoughts, and willing to have our minds turned upside down, can divine wisdom become ours.

- J.I. Packer (Canadian Theologian)

Most people, including ourselves, live in a world of relative ignorance. We are even comfortable with that ignorance, because it is all we know. When we first start facing truth, the process may be frightening, and many people run back to their old lives. But if you continue to seek truth, you will eventually be able to handle it better. In fact, you want more! It's true that many people around you now may think you are weird or even a danger to society, but you don't care. Once you've tasted the truth, you won't ever want to go back to being ignorant

-Socrates

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather together all who seek to live for Christ!

People: For the wisdom of the world is so alluring and full of temptations.

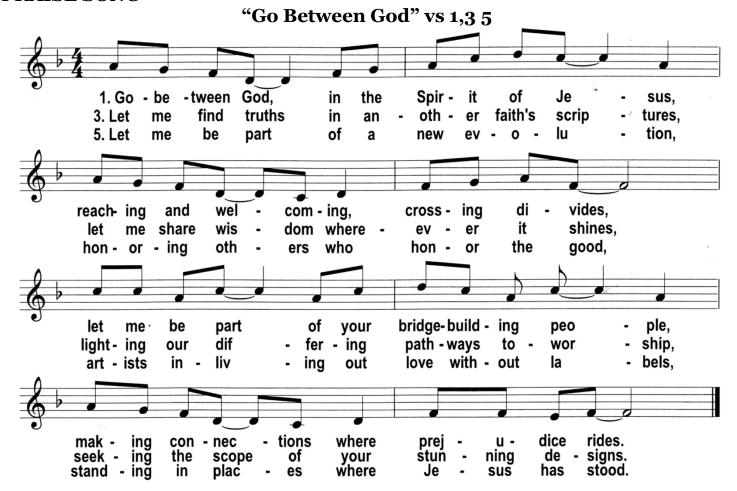
Leader: But the world's standards are not God's standards at all.

People: Then let us seek to know and follow the wisdom of the Lord.

Leader: And let us join in song and worship for God's mercy and grace.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

#### PRAISE SONG



#### THE CONFESSION

All: Lord, we search our halls of learning because in them we think we will find wisdom, but we will not turn to You. Or we depend on the latest technologies available to us, Lord, to find our wisdom in them, yet we will not spend time in prayer seeking Your wisdom. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to grow in wisdom as we seek out Your Word. In Christ we pray. Amen.



THE LESSONS Proverbs 9:1-6

The Old Testament book of Proverbs is considered to be a writing with wise sayings and advise. Here wisdom is described and speaks as though she is a person.

Wisdom has built her house,

she has hewn her seven pillars.

She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.

She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,

'You that are simple, turn in here!'

To those without sense she says,

'Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.'

Psalm 111

The writer of this Old Testament Psalm is suggesting reasons why humans can praise God and describes what He has and is doing.

Praise the LORD!

Leader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Cong.: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever.

Cong.: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Leader: He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

Cong.: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

Cong.: They are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Leader: He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant for ever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

Cong.: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures for ever.

# **Ephesians 5:15-20**

Near the end of this New Testament book the writer is suggesting, to this new group of Christians in the city of Ephesus on the Adriatic Sea, today part of Turkey, the new way that they might live which was quite a contrast with their previous way of living.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**MESSAGE** 

"Ignorance or Wisdom"

**Pastor David Schoob** 

# THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (stand)



THE OFFERING Ple

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: Come, let us gather together all who seek true life eternal. **People: For the ways of the world are so temporary and are** 

not true life.

Leader: The material world and the ways of fame and glory are so fleeting. **People: But the ways of God are forever. Only God's reign is eternal.** 

Leader: Then let all that we are or ever will be rest on our faith in God.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

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

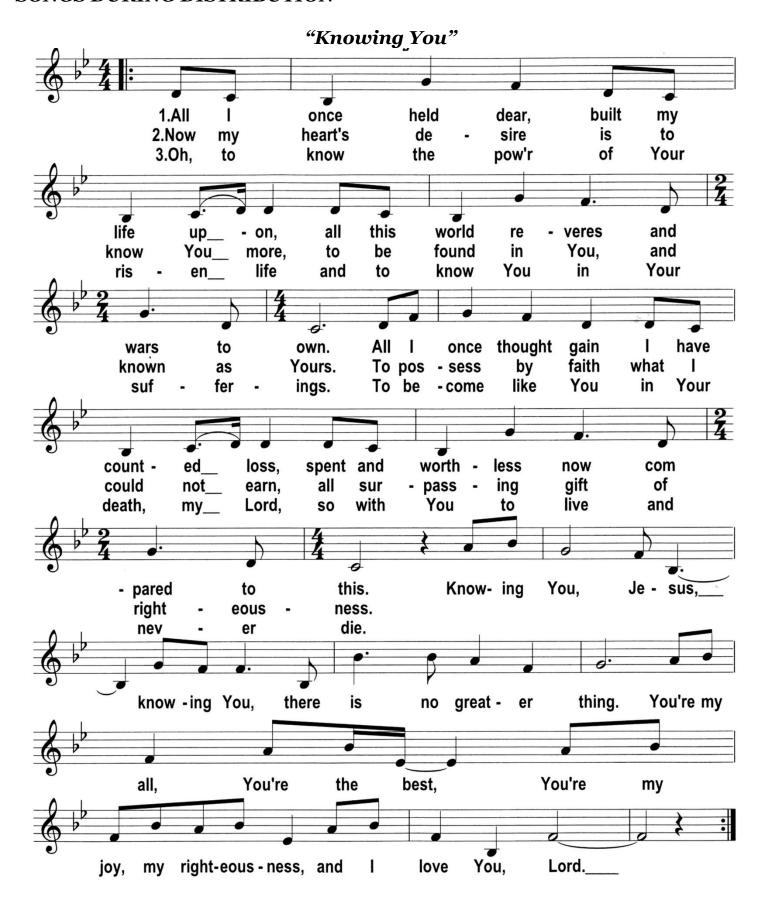
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,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

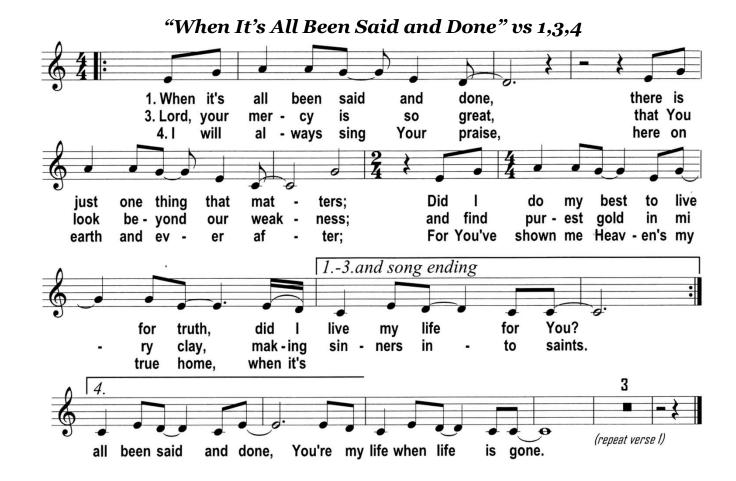
When you receive the bread, you may either dip the bread in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer. We also now have individually packaged gluten free wafer/wine in the front pews.

# SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION









# THE BLESSING (stand)

## THE SENDING OUT

Leader: Pardoned by God's abounding grace, empowered by God's constant love and protected by God's peace, let us go forth to serve God and others, always humbly aware of our own shortcomings, but always encouraged by the faithful and loving presence of God in Christ Jesus, to whom be glory and power, now and forever.

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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### WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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**Reader:** Greg Griffin

Vocalists: Paul Anderson, Tony Brodzeller, Patrick Budoff,

Rick Gilbertson, Greg Griffin, Phil Pierce

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Coffee Hour: Sandy Poenitsch

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Ho-Chunk and Potawatomi people. As such, we wish to give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. It is our sincere desire that this acknowledgement initiates an ongoing instructive, and constructive journey toward respect, truth and healing regarding colonialism, the church community, and inclusivity for all children of the Great Spirit. We commit ourselves as God's children to pray for our indigenous siblings, to pray for God's blessings on them and for strength for them and for us as we work together for justice, dignity, respect and peace for all the diverse people of the land.

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