Trinity Lutheran Church Created to Praise Sunday September 15, 2024

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GATHERING MUSIC

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O God who spoke and creation came to be: Grant that our voices may produce only good things as we praise you and care for others; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIFT OF 6TH GRADE BIBLES

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"Be mindful when it comes to your words. A string of some that don't mean much to you, may stick with someone else for a lifetime."

-Rachel Wolchin (Author)

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."
-Mother Teresa

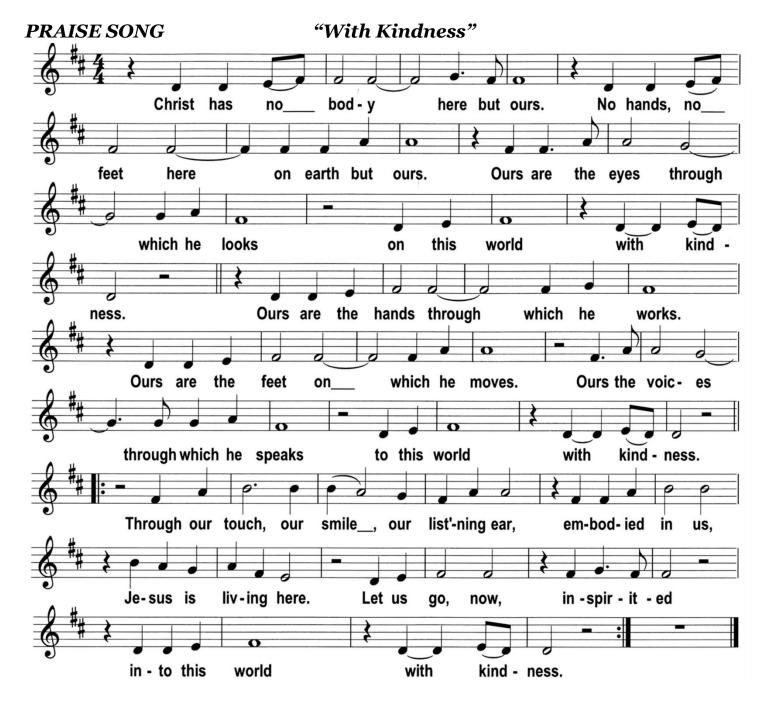
"Handle them carefully, for words have more power than atom bombs."
-Pearl Strachan Hurd (British Politician in the 1930's)

"Speech has power. Words do not fade. What starts out as a sound, ends in a deed."
-Abraham Joshua Herschel (Jewish Theologian and Writer)

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

Leader: Come and worship our God of creation. **People: We lift our voices to God Most High.**Leader: Let us dedicate our voices to God's praise.

People: Only what is right and holy shall we speak.
Leader: Our voices should be holy here and in the world.
People: With love and grace we will speak to others.

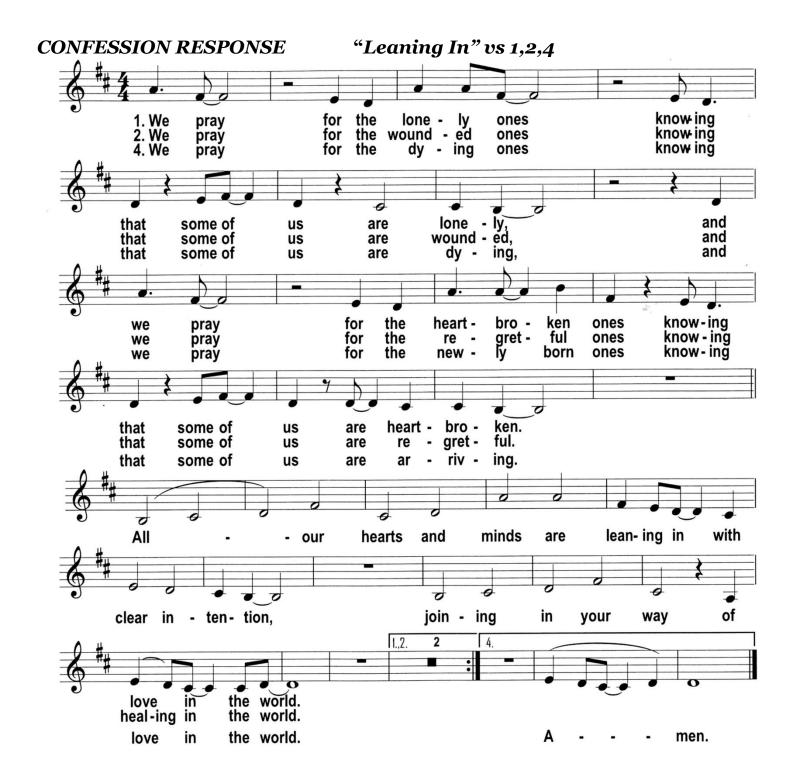


THE CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess to God and before one another our sins and especially our speaking in anger against others.

People: We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. The voices that we raise to you in praise we use to gossip about and to malign our sisters and brothers. We disregard the fact that you created us all and that you love each one of us. Too often our tongues are sharp and biting instead of soft and healing. Forgive us and by the power of your Spirit help us to speak in love and grace at all times and to all people. Amen.

Leader: God desires to hear us speak words of healing to others as much as to hear our praises. Receive God's love and grace and use them to speak kindly to others.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE LESSONS

Isaiah 50:4-9a

This Old Testament prophet, or spokesman for God, shares how important this relationship is for his life and work.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning God wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
the one who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

James 3:1-9 (the Message)

Our words matter and make a difference in our relationships. This New Testament writer speaks of this as the use of the tongue to an early group of Christians, initially applying it when teaching, and then with other times.

Don't be in any rush to become a teacher, my friends. Teaching is highly responsible work. Teachers are held to the strictest standards. And none of us is perfectly qualified. We get it wrong nearly every time we open our mouths. If you could find someone whose speech was perfectly true, you'd have a perfect person, in perfect control of life.

A bit in the mouth of a horse controls the whole horse. A small rudder on a huge ship in the hands of a skilled captain sets a course in the face of the strongest winds. A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything—or destroy it!

It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire. A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that. By our speech we can ruin the world, turn harmony to chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke and go up in smoke with it, smoke right from the pit of hell.

This is scary: You can tame a tiger, but you can't tame a tongue—it's never been done. The tongue runs wild, a wanton killer. With our tongues we bless God our Father; with the same tongues we curse the very people God made in God's image. Curses and blessings out of the same mouth!

THE GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

Jesus speaks to His disciples and later the crowd in the area of Caesarea Phillipi. Being with Jesus for some time, He asks His disciples who people are saying He is. Peter says He is the Messiah or promised deliverer. Jesus does not want that to be shared and then tells them what would be happening to Him. Later He speaks to the crowd what life could be like for those who acknowledge Him as the Messiah.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

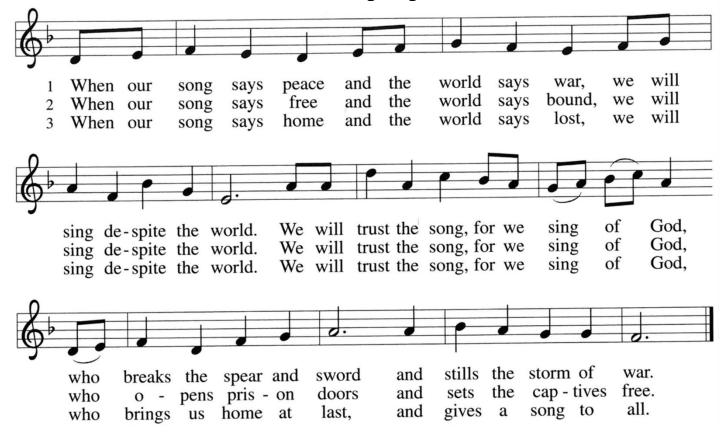
He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

MESSAGE "Sticks and Stones Can Break Our Bones.....

But Words Can Do A Whole Lot Worse" Pastor David Schoob

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (stand)

"When Our Song Says Peace"



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: Father, forgive us for using words to take life,

People: While we come now to receive words of life from you.

Leader: As we come to this table to receive new life.

People: May that life be born out in the things we say and do.

Leader: Feed us with this heavenly food, **People: And nourish us in the ways of love.**

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

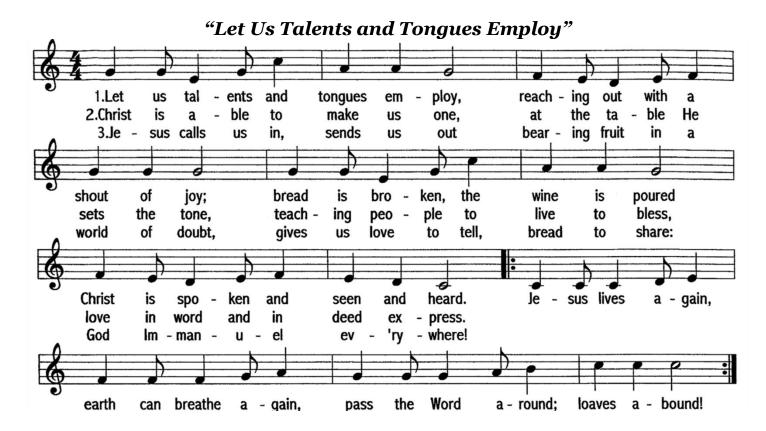
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,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

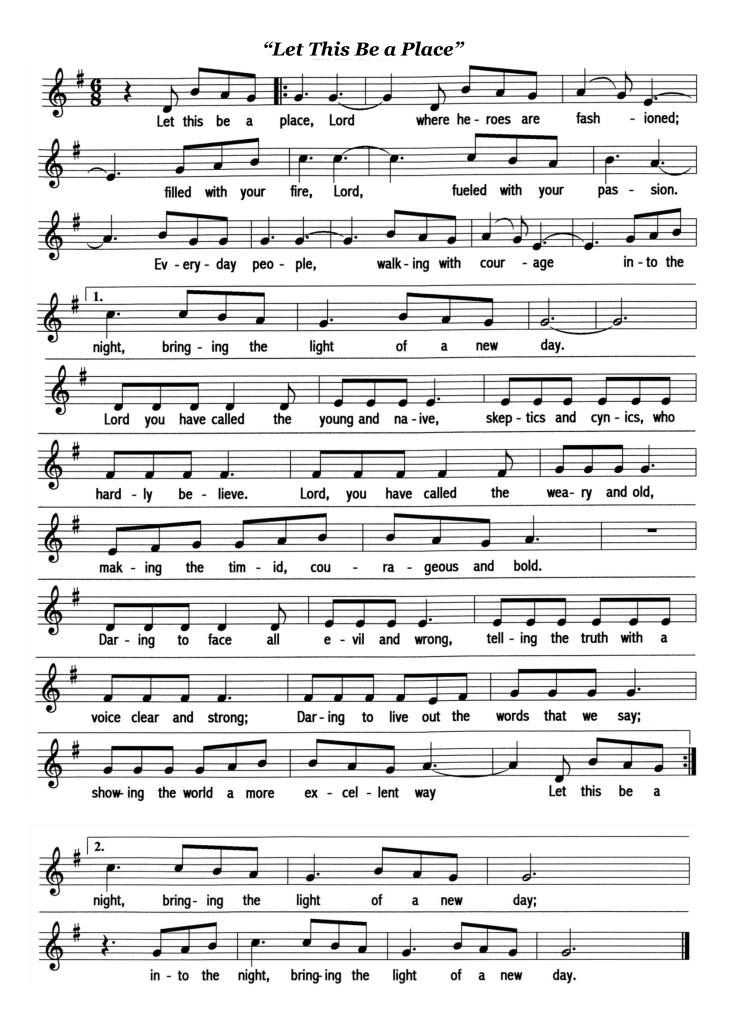
THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FAMILY MEAL. (Sit)

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: We bless you, O God, because by your word all creation came to be. Hear our

praise today and help us to use our voices only for uplifting and caring for

others.

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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