Trinity Lutheran Church Created to Praise Sunday September 29, 2024

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GATHERING MUSIC

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

You are greater than we can imagine O Lord and yet we try constantly to confine you to our understanding. We try to put you in a box and yet you always break out. Your power and your ways are far more than we can understand. Help us to truly trust you, to truly open our lives to your amazing grace. Open our eyes to a new way of seeing the world and of seeing you. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

What God intended for you goes far beyond anything you can imagine.

Oprah Winfrey

God is best known in not knowing God.

Saint Augustine

I distrust those people who know so well what God wants them to do, because I notice it always coincides with their own desires. -Susan B. Anthony

'Not only does God play dice, but... God sometimes throws them where they cannot be seen.'

-Stephen Hawking

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

One: We come into the presence of the holy God,

All: Who may not be grasped,

One: But may be gazed upon;

All: Who is not easily understood,

One: But is full of understanding;

All: Who does not come at our beck and call,

One: But who is always near.

All: We gather as God's children

One: Set free for amazing and unexpected life.

PRAISE SONG



THE CONFESSION

Amazing God, there is more to life than we can see or fathom, yet how often we try to shrink the mystery, tame the dream, limit what is possible. Remind us that the Spirit is always blowing new life into our days, surprising us with wonder and blessing. Forgive us for dull awareness and hesitant witness.

Let us be made new again and again no matter what age we are. And let us hear again and again of your love that came to us in Jesus that we might have eternal life. Amen.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

This takes place during the 40-year period of wandering in the wilderness after the people of Israel left their captivity in Egypt and before their arrival in the Promised Land, later called Israel Answering the complaints of the people, God changes their leadership centered in one person, Moses, to a shared leadership involving 70. Because two people, Eldrad and Mead, continued to act as God's spokes people, prophesying after God's Spirit had left the others, an appeal was made to Moses to stop them.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.'

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child", to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.'

So the LORD said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

THE GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50

Here Jesus is asked by John to stop some who were casting out demons using Jesus words of power. In His reply we might say Jesus' affirms anything which helps others, rather than removing an obstacle which may prevent the helping action.

John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop them, because they were not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop them; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another.'

MESSAGE "God Will Not Be Put in a Box and Neither Will God's Children"

-Pastor David Schoob

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (stand)



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

One: Gather round the table,

All: Touch a mystery,

One: God's presence,

All: Around us, within us,

One: Causing us to smile, All: To feel renewed,

One: To look with hopeful eyes,

All: To live as people set free for life.

One: As Jesus shared with his friends, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them 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.

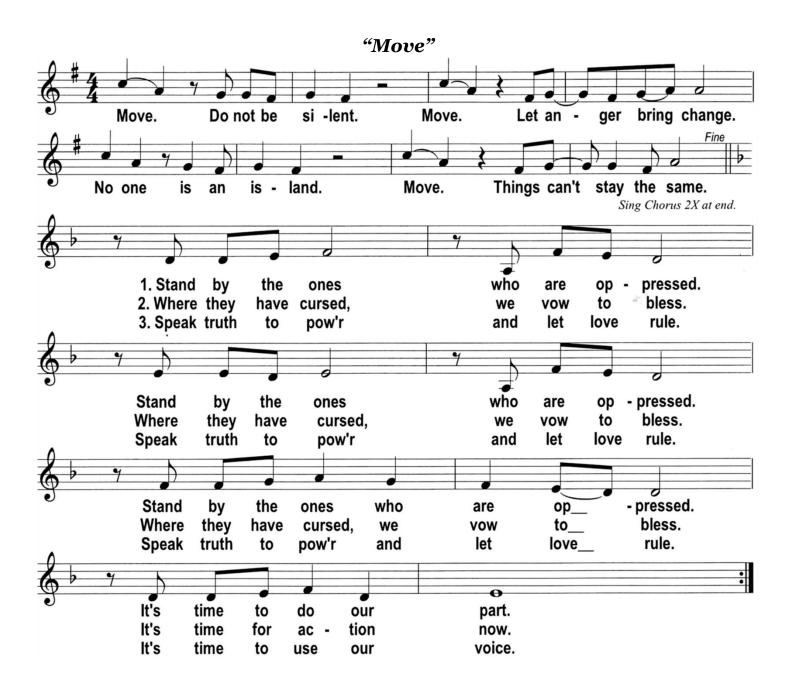
THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FAMILY MEAL. (Sit)

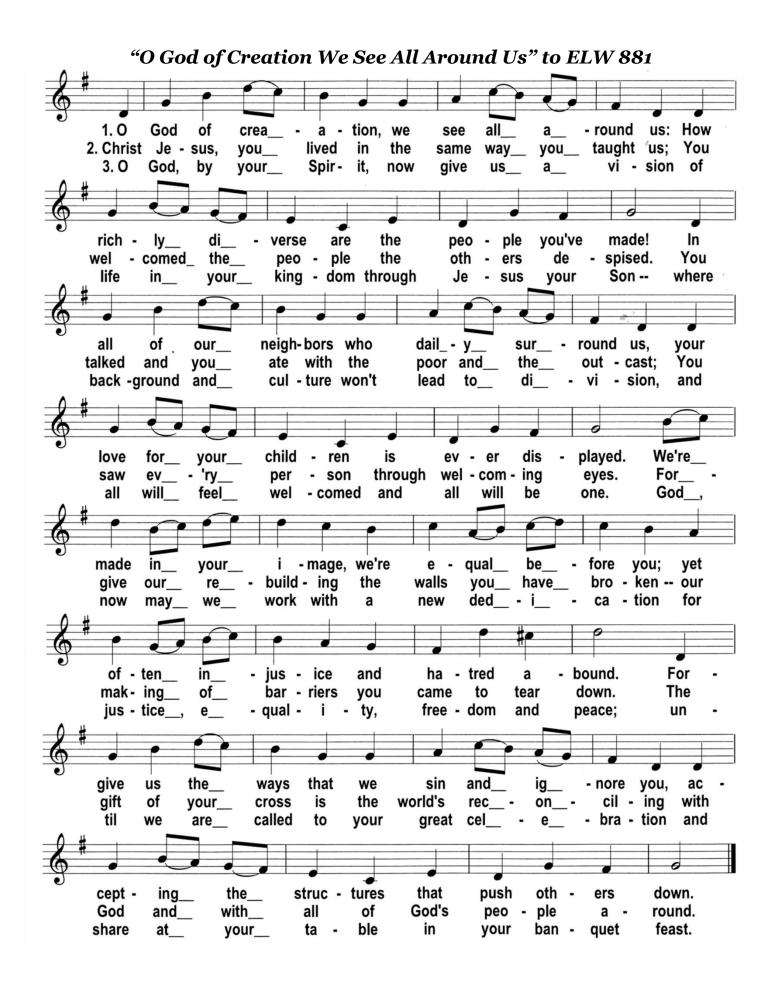
All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

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: Whenever we miss the power of your persistent, recycling fountain of grace,

O God, shake us up, wake us up, change us. Let us be your people, both now

and ever more.

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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