

GATHERING MUSIC

PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Liberating God, you set us free from our loneliness by the touch of another's hand; you deliver us from our selfishness, so we may serve others; you break the chains of our pride, that we might humbly walk with you.

Christ of Love, when we would cling to our anger, you send us forgiveness to hold our hand; when we would feast on our bitterness, you share the bread of heaven; when we would drink at sin's fountain, you pour out the cup of salvation.

Spirit of New Life, you bring us together that we might learn to live together, to love together, to serve together, so that those around us would know you are in our midst. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

“The first thing I ask is that people should not make use of my name, and not call themselves ‘Lutherans’, but Christians. What is Luther? The teaching is not mine. Nor was I crucified for anyone. St. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 3, would not tolerate anyone calling themselves Paul’s or Peter’s, but only Christians....dear friends, let us do away with party names, and be called Christians, for it is his teaching we have...I am no one’s master, nor do I wish to be. I share with all the one common teaching of Christ, who alone is our master.

- Martin Luther (1522)

PRAISE SONG

“Grace Alone”

1. Ev - 'ry pro - mise we can make, ev - 'ry prayer and step of faith,
2. Ev - 'ry soul we long to reach, ev - 'ry heart we hope to teach,
Ev - 'ry dif - f'rence we will make is on - ly by His grace.
Ev - 'ry - where we share His peace is on - ly by His grace.
Ev - 'ry moun - tain we will climb, ev - 'ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev - 'ry lov - ing word we say, ev - 'ry tear we wipe a - way,
Ev - 'ry bless - ing left be - hind is on - ly by His
Ev - 'ry sor - row turned to praise is on - ly by His
grace. Grace a - lone which God sup - plies, strength un - known He will pro
vide. Christ in us, our Cor - ner - stone, we will go forth in grace a
- lone. lone. We will go forth in grace a - lone.

REFORMATION CALL TO WORSHIP

GOD'S WORD ALONE

Leader: Your Word, O Lord is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

All: Your Word is a Lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Leader: Jesus said, “If you hold to my teachings, you are really my disciples.”

All: “Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”

Luther on Scripture:

Leader: Dedicated to the Bible as the source of the church’s teachings, Luther spoke often to the supremacy of the Scriptures in the Church’s life. “The Christian church is God’s servant. It listens to and does nothing but what it believes to be God’s command.”

GOD'S GRACE ALONE

Leader: For God so loved the world that God gave God's one and only Son.

All: That whoever believes in Him shall have everlasting life.

Leader: For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves,

All: It is the gift of God!

Luther on Grace:

Leader: For Luther, no Scriptural teaching mattered more than the theology of grace. He said, "A good song may well be sung often. Grace consists of this: that God is merciful to us, shows grace for the sake of the Lord Christ, forgives all sins, and will not charge them to us for eternal death. This is grace: the forgiveness of sin for the sake of the Lord Christ, the covering of sins."

FAITH ALONE

Leader: For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written:

All: The righteous will live by faith.

Leader: Therefore, since we have all been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

Luther on Faith:

Leader: Luther spoke for truth which comes only through faith – not through the good works we accomplish. "It is the will and pleasure of God that whoever sees the Son and believes in Him has eternal life."

OUR CONFESSION

Leader: Creator God, we gather as your children in need of forgiveness.

All: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

Leader: For the times we have failed to put you first in our hearts,

All: God forgive our lack of faith.

Leader: For the people we have failed to help because of our selfishness,

All: God forgive our lack of concern.

Leader: Most merciful God, forgive our sins, and hear the prayers of our hearts. (*A time of silence to ask God to forgive our sins.*)

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF EVERLASTING LIFE

Leader: God has heard our prayers and forgives our sin. We are no longer held captive by the chains of sin. We are free to fly like an eagle, released from the bonds of death. Jesus loves us! This is all we need to know, for we do not belong to the family of God because of our great faith, or by our kind deeds. It is because Jesus, who died on the cross and rose victorious over death, has made us heirs with Him of eternal life.

CONFESSION RESPONSE "Have you Thanked the Lord"

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name?
Don't you know that no to-mor-row is quite the same?
Have you thanked the Lord? Have you knelt in prayer
and re-joyced that rain or sun-shine, our God is there?
Hal - le - lu - jah! Thank the Lord for we sun, sand, and sea,
Hal - le - lu - jah! Par - a - dise we taste where we are;
ev' - ry star at night that shines for you and
sum - mer breez - es, win - ter warmth are nev - er
me. Bless - ings so man - y come our way:
far. God's love is ev - er on dis - play:
have you thanked the Lord to - day?
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE FIRST READING

Romans 3:9-28

So where does that put us? Do we Jews get a better break than the others? Not really. Basically, all of us, whether insiders or outsiders, start out in identical conditions, which is to say that we all start out as sinners. Scripture leaves no doubt about it:

There's nobody living right, not even one,
nobody who knows the score, nobody alert for God.
They've all taken the wrong turn;
they've all wandered down blind alleys.
No one's living right;
I can't find a single one.
Their throats are gaping graves,
their tongues slick as mudslides.
Every word they speak is tinged with poison.
They open their mouths and pollute the air.
They race for the honor of sinner-of-the-year,
litter the land with heartbreak and ruin,
Don't know the first thing about living with others.
They never give God the time of day.

This makes it clear, doesn't it, that whatever is written in these Scriptures is not what God says *about others* but *to us* to whom these Scriptures were addressed in the first place! And it's clear enough, isn't it, that we're sinners, every one of us, in the same sinking boat with everybody else? Our involvement with God's revelation doesn't put us right with God. What it does is force us to face our complicity in everyone else's sin.

But in our time something new has been added. What Moses and the prophets witnessed to all those years has happened. The God-setting-things-right that we read about has become Jesus-setting-things-right for us. And not only for us, but for everyone who believes in him. For there is no difference between us and them in this. Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity God put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. God got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where God always wanted us to be. And God did it by means of Jesus Christ.

God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in Jesus sets us in the clear. God decided on this course of action in full view of the public—to set the world in the clear with himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins God had so patiently endured. This is not only clear, but it's *now*—this is current history! God sets things right. God also makes it possible for us to live in God's rightness.

So where does that leave our proud Jewish insider claims and counterclaims? Canceled? Yes, canceled. What we've learned is this: God does not respond to what *we* do; we respond to what *God* does. We've finally figured it out. Our lives get in step with God and all others by letting God set the pace, not by proudly or anxiously trying to run the parade.

31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

THE MESSAGE

Let's Talk "Truth"

Pastor Cristy Schoob

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (stand)

"It's All About Love"

What does it mean to call my-self a Chris-tian?
 If you ask me why I'm drawn to Je-sus;
 When I feel lost and ev-ry-thing's un-cer-tain;

What does it mean to live out my faith?
 if you ask me why I fol-low Christ;
 when I'm not sure what choic-es to make,

I do not think it's a list of dos and don'ts.
 I won't tell you "I'm a-fraid of judg-ment day."
 these sim-ple words always help me find my way.

That's just not deep e-nough. It's all a bout
 That's just not deep e-nough.
 They're al-ways deep e-nough.

love. It's all a-bout love. It's all a-bout love and the kinds of
 things that love does, things like jus-tice and com-
 pas-sion. It's all a-bout love.

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

P: As God’s people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church, the human family, and all of creation.

(Petitions end: “God of mercy”; “Hear our prayer.”)

P. All these things and whatever you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Leader: We come again to the table to be made new. The cup of love and the bread of life have been given to us to share together so we can remember the love of Christ for us.

All: We come to the table Jesus has prepared for us.

Leader: All of us come to confess our need for God’s love and forgiveness.

All: Lord all of our spirits are thirsty and we want to drink from the well giving us eternal life.

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, broke it, and shared it with his friends. He said, *“Take this and eat it. This is my body.”* He also took the wine and after giving thanks to God, passed it among his friends saying, *“Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant. It is poured out for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.”*

All: Jesus, we thank you for life and love, for grace and peace, for joy and contentment. Set us free to share these gifts with one another.

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

“Amazing Grace” vs 1,2,3

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
‘tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

“Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

1. When I feel a - fraid_ think I've lost my way, still You're there right be -
2. I will not for - get Your love for me and yet my heart for - ev - er is

side_ me. And noth - ing will I fear as_
wan - der - ing. Je - sus be my guide and

long as You are near. Please be near me to the end_
hold me to Your side, and I will love you to the end_

“Find Us Faithful”

1. We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,
And those who've gone before us line the way
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary,
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace. (chorus)
2. Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
Let us run the race not only for the prize,
But as those who've gone before us, let us leave to those behind us
The heritage of faithfulness passed on thru Godly lives. (chorus)
3. After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,
And our children sift thru all we've left behind,
May the clues that they uncover, and the mem'ries they uncover
Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find. (chorus)

Chorus

0 may all who come be - hind us find us
faith - ful, May the fire of our de - vo
- tion light their way. May the foot - prints that we leave
lead them to be - lieve, and the lives we live in -
spire them to o - bey. 0 may all who come be - hind
us find us faith - ful.

The image shows a musical score for the chorus of the hymn "Find Us Faithful". It consists of six staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrases spanning across multiple staves. The lyrics are: "0 may all who come be - hind us find us faith - ful, May the fire of our de - vo - tion light their way. May the foot - prints that we leave lead them to be - lieve, and the lives we live in - spire them to o - bey. 0 may all who come be - hind us find us faith - ful." The word "0" appears to be a typo for "O".

THE BLESSING (stand)

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: May the hand of God hold you in your weakness,
May the arms of God comfort you in your failures,
May the power of God lift you up and set you free,
And may you live as children set free by God's love.

All: **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG

"Hope House"

Let's make a ti - ny lit - tle world and call it God's world, where
Let's build a world where love and mer - cy grow like gar - dens, where

peo - ple don't bul - ly and our hearts are true and kind.
peo - ple aren't hun - gry and no - bod - y's turned a - way.

Let's make a ti - ny lit - tle house and call it Hope House, where
Let's build a place where we can un - der - stand each o - ther, where

peo - ple aren't greed - y and we leave our fears be - hind.
an - ger and pre - ju - dice can nev - er rule the day.

Chorus
A lit - tle bit of light in a world full of night. A lit - tle bit of warm
in a world full of storm. A pic - ture of the world we real - ly wan - na see. *Fine*

God is plant - ing hope a - round this world with peo - ple like you and me!

1. Oh, Let's build a place where the
2. door is al - ways o - pen, where friend - ship and for - give - ness is sim - ply what we do.

Let's build a place where we learn the art of lov - ing. We
love our friends and neigh - bors and love the strana - er. too.

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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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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