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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

We need to cultivate the courage to be uncomfortable and to teach the people around us how to accept discomfort as a part of growth. ~Brené Brown

If you have not chosen the Kingdom of God first, it will in the end make no difference what you have chosen instead. ~William Law

The will of God is not something you add to your life. It's a course you choose. You either line yourself up with the Son of God...or you capitulate to the principle which governs the rest of the world." ~Elisabeth Elliot

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the children of God join in this day in praise and song!

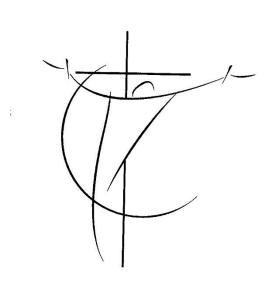
People: The Lord is our salvation and we are safe in God's loving care.

Leader: No power on Earth can stand against the power of Almighty God.

People: No danger in the Universe can snatch us from God's loving hand.

Leader: Then let our voices sound forth in song and praise to Almighty God.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!





OUR CONFESSION

One: Let us confess to God and before one another our sins and especially our claims of being more beloved by you than others or the rest of creation.

All: Lord, so often we allow ourselves to seek our safety and security in the powers and the personalities of the world, and we fail to remember that they are only people, but You are truly God. Too often we chase after any other temptation to find security rather than humble ourselves and turn to You who controls our eternity. We have warped our value system by rejecting that which you bless. Forgive us for redesigning our priorities so that we miss your blessings. Help us to put our lives in order, to know what really counts most in life, so we can depend on your love. Forgive us, O Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

One: The cross of Christ reminds us that all is forgiven; Jesus' resurrection promises that our lives may be made fresh and clean as we start again to live in his ways. Today, God invites each one of us, to begin afresh and live lives worthy of the Gospel. Today, the Holy Spirit empowers us to walk again the ways of Jesus, the way of Good News, of grace and love.



THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵ This is what the Lord says:

"Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord.

⁶That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes.

They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

7 "But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.

⁸They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

THE GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷ Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

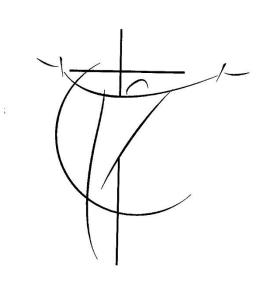
"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you^[a] on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

MESSAGE

"I don't think we're in Kansas anymore" Pastor Cristy Schoob



THE MESSAGE RESPONSE "I Will Trust In You"



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: Responding to the command of our Lord and desiring the life-giving

presence of Christ, we come to the table.

All: The love of God is a gift of healing that we seek.

Leader: Responding to the command of our Lord and desiring the life-giving

presence of Christ, we share the body and blood.

All: We come with wounds and faults and illness, ready and willing

to be healed with the true presence of Christ among us.

(A time of silence for remembering our brokenness, and our need for a Savior.)

Leader: God calls us to carry Jesus' light out into the world.

All: In the bread and the wine God nourishes and strengthens us for

our ministry in the world.

Leader: In this meal we take our place as followers of Jesus and all of God's children

All: In this meal we find the grace to start again and the courage to

follow the way of Jesus.

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave thanks.

He broke it, and shared it with disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you." Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This is my blood shed for you and for all people. It promises forgiveness and new life. It is the sign of the new

covenant between us. Drink this to remember me."

All: This is the new relationship we share together.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

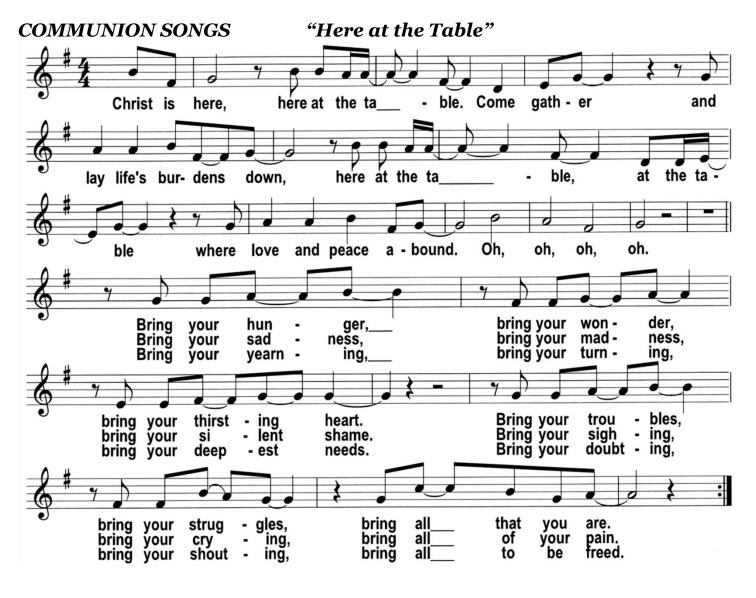
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory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

THE DISTRIBUTION

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

When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer 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 have individually packaged gluten free wafer/wine.)







THE COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: The One who made you has made you new. Now you are sent out to offer the world the opportunity be made alive through the power of God's Spirit who dwells in you. Go out with, and to BE, the blessing of God Almighty.

All: Amen.



THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Following worship, please join us for a coffee hour in the Heritage Room.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastors: Pastor David Schoob, Pastor Cristy Schoob

Worship Assistant: Nate Shubat Ushers: Jennifer and Steve Walth

Communion Set Up: Renee and Lucy Thacker

Communion Servers: Reader: Sue Walker

Vocalists: Paul Anderson, Tony Brodzeller, Cyndee Bruder,

Ruthann Dorn, Heather Peters

Keyboard: Darci Ketter

Video: Greg Griffin Audio: Bryan Schlosser

Coffee Hour: The Trinity Comforters

Counters: Carl Eda Skinkis, Annie Wiedmeyer

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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