

GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"Everything will be alright in the end. So if it is not yet alright, then it is not yet the end."
~Deborah Moggach, *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*

Without forgiveness, there's no future.

~Desmond Tutu

To forgive somebody is to say one way or another, "You have done something unspeakable, and by all rights I should call it quits between us. Both my pride and my principles demand no less. However, although I make no guarantees that I will be able to forget what you've done, and though we may both carry the scars for life, I refuse to let it stand between us. I still want you for my friend."

To accept forgiveness means to admit that you've done something unspeakable that needs to be forgiven, and thus both parties must swallow the same thing: their pride.

This seems to explain what Jesus means when he says to God, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Jesus is not saying that God's forgiveness is conditional upon our forgiving others. In the first place, forgiveness that's conditional isn't really forgiveness at all, just fair warning; and in the second place, our unforgivingness is among those things about us that we need to have God forgive us most. What Jesus apparently is saying is that the pride that keeps us from forgiving is the same pride that keeps us from accepting forgiveness, and will God please help us do something about it.

~Frederick Buechner

CALL TO WORSHIP

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PRAISE SONG

"Changed for Good"

1.No more watch - ing from the top of a tree;
2.Light the lamps and let the par - ty be - gin;
3&4.Time to break the chains that bound me so long.

no more watch - ing from a dis - tance to see;
o - pen doors and let the peo - ple come in.
There's no way that I can right all my wrongs.

love is here and love is call - ing to me;
I am miles a - way from where I have been.
Here I start and if it takes my life long,

I'm be - ing changed for good. *2nd and 3rd time to Bridge
Last time to Coda*

Bridge
Here's my pro - mise, here's my vow, things are chang - ing,
start - ing now; I was lost, now I'm found,
go and tell ev - ery - bo - dy in town. *To Verse 3 and 4*

Coda
I'm be - ing changed for good; mak - ing a change for good.

OUR CONFESSION

Leader: The God who knows us better than we know ourselves invites us to come and confess the state of our lives so that we might receive forgiveness and newness of life.

People: We confess before one another and to our God that we are a sinful people. We have not loved others as ourselves. We have not even loved ourselves well. We have taken God's love for granted and failed to reform our lives. We have looked down on others in an attempt to feel better about ourselves. We have failed to forgive as God forgives us. Forgive us and renew us as your image so that we may freely share your love and forgiveness with others. Amen.

Leader: God loves you and all creation, delighting in your life and not your death. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE "Forgiven"

For - giv - en, I've been for - giv - en; God has looked be -
yond my sin, Saved me from what I might have been, Gave me a new
life with - in, I am for - giv - en by His grace.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' ... ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷⁻³⁰ “To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the supple moves of prayer for that person. If someone slaps you in the face, stand there and take it. If someone grabs your shirt, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more payback. Live generously.

³¹⁻³⁴ “Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them! If you only love the lovable, do you expect a pat on the back? Run-of-the-mill sinners do that. If you only help those who help you, do you expect a medal? Garden-variety sinners do that. If you only give for what you hope to get out of it, do you think that’s charity? The stingiest of pawnbrokers does that.

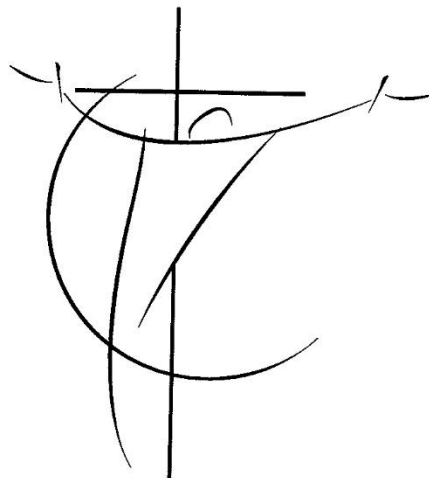
³⁵⁻³⁶ “I tell you, love your enemies. Help and give without expecting a return. You’ll never—I promise—regret it. Live out this God-created identity the way our Father lives toward us, generously and graciously, even when we’re at our worst. Our Father is kind; you be kind.

³⁷⁻³⁸ “Don’t pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Don’t condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you’ll find life a lot easier. Give away your life; you’ll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity.”

MESSAGE

“God’s not done with any of us yet”

Pastor Cristy Schoob



THE MESSAGE RESPONSE "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.

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 to the table in hope and joy.

All: We enter with awe and devotion to meet together with God.

Leader: This is a safe place where we know we are loved.

All: We feel the presence of God's Spirit and the Spirit of God's people.

Leader: Here we always find forgiveness and new beginnings.

All: We trust God's love and open our hearts today.

(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 a 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.)

COMMUNION SONGS

"Whatever I Have"

1. Just sup - pose I find my - self on a crowd - ed cit - y
2. Just sup - pose I find my - self in the lap of lux - u
3. Just sup - pose I find my - self far a - way from home and

street, beg - ging for sub - sis - tence a - mid the sound of rush - ing
- ry, in a man - sion on a hill or a yacht up - on the
friends in a des - ert with no path on a night that nev - er

feet. Or sup - pose I find my - self in a
sea; in the halls of greed and power, where temp -
ends. Or sup - pose I find I'm caught by a

lone - ly pri - son cell. Could I say from
ta - tion grows each day. Would my ev - ery
greed that won't let go. Could I raise my

deep in - side I am glad for all is well?
step an - nounce I could give this all a - way?
voice and say for all the world to know:

What - ev - er I have or have not; what - ev - er I

am, or am not, I can make it through an - y - thing now

in the one who makes me who I am

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“God will See Us Through”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "God will See Us Through". It consists of six staves of music, each with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes.

In times of bro-ken-ness, in ev - 'ry wil - der-ness, God has seen us through.
Times when our strength was gone, some-how we car-ried on, God has seen us
through. Look be - hind and see through-out his - to - ry, God has nev - er let us
down. Lean a - head and trust God is guid - ing us, God is with us here right
now. God will see me through, God will see you through, God will see us through some-
how. Step by step we'll be. ai-ven all we need, God will see us through this now.

"For Everyone Born"

1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bus - ed, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver head. (verse 2)
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair. And
 for young and for old, the right to be - long. (verse 4)
 for just and un - just, a new way to live. And
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free. And

God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
 joy com - pas - sion and peace; yes,

God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: Go into God's world knowing that you are loved more than you can imagine. Share God's love and forgiveness with all you encounter. Love and forgive them as God has loved and forgiven you and you will find and share the blessing of God Almighty.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

“Amazing Grace“

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.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

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: Linda Amacher

Ushers: Nick Laatsch, Dan Pawlowski

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Communion Servers: Daniel Schmidt

Reader: Haley Kordosky

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Keyboard: Hazel Griffin

Video: Greg Griffin **Audio:** Sue Gilbertson

Coffee Hour: Alyssa Brockman, Sandy Poenitsch, Candy Sarauer

Counters: Tammy Nelson, Cyndee Bruder

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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