# Trinity Lutheran Church Created to Praise March 2, 2025

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## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, whose Spirit reveals to us the nature of your Son: Draw us close to Christ, that in his presence our lives may reflect his glory and be transformed into his likeness. In his name we pray.

#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

## TRINITY WELCOME

## INTRODUCTION OF THOSE RECEIVING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION

Morgan Lynne Beier
Sadie Hope Brodzeller
Bradley Logan Hanson
Harper Jensen Kenworthy
Finnegan Alistair Liles
Gabriella Rose Liles
Elias Galileo del Campo O'Connell
Finn William Pawlowski

## THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

The central idea of the Eastern Fathers was that of theosis, the divinization of all creatures, the transfiguration of the world, the idea of the cosmos and not the idea of personal salvation...Only later Christian consciousness began to value the idea of hell more than the idea of the transfiguration and divinization of the world...The Kingdom of God is the transfiguration of the world, the universal resurrection, a new heaven and a new earth. ~Nikolai Berdyaev (Philosopher and Theologian)

God places us in the world as his fellow workers-agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world.

~Desmond Tutu

(Archbishop in South Africa)

I did my holy communion, and it was amazing how quickly the stories of the Bible and God and Jesus got under my skin ~Joel Edgerton (Actor and Film Maker)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God gives us his Spirit that enables us to know Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

People: We look to Jesus, and the more we turn to him, the more we

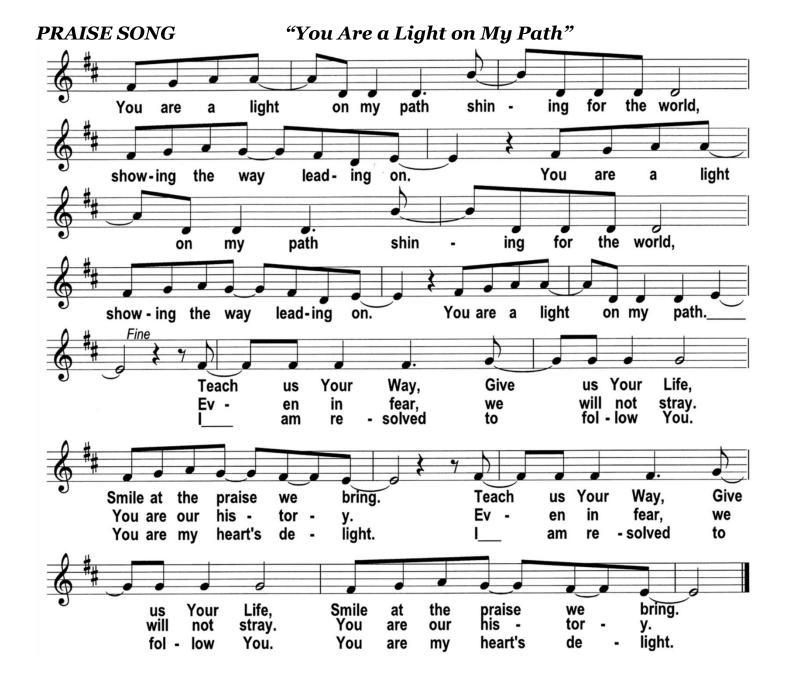
become like him.

Leader: It is only through our Lord that we are able to know God and respond to his

love.

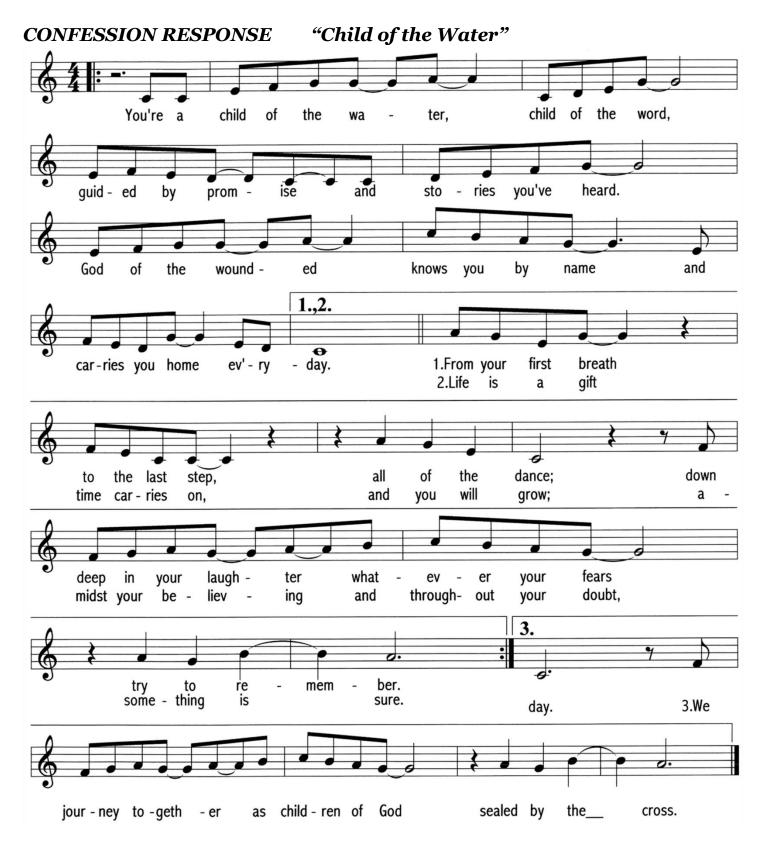
People: We are anxious to learn more of Jesus, that our hearts and minds

may be opened to the love of God.



## **OUR CONFESSION**

We are subject to human frailties, O God, and so our weariness, at times, makes us numb to the glory of your only Son who is our Redeemer. That weariness affects our faith, and we find ourselves with good intentions, but not enough spiritual insight. Forgive us for neglecting the significance of who your Son is, and why he came to earth. May his glory fill our lives, convincing us of your redemptive love for us. In his name we pray. Amen.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

## THE FIRST LESSON

# 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

THE GOSPEL Luke 9: 28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

**MESSAGE** 

"Now You See Me"

**Pastor David Schoob** 



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.

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Leader: Have you come seeking God?

People: We have come seeking and longing for God.

Leader: Jesus has prepared a table for us.

People: We want to meet God through the power of the Holy Spirit at the table of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Come, God knows our needs and God is waiting to fill us.

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."

#### 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.

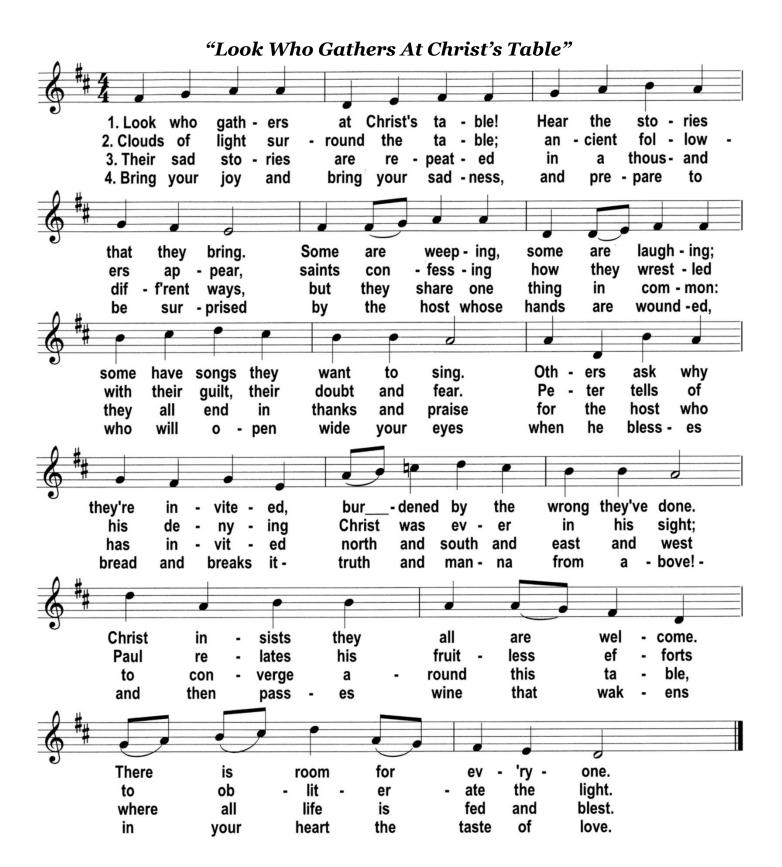
Please allow those receiving their first communion and their families to communion first. Then all are welcome at the table of the Lord. Come let the light of Christ in the bread and the wine fill and change you.

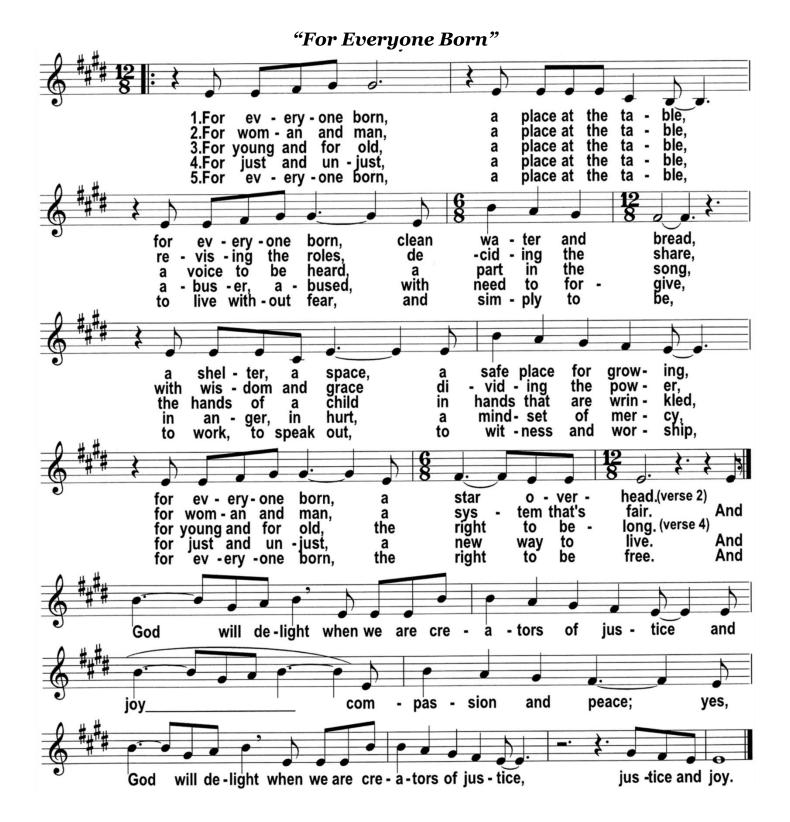
When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.

(We also have individually packaged gluten free wafer/wine.)

## **COMMUNION SONGS**







#### THE COMMUNION BLESSING

#### THE SENDING OUT

Leader: Go into the world as collaborators, radiating the light of Holiness.

Let your aura shine so you and others have a clear path for the next day's journey! Hallelujah!

All: Amen.



## THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Following worship, please join us in the Heritage Room for a coffee hour and First Communion cake in celebration of our Confirmands.

A very special 'Thank You' to Kelly Granger for her guidance, care, and time given during the Keeping the Promise rotation to prepare our youth in receiving their First Communion today.

Thank you, Peter Nelson, for being our photographer for this special service.

#### WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastors: Pastor David Schoob, Pastor Cristy Schoob

**Ushers:** Charlotte Butzler, Jim Klatt **Communion Set Up:** Sue Kesy **Communion Servers:** Nate Shubat

Vocalists: Linda Amacher, Cyndee Bruder,

Rick Gilbertson, Phil Pierce

Keyboard: Darci Ketter

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

**Counters:** Shirl Curreri, Diane Ferstadt

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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