

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Father, help us to offer worship that is pleasing to You. You want more than singing and dancing and a gift in the offering. You desire justice! So, stir our hearts to offer You true worship that provides service to the poor, the widow, the slave, the prisoner, the hungry, the thirsty, the naked and the homeless. Let our acts of compassion roll like a river. Let us offer worship that is woven into obedience because anything less than obedience is self-made, self-centered, and self-created religion. You reject this man-centered worship. If we engage in this false religion, the end result is bondage. So, we pray our lives will be marked by true worship, and we pray this real worship will free the oppressed around us in the name of Jesus, the King of the Kingdom. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

When we blindly adopt a religion, a political system, a literary dogma, we become automatons. We cease to grow. ~Anais Nin (French-born American diarist, essayist, novelist, and writer of short stories)

Jesus is ideal and wonderful, but you Christians - you are not like him.

~Mahatma Gandhi (Religious and Political Leader of India)

The God who existed before any religion counts on you to make the oneness of the human family known and celebrated.

~Desmond Tutu (Archbishop of South Africa)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are pilgrims on a journey.

People: Some of us have traveled familiar roads throughout our lives.

Leader: We are pilgrims on a journey.

People: Some of us are ready to deviate from the safety of the well-marked highways and byways.

Leader: We are pilgrims on a journey.

People: Help us to move forward from wherever we are, to leave the comfort of familiarity in order to travel to the lands where you are calling us to go.

Leader: We are pilgrims on a journey.

People: But we never journey alone.

PRAISE SONG

“Send Down the Fire”

Send down the fire of your jus - tice.

Send down the rains of your love. Come,

send down the Sp;ir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and

we shall be peo - ple of God.

1.Call us to be your com - pas - sion.
 2.Call us to learn of your mer - cy.
 3.Call us to an - swer op - pres - ion.
 4.Call us to wit - ness your king - dom.

Teach us the song of your love. Give us
 Teach us the way of your peace. Give us
 Teach us the fire of your truth. Give us
 Give us the pres - ence of Christ. May your

hearts that sing. Give us deeds that ring. Make us
 hearts that feel. Give us hands that heal. Make us
 right - eous soul, 'til your jus - tice rolls. Make us
 ho - ly light keep us shin - ing bright, ev - er

ring with the song of your love.
 walk in the way of your peace. (Chorus)
 shine with the fire of your truth.
 shine with the pres - ence of Christ. (Chorus)

OUR CONFESSION

All: God of Life, we look to you for forgiveness of our trespasses, both seen and unseen. It is easy for us to go through the motions on Sunday without really listening to your voice. Give us a heart of humility and a desire for change. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God’s grace is God’s covenant with a sinful people. We receive the grace of forgiveness this day.

CONFESSION RESPONSE "If I Believe In Jesus"

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of A major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "If I be-lieve in Je - sus, do I need to fol - low Him? If I be-lieve in Je - sus, do I need to fol - low Him? 'Cause if I'm gon - na fol - low Him, some things are bound to change. Time to go and love my neigh - bor; Time to break some bread with sin - ners; Time to help my home - less sis - ter; time to get down on my knees; time to weep for bro - ken dreams; time to wash my bro - ther's feet; time to step out on the wa - ter time to help a wound - ed strang - er time to speak a - gainst in - jus - tice. but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble with let - ting go of all of my things. but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble with lov - ing my en - e - mies. but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble con - front - ing the pow'rs that be."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE AND THE LENTEN SNAPSHOT -

THE GOSPEL READING

John 11:45-53

So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council, and said, 'What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation.' But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, 'You know nothing at all! You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed.' He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. So from that day on they planned to put him to death.

MESSAGE

“When the Church Gets in the Way”

Pastor David Schoob

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE *“Take Up Your Cross”*

- In a world of man- y - voice- es call
 The call is hard to swal- low. Take up your cross
 - ing and at me, it's hard to hear the one that's true.
 and fol - low. The words reach deep in - side of me.
 - E - ven when I hear it,
 I find my- self so trou - bled,
 - when my heart dis - cerns it, I lack the will
 to lose my life, be hum - ble, the sins with- in
 to re - fuse it to see through.
 re - fuse to see.
 Though I'm fall - ing, fall - ing, the voice is al - ways call - ing.
 Take up your cross.
 Take up your cross and fol - low
 me and fol - low me.

Repeat to tag last time only.

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: Blessed are you, O holy and mighty and merciful God, Creator of the universe. You watered the gardens, and you swept the desert. You called out a holy people to embody your love.

People: **There is still room. There is still time.**

Leader: You sent your prophets so that those who looked only to themselves would receive the gift of your creation with thanksgiving; and thus, in praising You, would find their true destiny.

People: **There is still room. There is still time.**

Leader: Still, we fought against Your love, pretending that Your bounty was our design. So, you sent your Son to open to us the way of heaven. And even in the midst of our betrayal, he took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

People: **There is still room. There is still time.**

Leader: Then 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."

People: **There is still room. There is still time.**

Leader: O Holy One of Israel, O Word of hope to every generation, we lift our hearts to you in thanksgiving and wonder for Your great love for us. And we ask for Your Spirit to breathe life into our bodies as we feast at Your table. Fill our need so that we can go forth as living invitations, seeking nothing for ourselves, but desiring that Your will of grace be done. Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit, bring us forth into the great kingdom's dawn when everybody everywhere will know the fullness of Your love.

People: **THIS IS THE ROOM. THIS IS THE TIME. Amen.**

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

"Dance Together"

1. We have gath - ered from far and near. Lord, you've
 2. We have trou - bles, we all have flaws We're not

drawn us, wor - thy You've brought us here call Friends al - read - y and friends to
 heed your here call We cry, "Leave us! Lord, go a

be. Sis - ters, bro - thers, be - com - ing fam - il - y. Let us
 - way." But you say, Take my hand and dance with me to - day!"

dance, dance to - geth - er, with love and laugh - ter and with - out fear. Hold - ing

hands with the Cre - a - tor at the cross - roads of our years. Dance to -

geth - er down the road to God knows where. 1. 3. 2. where.

So here's the mo - ment dis - tilled in time to leave this

fish - ing and these boats be - hind Trade things fa - mil - iar for things un

known. Lord we of - fer up our lives, and fol - low down Your road, Let us

dance, dance to - geth - er, with love and laugh - ter, and with - out

fear. Hold - ing hands with the Cre - a - tor at the

cross - roads of our years. Dance to - geth - er down the

road. For ev - er on Your road Dance to -

geth - er down the road to God knows where._____

"Open My Heart to Your Love"

O - pen my heart to your love, oh God.
 Heal - er my of heart na - tions and love, bro - ken hearts,
 O - pen my heart to your love, oh God.
 O - pen my eyes to your grace.
 you are the eyes path - way to your peace.
 O - pen my eyes to your grace.
 O - pen my life to re - ceive your word. Send
 Sing - er of life in the face of death, may
 O - pen my life to re - ceive your word. Send
 wis - dom and cour - age to fol - low your way.
 we be your ves - sels so love - will in - crease.
 wis - dom and cour - age to fol - low your way.

"The God of Second Chances"

1. Come now, O God of sec - ond chanc - es;
 2. Come now, O God, re - lease our de - mons;
 3. Come now, O God, and still our an - ger;
 4. Come now, O God, shake our re - sent - ment;
 5. Come now, O God, and grant com - pas - sion;
 6. Come now, O God, of sec - ond chanc - es;
 o - pen our lives to heal.
 o - pen our eyes to see
 o - pen our minds to peace.
 o - pen our way to choose
 o - pen our hearts to love.
 may we for - give our - selves;
 Re - move our hate, and melt our rage.
 the shame with - in, our guilt and pain,
 Em - brace our fear, and hold us close.
 the way of love o - ver re - venge.
 May we let go of all our hurt.
 may we be - come your liv - ing sign:
 1., 2. Save us from our - selves.
 Mend us; make us whole.
 Calm the storm with -
 Show us a new way.
 Help us to move on.
 Chil - dren of God's love.

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: May these forty days bring you new depth of God's vision. May you be a disciple of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, even unto the Cross. Go forth to live and love as Christ does, now and always.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

"Lead Us Out"



Lead us up. We want to know You bet - ter. Lead us up.
Lead us in. We want to love like You do. Lead us in.
Lead us out. We want to be a bless - ing. Lead us out.

- Fill our hearts and make us more like You. Lead us up.
- Make of us one bod - y in Your love. Lead us in.
in - to the world You gave Your life to save. Lead us out

- Ev - er grow - ing clo - ser. Oh lead us
- Lov - ing one an - oth - er. Oh lead us
to tell them all a - bout You. Oh lead us

up in - to You, Lord. Lead us up. Lead us in. Lead us out
in Your love, O Lord.
out in - to Your world.

in - to Your world. Lead us now, and we'll fol - low you to -
day. Lead us on - ward by Your grace, un - til we see Your face. Lead us

out in - to Your world. world. Lead us out in - to Your
world. world. Lead us out in - to Your
world. world. Lead us out in - to Your world.

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go into God's world in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

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

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastors: Pastor David Schoob, Pastor Cristy Schoob

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Communion Servers: Nate Shubat, Daniel Schmidt

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Keyboard: Hazel Griffin

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Counters: Richard Hills, David Putnam

Coffee Hour: Sandy Poenitsch, Hazel Griffin

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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