Trinity Lutheran Church Created to Praise March 9, 2025

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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.

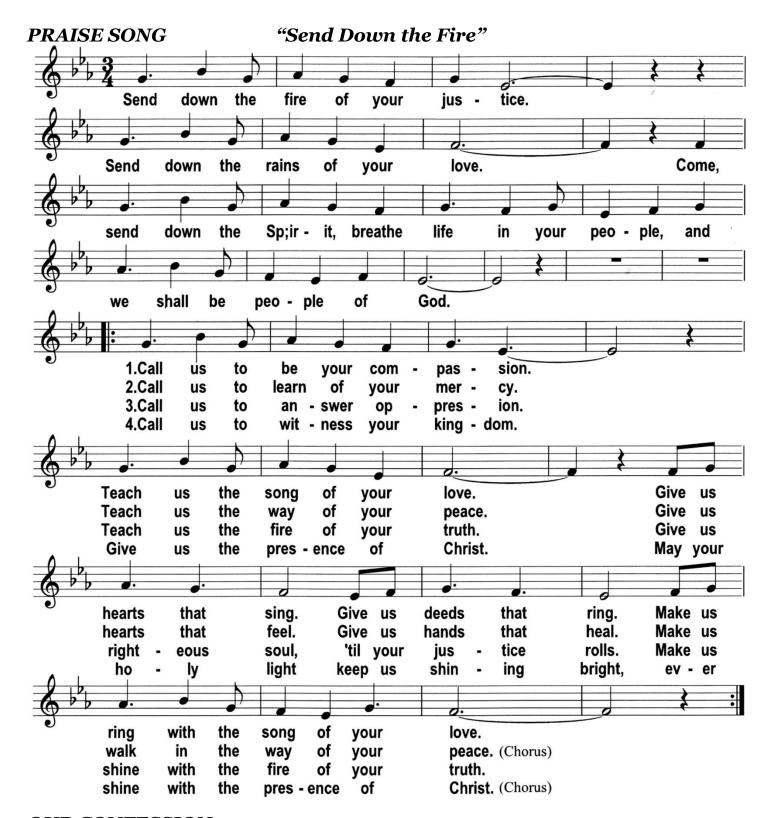
People: Help us to move forward from wherever we are, to leave the

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.

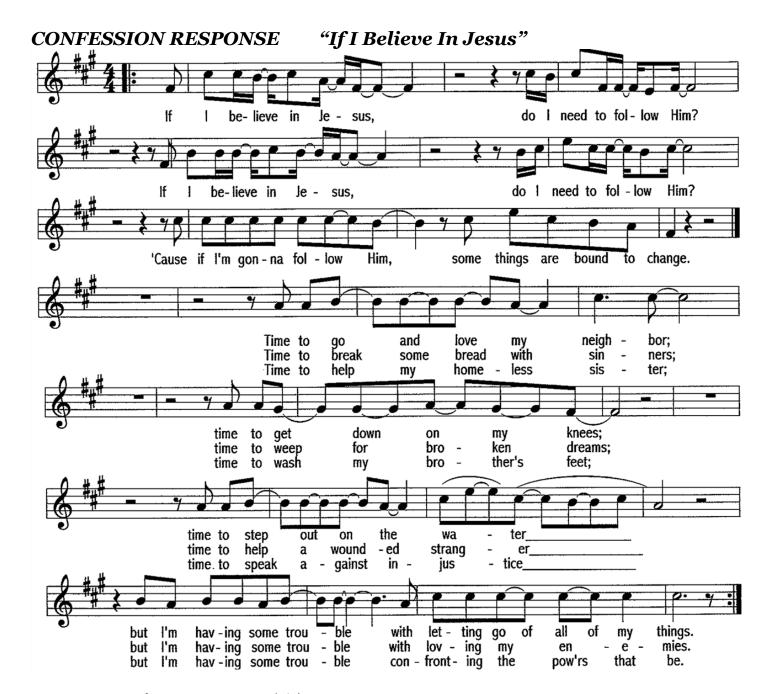


OUR CONFESSION

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.



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.



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.

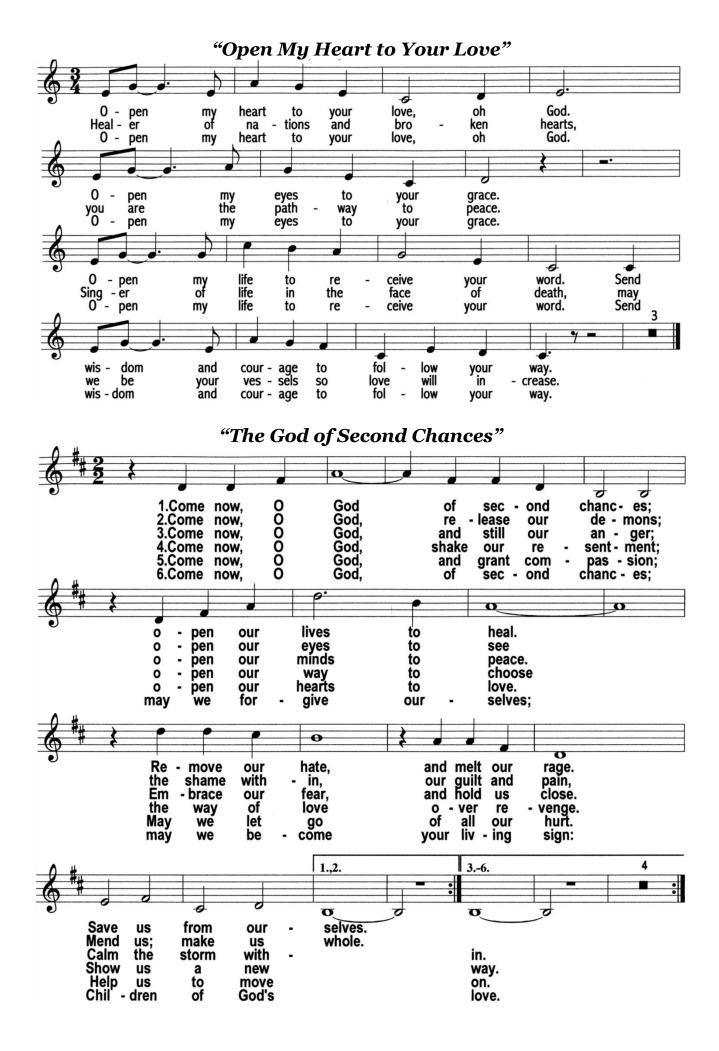
THE DISTRIBUTION

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.)





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 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

Worship Assistant: Nate Shubat Ushers: Ron Hinzpeter, Tom Bulin

Reader: Sue Walker

Communion Set Up: Cyndee Bruder

Communion Servers: Nate Shubat, Daniel Schmidt

Vocalists: Paul Anderson, Cyndee Bruder, Ruthann Dorn, Rick Gilbertson

Keyboard: Hazel Griffin

Video: Cheryl Scaffidi Audio: Sue Gilbertson

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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