

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

*God of all, we come before you today, humbly acknowledging that our true wealth lies in You, not in material possessions. Guide us to prioritize your will above the pursuit of riches and grant us wisdom to use any blessings You provide to serve others and honor your name. May we always remember that you are the source of all abundance, and that our trust should be placed solely in You. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**TRINITY WELCOME**

**THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY**

*“The worship of the Golden Calf of old has returned in a new and ruthless guise in the idolatry of money and the dictatorship of an impersonal economy lacking a truly human purpose”*

**~Pope Francis**

*If I love money more than Christ, woe is me!*

**~ William Tiptaft, Minister**

*“The great wealth of Christians  
is found in the needs of the poor,  
provided we grasp how to put our  
possessions to good use.  
The poor are always before us;  
if we entrust our wealth to them,  
we shall not lose it.”*  
**~St. Augustine**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** When we are tempted to think of our immediate needs and turn our back on others,  
Jesus draws us back to reality.

**P: All we truly need is you, O Christ.**

**L:** When we think that wealth, power, status are the answers to life's dilemmas, God  
draws us back to reality.

**P: All we truly need is you, O Lord.**

## PRAISE SONG

## "Boundless Love"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line at the end. The lyrics are: Bound - less love touch - es and chang - es the heart of us. Bound - less love touch - es and chang - es the heart of us. Oh Spir - it of Je - sus you We stru - cture of in - jus - tice that Oh Spir - it of life come and sit at our ta - ble and call us to a rad - i - cal keeps some from eat - ing, you pre - pare us for a dif - fer - ent move through the peo - ple con - front - ing the pow - ers of meal of bound - less love that climbs o - ver feast of bound - less love love that climbs o - ver death 'cause bound - less love love that climbs o - ver bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part. bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part. bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.

## OUR CONFESSION

**All:** Lord, we confess that we have allowed our pursuit of wealth to take precedence over our relationship with You. We have become so focused on accumulating possessions and financial security that we have neglected our spiritual life, failing to prioritize time in prayer, studying Your word, and serving others. We repent of this idol of money and ask for Your forgiveness. Help us to realign our priorities, placing You first in all areas of our lives, and using our resources wisely to honor You. Amen.

**CONFESSION RESPONSE****"Take My Life That I May Be" vs 1,2,4**

Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord  
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;  
let them flow in cease - less praise.  
1. Take my hands and let them move  
2. Take my sil - ver and let gold,  
3. Take my voice and let sing  
4. Take my will and make it thine;  
at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite would I for long - thy with - hold;  
it shall be no long - my er King; mine;  
take my feet in - tel - lect them be swift and  
take my lips, and let them use ev - 'ry  
take my heart, it is thine be own; filled with  
beau - ti - ful for thee  
pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
mes - sag - es from thee.  
be thy roy - al throne.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)****THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE AND THE LENTEN  
SNAPSHOT - Moneychangers**

## **THE GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 11:12-18 and 12:41-44**

*As Mark tells the story of Jesus' life, both these incidents take place in the most important Jewish place of worship in Jesus' day, the Temple in Jerusalem. In the first Jesus reacts to the overcharging of money changers for temple animal sacrifice by overturning their tables. In the second He notices the contribution of the temple offering by a widow.*

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, 'Is it not written,

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations”?  
But you have made it a den of robbers.’

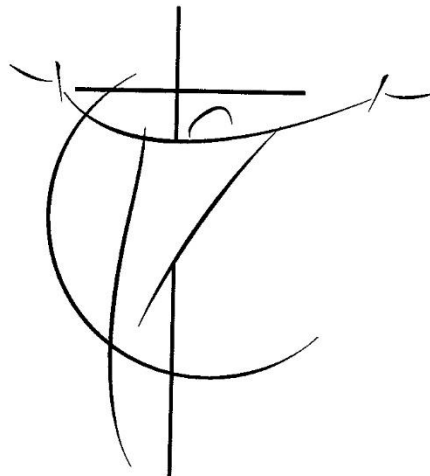
And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples\* went out of the city.

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.’

## **MESSAGE**

*“When Money Rules”*

**Pastor David Schoob**



## THE MESSAGE RESPONSE

### *“Break These Chains”*

Wrapped in con - fu - sion, trapped in life's cage,  
I hear you call - ing, call - in my name.

tied to the cra - dle and grave.  
Why do I turn from \_\_\_\_\_ you?

Cap - tive to ques - tions, shack - led by fear,  
I keep on run - ning, run - ning a - way,

touch - ing the edge of and faith. On - ly  
far from your grace and truth.

Refrain  
love can break these chains. On - ly love can break these chains. In this

1., 3. 2.  
whole world on - ly love can break these chains. chains.

To Refrain  
Break these chains. Break these chains. Break these chains. On - ly

## 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

### *"Here at the Table"*

Christ is here, here at the ta - ble. Come gath - er and  
 lay life's bur - dens down, here at the ta - ble, at the ta -  
 ble where love and peace a - bound. Oh, oh, oh, oh.  
 Bring your hun - ger, bring your won - der,  
 Bring your sad - ness, bring your mad - ness,  
 Bring your yearn - ing, bring your turn - ing,  
 bring your thirst - ing heart. Bring your trou - bles,  
 bring your si - lent shame. Bring your sigh - ing,  
 bring your deep - est needs. Bring your doubt - ing,  
 bring your strug - gles, bring all that you are.  
 bring your cry - ing, bring all of your pain.  
 bring your shout - ing, bring all to be freed.

## *“Let This Be a Place, Lord”*

Let this be a place, Lord where he - roes are fash - ioned;  
filled with your fire, Lord, fueled with your pas - sion.  
Ev - ery - day peo - ple, walk - ing with cour - age in - to the  
1. night, bring - ing the light of a new day.  
Lord you have called the young and na - ive, skep - tics and cyn - ics, who  
hard - ly be - lieve. Lord, you have called the wea - ry and old,  
mak - ing the tim - id, cou - ra - geous and bold.  
Dar - ing to face all e - vil and wrong, tell - ing the truth with a  
voice clear and strong; Dar - ing to live out the words that we say;  
show - ing the world a more ex - cel - lent way Let this be a  
2. night, bring - ing the light of a new day;  
in - to the night, bring - ing the light of a new day.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 6/8 time. It consists of 14 staves. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes repeat signs, first and second endings, and a final double bar line.



## “Knowing You”

1. All I once held dear, built my to  
 2. Now my heart's held de - sire is to  
 3. Oh, to know the pow'r of Your

life up - on, all this world re - veres and  
 know You more, to be found in You, and  
 ris - en life and to know You in Your

wars to own. All I once thought gain I have  
 known as Yours. To pos - sess by faith what I  
 suf - fer - ings. To be - come like You in Your

count - ed loss, spent and worth - less now com  
 could not earn, all sur - pass - ing gift of  
 death, my Lord, so with You to live and

- pared right to this. Know - ing You, Je - sus,  
 right nev - er die. right nev - er die.

know - ing You, there is no great - er thing. You're my

all, You're the best, You're my

joy, my right - eous - ness, and I love You, Lord.

### THE COMMUNION BLESSING

### THE SENDING OUT

Leader: May the blessings of abundance guide us to use our wealth wisely, generously, and with compassion, always remembering that true riches lie in sharing our gifts to uplift others and honor the source of all provision.

All: Amen.

## THE SENDING SONG

### "When We Are Tested"



1. When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2. When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3. When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4. When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,

fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,

nour - ish us, God by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior sur - round us with cir - cles of care,

food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

## 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**

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**Counters:** CarlEda Skinkis, Annie Wiedmeyer

**Coffee Hour:** 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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