

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord, we ask for your strength and courage to stand firm in our convictions, even when facing opposition or pressure from the crowd. Help us to discern your will and to remain true to your values, not swayed by the opinions or expectations of others. Grant us the wisdom to speak truth with kindness and the resilience to endure any challenges that may arise. May our actions be a reflection of your love and grace, and may we be a source of comfort and strength to those around us. In your name, we pray. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

TRINITY WELCOME

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Caitlin Kemmett & Isabelle Beckmann and children Ariella and Aurora
Sponsors: *Mary and Glen Schweiger*

Steven Caves
Heather Oneson
Sponsors: *The Hanvey Family*

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

*“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.” ~Marianne Williamson, ***A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of "A Course in Miracles"****

Let people label you as they may, if you alone of all the nation decide one way, and that way be the right way by your convictions of the right, you have done your duty by yourself and by your country, hold up your head for you have nothing to be ashamed of.

It doesn't matter what the press says. It doesn't matter what the politicians or the mobs say. It doesn't matter if the whole country decides that something wrong is something right. Republics are founded on one principle above all else: The requirement that we stand up for what we believe in. no matter the odds or consequences.

When the mob and the press and the whole world tell you to move. Your job is to plant yourself like a tree beside the river of truth and tell the whole world:

“No, you move.”

~Mark Twain

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world that often whispers doubts and pressures us to conform, let us remember the unwavering strength within us, a strength that comes not from the crowd, but from the God who loves us.

People: **We stand here today, not to be swayed by the winds of opinion, but to stand firm in the truth of our faith.**

Leader: Let us draw upon that strength, that courage, and that unwavering faith, and let us worship God.

People: **Amen.**

PRAISE SONG

"If I Believe in Jesus"

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "If I believe 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."

OUR CONFESSION

All: Hold us close, patient God, for we know how hard this journey to the cross can be. We see our own failures mirrored in the Passion story. We know we betray the trust given to us. We let our children down. We avoid the eyes of the homeless. We treat your creation with indifference and abuse. We deny your love by covering up our talents, hiding behind low self-esteem, looking to others to lead the way. We are frightened by the costliness of following you and fear that we will be found fleeing the scene or joining in with the accusing crowd. Loving God, hold us close so we may move through the shadows, confront the darkness and rejoice in the surprising triumph of your stronger-than-death love. Through Jesus, we pray. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE "God Are You Tired?"

1. Oh God, are you tired of our empty days, our
2. Oh God, are you tired of our bombs and guns, the
3. Oh God, are you tired of our endless greed, our

cal-loused hearts, our broken ways? How long till we wake up and
rea-sons we give to kill some-one? How long till we stand up and
mind-less chase of lux-u-ry? How long till we cry out that

heed your call? How long till we see that we don't know it all? May we
stop this race? How long till we see you in ev-er-y face?
some-thing's wrong? How long till our praise - is more than a song?

lose our - selves for you. May we lose our - selves for you. For the

least and the lost, may we take up our cross and hum-bly fol-low you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE AND THE LENTEN SNAPSHOT - A Voice in the Crowd

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 15:6-15

As Mark tells his story of the life of Jesus, this is an event near the end of his book, taking place during the Jewish festival of Passover, which leads to Jesus' death and resurrection. It is Jesus' appearance before the Roman governor, Pilate, which includes the verbal exchanges between Pilate, the Jewish chief priests, and the crowd, resulting in Jesus' sentence of death by crucifixion.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do* with the man you call* the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

MESSAGE "Jesus Didn't Follow the Crowd, Do We?" **Pastor David Schoob**

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE "Almost"

1. Je - sus, we say we love you; we've got some
2. The road lies say out be - fore us; some ques - tions
3. There will be chang - es in us, as to your -

hes - i - ta - tion. We say we want to serve you;
must be spo - ken. Will we be tak - en care of?
self you bind us. There will be man - y trea - sures

we've got some re - ser - va - tions. Not that we
Will be be bruised and bro - ken? Not that we
we'll have to leave be - hind us. & Some - times we're

want to leave you, not that we want to grieve you,
are de - fec - ting; we trust in your pro - tect - ing;
run - ning for - ward, Some - times, we're step - ping back - ward

but to tell the truth we have to say,
but to tell the truth we have to say,
but to tell the truth we have to say.

we love you al - most; al - most

1., 2. 3. D.S.

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

"Take Up Your Cross"

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of ten staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: - 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 see it 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.

"I Will Trust In You"

1. When I can't see You, I
2. And when the dark - ness is
know You're here; When I can't feel You, I
clos - ing in, And I am run - ning a -
will not fear; I will trust in You and I
gainst the wind; I will trust in You and I
will not be a - fraid. And when the
will not be a - fraid. 'Cause when I'm
bat - tle is close at hand I know You're
stand - ing up - on that shore and all the
with me to help me stand; I will
bat - tles have gone be - fore, I will
trust in You and I will not be a - fraid
trust in You and I will not be a - fraid.
I will not be a - fraid. I will not be a -
fraid. I will trust in You, I will trust in You.

“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 faith. On - ly
far from your grace and truth.

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

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

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

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: Come to us, O God, especially when things get bad, and give us strength. Don't let us be afraid. Send us out with renewed courage, spirit and voice, in the name of Jesus, the crucified one.

All: **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG

"Let It Be Said of Us"

Let it be said of us: that the Lord was our pas - sion, That with
Let it be said of us: We were marked by for - give - ness, We were
glad - ness we bore love, ev - 'ry cross we were giv - en; That we
known by our love, and de - light - ed in meek - ness. We were
fought the good fight, that we fin - ished the course
ruled by His peace, heed - ing un - i - ty's call;
Know - ing as with - in us the pow'r of the ris - en Lord. Let the
Joined as one bo - dy that Christ would be seen by all.
cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song, By
mer - cy made ho - ly, by the Spi - rit_ made_ strong. Let the
cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song 'Til the
like - ness of Je - sus be through us made known. Let the
cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song.

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

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Counters: Tammy Nelson, Cyndee Bruder

Coffee Hour: Marcia Vrankin, Sandy Poenitsch

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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