

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O God who invites us into the scary life of faith: Grant us the courage to ask our questions, knowing that we are always held in your love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Be Still, My Soul”- Trinity hand chimes

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Doubt is not the opposite of faith; it is one element of faith.

-Paul Tillich

“Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving.”

-Frederick Buechner

“Belief in God does not exempt us from feelings of abandonment by God. Praising God does not inoculate us from doubts about God.”

-Eugene Peterson

“The minute we begin to think we know all the answers, we forget the questions, and we become smug like the Pharisee who listed all his considerable virtues, and thanked God that he was not like other men... Those who believe they believe in God, but without passion in the heart, without anguish of mind, without uncertainty, without doubt, and even at times without despair, believe only in the idea of God, and not in God himself.”

– Madeleine L’Engle

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God invites us into the holy realm of salvation.

People: **We come, but we come with many questions.**

Leader: God welcomes us with all our fears and doubts.

People: **We admit that we do have many doubts and fears.**

Leader: God’s love conquers all, even when doubts remain.

People: **With faith in God’s love, we ask God to help us in our doubts.**

PRAISE SONG

"Ask the Complicated Questions"



The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words underlined to indicate syllable placement.

Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
Seek the disc - con - cert - ing an - swers,
Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er

Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ call - from
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,

strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

OUR CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess to God and before one another our sins, and especially our unwillingness to confront our own questions and fears.

People: We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we want to believe, but we find it hard. There are so many questions about the Bible and about life. We want you to reassure us that we are on the right track, but we are afraid of our own questions. Sometimes we fear what the answer might be; sometimes we fear because we know what the answer is; and sometimes we fear because we think there may not be an answer. Come into our presence once again and still our doubts and fears. And help us realize that your love is not dependent on the strength of our faith or certainty. Amen.

Leader: God is indeed love and is greater than our doubts and fears. Receive God's peace, as God receives us with all our questions.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

"Blessed are Those"

The musical score is written on ten staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots on the final staff.

Bless - ed are those who do be - lieve, Bless - ed are those who do be - lieve.
Though they have not seen they trust God faith - ful - ly.
Some peo - ple doubt what they have not seen.
As I've been giv - en so I give you
They will not blind - ly fol - low what is said.
to the world, - ly for - give the sins of all,
Oth - ers view this as a weak - ness
bring - ing hope to doubt - ing fac - es,
but it can au - then - ti - cate in - stead.
tear - ing down where hat - red builds a wall.
See And my as nail you pierced hands.
life
Come to touch my wound - ed and side. I
to plac - es here and far, -
give what you need for faith as you give your trust com - plete - ly
al - ways keep in mind as you are not loved for what you do
but - my for Spi - rit will guide.
whose rit you are.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

MESSAGE

"How Do I Know?"

Pastor David Schoob

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE

"Come Touch"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket labeled 'Refrain'. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score consists of five lines of music. The first line ends with a repeat sign. The second line ends with a repeat sign. The third line ends with a repeat sign. The fourth line ends with a repeat sign. The fifth line ends with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket labeled 'Repeat refrain'.

Refrain

Come touch his heal - ing hands, come touch his wound - ed side, and
feel the love that waits like a bride - groom for the bride. Come
touch his heal - ing hands, come touch his wound ed side, and
feel the love that's giv - ing bro - ken hearts new life.
Out - stretched arms wait - ing for you love's em - brace al - ways.

Repeat refrain

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

“With Us”

Patrick Budoff

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Leader: Gather round the table.

All: Touch a mystery,

Leader: In places we cannot see

All: and in the common and the ordinary,

Leader: The risen Lord is there,

All: And will never leave us;

Leader: We come to experience this truth,

All: As we share this bread and wine.

Leader: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, 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.”

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

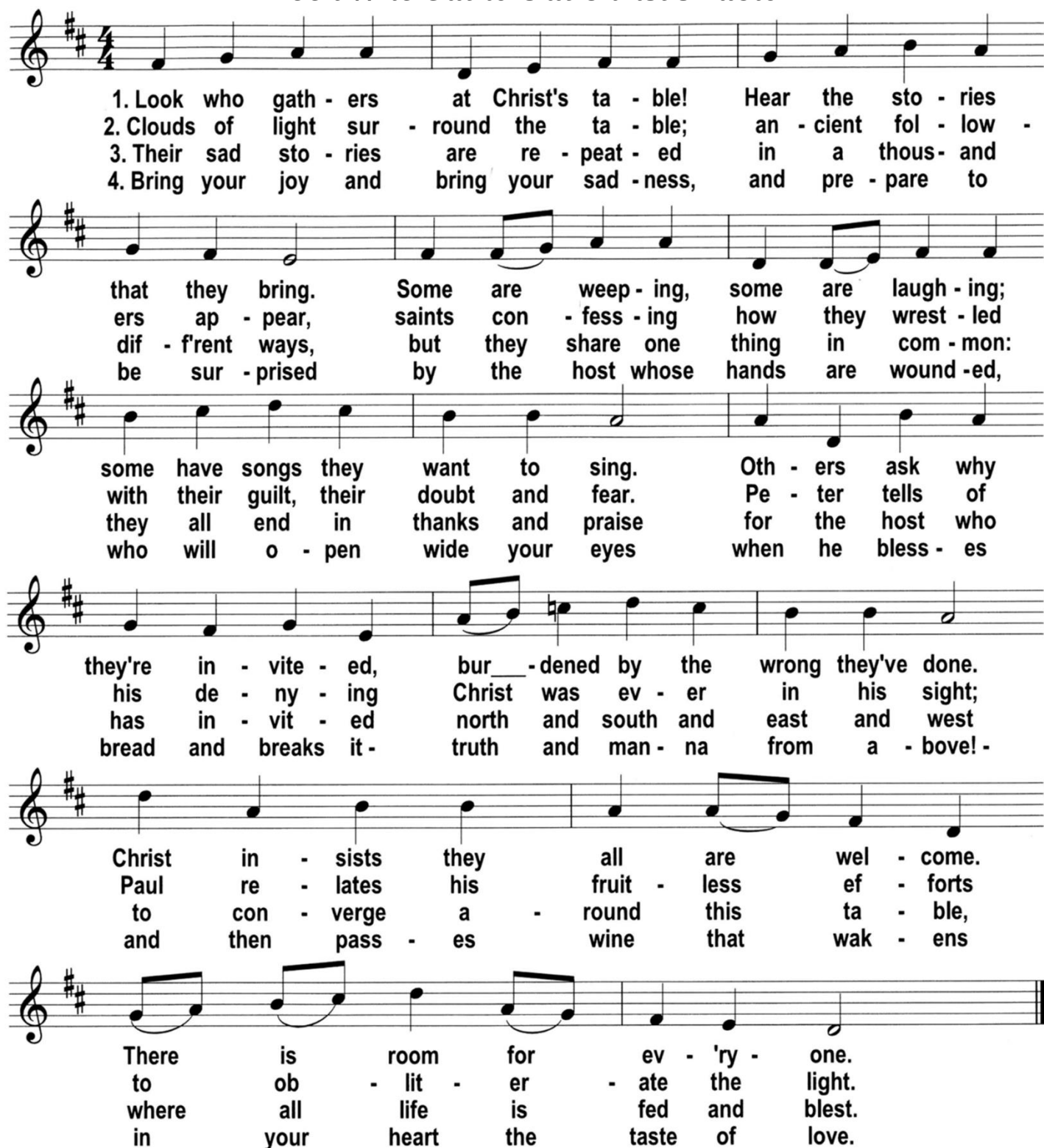
All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

*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

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"



1. Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2. Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3. Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thous - and
 4. Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

that they bring. Some are weep - ing, some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wrest - led
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es

they're in - vite - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done.
 his de - ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight;
 has in - vit - ed north and south and east and west
 bread and breaks it - truth and man - na from a - bove! -

Christ in - sists they all are wel - come.
 Paul re - lates his fruit - less ef - forts
 to con - verge a - round this ta - ble,
 and then pass - es wine that wak - ens

There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 where all life is fed and blest.
 in your heart the taste of love.

"Cross of Christ"

Hearts on fire with hope and grief;
Some - one has a heav - y load,
Riv - ers filled with mys - ter - y

There is doubt and there's be - lief. Some will trust, a
stran - ger hurt a - long the road. Some will walk right of
flow - ing for e - ter - ni - ty. Ev - 'ry child of

bless - ed faith; oth - ers need to touch the wounds of grace.
by this place. Who will stop to be the hands of grace?
ev - 'ry race, wel - come to - God's a - bound - ing grace.

Look - ing through the cross of Christ, we die and rise a - gain.

New cre - a - tion, gift of life, love that has no end.

"Come, My People"

Come, my peo - ple, wel - come to wor - ship.

Love is in the warmth of this place.

Sing to God a song of thanks-giv - ing!

Sing to God a song of praise!

1. Gath - er in safe - ty, wel - comed in Chris - tian love;
2. Stor - ies of Je - sus show us the way to love,
3. Stand with each oth - er in one com - mu - ni - ty,
4. Trust in the Sav - ior fills all my emp - ti - ness,

God touch - es us with strength from a - bove.
how to serve oth - ers, how to reign for - give.
work - ing to - geth - er, God's reign to see.
re - plac - ing doubt with new faith - ful - ness.

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: Hear the resurrection blessing Jesus offered his disciples when they were dwelling in fear:

"I am here. We are here together. Peace be with you."

*In the midst of your fear,
when the way ahead seems impossible or unclear,
no matter where your journey takes you in the coming days,
even behind locked doors,
know this resurrection blessing is for you:
God is here. We are here together. Peace be with you.*

C: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

"Heart of the People"

Hear the sounds of trag - e - dy, the tears are fall - ing on our
What are the rea - sons why we don't hear God call - ing in our
hearts. Is an - y - bod - y left with love in - side there?
hearts? Is an - y - bod - y left with love in - side there?
Suf - fer - ing has no name, but the peo - ple liv - ing it, they
Fright - ened or un - a - ware, too tired, just no time to
do. Is an - y - bod - y left with love in - side their
care? Is an - y - bod - y left with love in - side their
heart, their heart? I'm look - ing to the heart, the heart, the
heart, their heart?
heart of the peo - ple. One heart on fire can change
the world. Oh, with the heart, the heart, the
heart of the peo - ple, we can change the 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

Worship Assistant: Greg Griffin

Ushers: Jim Klatt, Nate Kenworthy, Denise Kenworthy

Reader: Greg Griffin

Communion Set Up: Tiffany Wilson

Communion Servers: Nate Shubat

Vocalists: Cyndee Bruder, Patrick Budoff,
Ruthann Dorn, Phil Pierce

Keyboard: Hazel Griffin

Video: Peter Nelson **Audio:** Bryan Schlosser

Counters: Cyndee Bruder, Tammy Nelson

Coffee Hour: Hazel Griffin, Sandy Poenitsch, Candy Sarauer

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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