
PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Lead us, God of Goodness:
lead us into those places where we discover your mercy
waiting to nourish and restore our famished souls.*

*Lead us, Gentle Shepherd:
lead us to those places where we have the joy of filling the emptiness of others,
because the table you have prepared is to be shared with all.*

*Lead us, Mercy's Mother:
lead us on the right paths,
and down the streets where we can do justice for all wronged by the world;
lead us to the living waters,
where we can fill ourselves and then empty them
for those parched by pain and loss.
Lead us beautiful savior. Amen.*

GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Jesus left the comforts of heaven and came into our universe, our pasture, to smell like sheep! Jesus sweated like we do. He walked our pathways, braved our wolves, faced our temptations, and shared our struggles. The Holy One of Israel came in Jesus Christ to be our good shepherd.

-Lynn Anderson

Jesus, the good shepherd, will not travel at such a rate as to overdrive the lambs. He has tender consideration for the poor and needy. Kings usually look to the interests of the great and the rich, but in the kingdom of our Great Shepherd He cares most for the poor... The weaklings and the sickly of the flock are the special objects of the Savior's care... You think, dear heart, that you are forgotten, because of your nothingness and weakness and poverty. This is the very reason you are remembered.

-C. H. Spurgeon

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Fear not, God is with us!

People: But the world is a scary place.

Leader: The world is scary, but God is with us.

People: The evil of the world overwhelms me.

Leader: But it doesn't overwhelm God.

People: We will trust in God and we will overcome.

PRAISE SONG

"Shepherd Us"

Here with you there is no want - ing,
Though we walk in a shad - owed val - leys,
You pre - pare a won - drous ta - ble,
ly - ing down in pas - tures green.
we will not in be held by fear.
fill our cups to ov - er - flow.
Lead - ing us be - side still wat - ers,
You bring peace and you give com - fort,
With your good - ness and your mer - cy
souls re - stored and free.
you are al - ways here. Shep - herd
here for - ev - er - more.
us oh Lord. Keep us safe from harm. Hold us
close. Lead us home. Shep - herd us oh - Lord.

OUR CONFESSION

Leader: We are people who trust in many persons and things. We try to trust in God but we often fail. Let us confess our failures of faith and trust to God and before our sisters and brothers.

People: We come in humility to confess to you, O God, the failures of our lives. Most of all we confess that we have failed to trust in you with all our hearts, minds, and lives. We have leaned on others and they have failed us. We have sought answers from others and they have proved false. You are our only sure hope. Help us to trust that you love us in spite of our mistrust and that you will continue to be with us always. Amen.

Leader: Hear the Good News! God is the Faithful One. God loves us and never leaves us. We are God's forgiven flock. The Shepherd comes to lead us.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

"The God of Second Chances" vs 1,5,6

1. Come now, O God of sec - ond chanc - es;
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 hearts to love.
may we for - give our - selves;
Re - move our hate, and melt our rage.
May we let go of all our hurt.
may we be - come your liv - ing sign:
Save us from our - selves.
Help us to move on.
Chil - dren of God's love.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 23- Responsive

Reading

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**Congregation: He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

Leader: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**Congregation: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort
me.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Congregation: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life
long.**

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30

A well-loved image of God and His people is of a caretaking shepherd and his sheep. This chapter has 3 different portions supporting this image. This is the last of them suggesting belonging and care forever.

²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

MESSAGE

"Of Shepherds and Sheep"

Pastor David Schoob

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE

"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2. Clothed in light both up - on the moun - tain,
3. You, who walk each day be - side us,
4. Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!

You, Lord, are both up - prince and slave.
stripped of might pow - er on at the cross,
sit in thy is our at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!

You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - tern - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Worth - y your de - feat and vic - t'ry,

of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by love a that sol - dier's toss,
have wor - thy still your reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.

You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;

you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
you, who are our death and life.

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: We gather in the presence of God

**People: where grieving people and children with skinned knees
have their tears wiped away.**

Leader: We gather with the people of God,

People: to worship the One who provides what we need, not just what we want.

Leader: We gather at the Table of God,

People: to feast on the goodness of God, to drink from the cup of mercy.

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

"For Everyone Born"

1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head. And
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair.
 for young and for old, the right to be - long.
 for just and un - just, a new way to live.
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free.

God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
 joy com - pas - sion and peace; yes,
 God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

"And They All Came to Jesus"

1. Some peo - ple came to Je - sus shout - ing,
 2. Some peo - ple came to Je - sus beg - ging,
 3. Some of us come to Je - sus glad - ly,

"Lord, I be - lieve I shall be healed."
 beg - ging eag - er to com - fort a and bet - ter - lief.
 way;

Some peo - ple came to Je - sus doubt - ing,
 Some peo - ple came to Je - sus rag - ing,
 Some of us come to him re - sist - ing.

he is a fraud, he can't be real.
 hearts filled with hate, and dis - be - lief.
 We have no time for this to - day.

Some peo - ple came to Je - sus fright - ened
 Some peo - ple came to him like chil - dren
 Some of us come to him de - spair - ing,

of all the e - vil they had done.
 to borne be down by em - braced with in - ness his arms.
 hope - less - ness and shame.

No mat - ter how they came to Je - sus,
 Some peo - ple came to Je - sus plot - ting
 Some of us come to him ig - nor - ing,

the com - ing changed them ev - ery - one.
 to break his cause and do him harm.
 we feel no need to hear his claims.

Some folks came clos - er. Some folks ran a - way.

Some joined his cir - cle. Some just would not stay.

Some thought him just a fraud and some thought him di -

vine, but they all came to Je - sus in their time. Oh

yes, but they all came to Je - sus in their time.

“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.

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: Life is not a dead end;
It is a surprising journey to God.
The Shepherd leads us to life;
Laugh each day and unwind the threads of the world.
Notice new life around each corner.
Make new dreams and cultivate a glad heart!
Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 an - 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. 1.,2. world. 3. Lead us out in - to Your
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

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Coffee Hour: Nicole Hull

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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