

Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Jesus is God spelling Godself out in language that men can understand.

-S.D. Gordon

Fundamentally, our Lord's message was Himself. He did not come merely to preach a Gospel; He himself is that Gospel. He did not come merely to give bread; He said, "I am the bread." He did not come merely to shed light; He said, "I am the light." He did not come merely to show the door; He said, "I am the door." He did not come merely to name a shepherd; He said, "I am the shepherd." He did not come merely to point the way; He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

-J. Sidlow Baxter

"I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ."

-Mahatma Gandhi

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God's Son entered our world, but the world did not recognize him.

People: **Would I know Christ if I saw him? Am I familiar enough with him to recognize him as God?**

Leader: The Word - Jesus Christ - became flesh. That means he became fully human.

People: **If God was human in Christ, he was like me. He must know what it's like to be tempted in this life.**

Leader: Christ not only knows - he understands. Let us pray...

ALL: **Holy God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bow in your presence celebrating the humility of your Son, the King of Kings, who became human to die as our Savior. He makes these bodies holy because he came in the flesh. He makes this life sacred because he fills us with his Spirit. He makes this life meaningful because he teaches us how to live. Thank you for the Word made flesh, and we pray in his name. Amen**

PRAISE SONG

"All Are Welcome"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with many notes beamed together. The lyrics are: 'All are wel - come friend and stran - ger at the ban - quet of the Sav - ior All are wel - come All are wel - come here.' The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: '1.From the wo - man who comes cry - ing 2.From the ones who feel for and - got - ten 3.Go in - to the streets and cit - ies'. The third staff has the lyrics: 'leav - ing tears at Je - sus' feet those who the sense their place is gone to the farms and fam - i - lies'. The fourth staff has the lyrics: 'To the man who knows the right way To the ones who live in right hun - ger Tell a - bout the the sple - in did ta - ble'. The fifth staff has the lyrics: 'but here can you - not be - see God's mer - cy.' The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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but here can you - not be - see
God's mer - cy.

OUR CONFESSION

ALL: Loving God, you know me. You know the inner thoughts of which I am ashamed and the visible actions I regret. You know my struggle to live faithfully: being generous to those in need; being forgiving to those who have hurt me; being patient when there is so much to do; taking time for prayer in the midst of busyness; being loving, when judging and criticizing are my first thoughts.

Loving God, you know me, love me, forgive me, trust me, and I stand in awe of your amazing grace. Keep me on the path of Christ and lead me to deep joy and abundant gratitude. In his name. Amen.

Leader: When our sins cause us to fall, in Jesus God stoops down and lifts us up. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Walk in newness of life.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

"If I Believe in Jesus"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words split across lines. The melody is simple and repetitive, with many eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are as follows:

If I be-lieve 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 and some bread with sin - ners;
Time to help my home - less sis - ter;
time to get down on my knees;
time to weep for my 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2; 22-29

15 Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” ² And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders.

²² Then the apostles and the elders, with the consent of the whole church, decided to choose men from among them and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers, ²³ with the following letter: “The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters of gentile origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. ²⁴ Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us, though with no instructions from us, have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds,^[a] ²⁵ we have decided unanimously to choose men and send them to you, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, ²⁶ who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷ We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. ²⁸ For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials: ²⁹ that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled^[b] and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-41

³⁸ “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

³⁹ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.”

John 14:23-24

²³ Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.”

MESSAGE

“Are we sure we are following Jesus?”

Pastor Cristy Schoob

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (Stand)

“Love to the World”

Light the path. Shine the way. *Fine*

Send the word. Through our lives, show your love to the world.

Man - y roads up a - head, hard to see.
Ev - 'ry na - tion of and tongue, ev - 'ry tribe,
To the ends of the earth bring your light.

Where is truth to be found? Can I trust and be - lieve?
all are chil - dren of God; for each one there is life.
Jus - tice, mer - cy and love, let them shine through the night.

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

“The Well-Loved Traditions”

CTP Choir

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: As God’s people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church, the human family, and all of creation.

(Petitions end: “God of mercy”; “Hear our prayer.”)

P. All these things and whatever you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Leader: We are a resurrection people!

People: We come to share in the table Jesus has prepared for us. We come to lean on the power that brings new beginnings out of painful endings.

Leader: We are Easter people

People: Just as we share his death, we share his life. We are freed to live without fear. We, too, will be raised from death to life.

Leader: We are Good News people!

People: We are caught up in the activity of our life and need to pause and be refreshed. In these elements of love, we find strength to live lives that reflect God's light. We are not left alone with the darkness that terrifies us, or the sin that separates us. The body and blood of Jesus are a very real presence among us. We come to the table to find forgiveness, healing, acceptance and strength.

Leader: Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed took bread, and gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, *"Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."* Again after supper he took the cup, he 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 to remember me!"* Following our Lord's command and responding to our need for forgiveness, we come!

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

"Beauty for Brokenness"

1. Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for des - pair;
 2. Shel - ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills,
 3. Ref - uge from cru - el wars, ha - vens from fear,
 4. Rest for the rav - aged earth, o - ceans and streams,
 5. Light - en our dark - ness, breathe on this flame

Lord, in Your suff - 'ring world, this is our prayer.
 work for the crafts - men, trade for their skills.
 cit - ies for sanc - tu - 'ry, free - doms to share.
 plun - dered and poi - soned, our fu - ture our dreams.
 un - til your jus - tice burns bright - ly a - gain,

Bread for the chil - dren, jus - tice, joy, peace,
 land for the dis - pos - sessed. Rights for the weak,
 Peace to the kill - ing fields, scorched earth to green.
 Lord end our mad - ness, care - less - ness, greed,
 un - til the na - tions learn of your ways,

sun - rise to sun - set, Your king - dom in - crease
 voic - es to plead the cause of those who can't speak.
 Christ for the bit - ter - ness, His cross for the pain.
 make us con - tent with the things that we need.
 seek your sal - va - tion and bring you their praise.

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us com - pas - sion we
 pray. Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.

Come change our love from a spark to a flame.

“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*

“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 our for - give - ness, We were
glad - ness by 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 COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: In the person of Jesus Christ

People: **God shows us who God is.**

Leader: Get to know Christ, and you will know God. You are free to be the people of God! You are free to risk for the sake of love and life and faith! You are free to celebrate each moment as a gift from God. You are free from fear and slavery to worldly illusions of security. No matter what the future brings, you are safely held in the love of God. Alleluia!

All: **Amen!**

THE SENDING SONG

"We Are Called"

1. Come!
2. Come!
3. Sing!

Live O Sing in pen a the your new light! heart! song!

Shine Show Sing with the joy mer - and cy day the to love of those the in be
of that great day when all all those will be

Lord! fear! one! We We God are are will called called reign, to to and be be we'll

light hope walk for for the the king - dom, to so live in the and
hope with each hope - less, to so ha - tred sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of no God!
blind - ness..... will be..... of no more.
broth - ers..... u - nit - ed in love.

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are

called to love ten - der - ly; we are called to

serve one an - oth - er to walk

hum - bly with God.

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. 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: John Kenworthy

Ushers: Jim Klatt, Nate Kenworthy

Reader: Vern Hasenstein

Communion Set Up: Cindy Tikusis

Communion Servers:

Vocalists: Paul Anderson, Rick Gilbertson,
Gaytha Hillman, Lori Hassig

Keyboard: Hazel Griffin

Video: Peter Nelson **Audio:** Greg Griffin

Counters: Tammy Nelson, Cyndee Bruder

Coffee Hour: Cindy Tikusis, Denise Kenworthy

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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