

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Created to Praise**  
**July 6, 2025**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

*Grant us the wisdom to discern what is right and the courage to stand up for those who are marginalized and oppressed. Fill our hearts with compassion and empathy, that we may truly understand their struggles and work towards a more just and equitable world for all. Amen.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRINITY WELCOME**

**THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY**

*“Each of you, for themselves, by themselves, and on their own responsibility, must speak. It is a solemn and weighty responsibility and not lightly to be flung aside at the bullying of pulpit, press, government or politician. Each must decide for themselves alone what is right and what is wrong, which course is patriotic, and which isn’t.*

*You cannot shirk this and be a person, to decide it against your convictions is to be an unqualified and inexcusable traitor. It is traitorous both against yourself and your country. 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 (stand)**

One: Let justice roll down like a mighty stream.

**All: Let peace flourish like flowering dogwood.**

One: Let truth stand as a mighty oak.

**All: Let hope rise like yeast in bread.**

One: Let kindness reign from shore to shore.

**All: Let our words and deeds turn the world upside down.**

One: Let your church stand for structures that reflect justice for all,

**All: We must not stop until there is justice for all.**

## PRAISE SONG

### "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 a clear chorus structure. The lyrics are: "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 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."

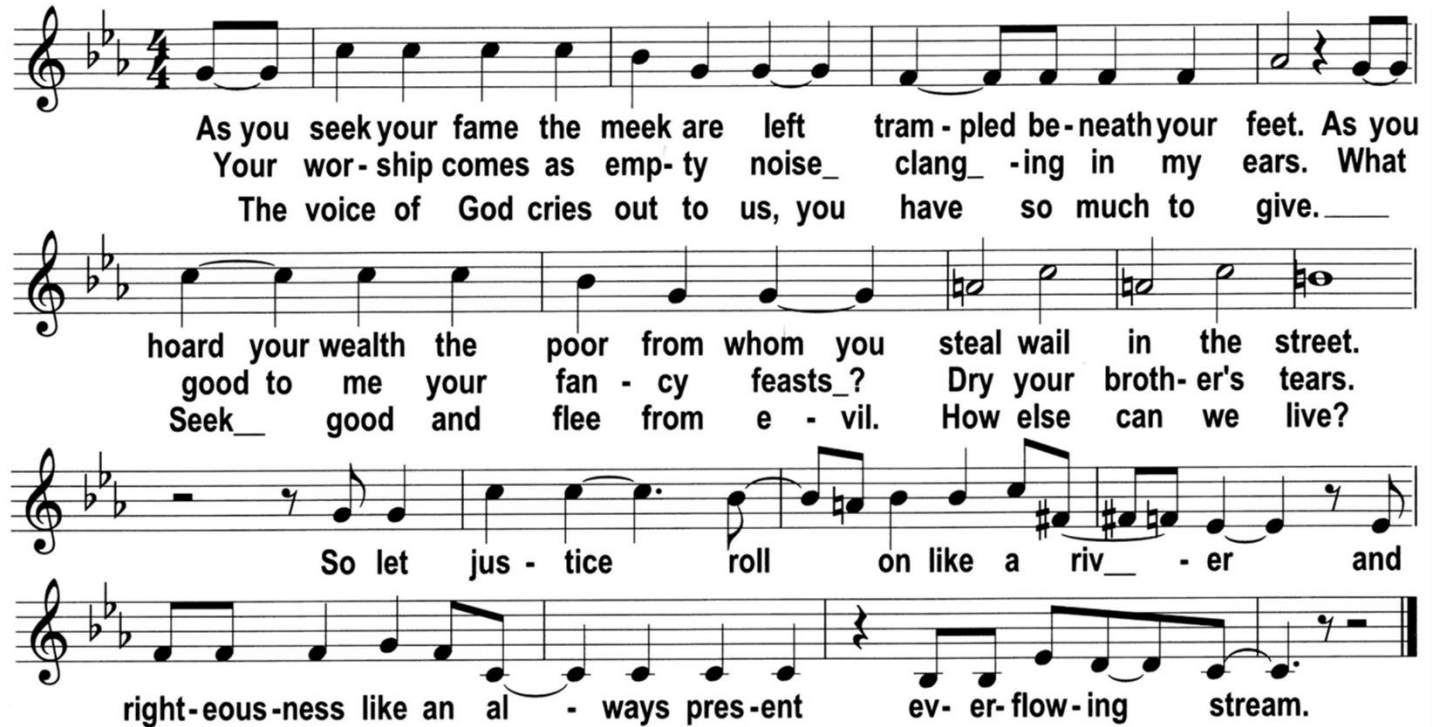
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## OUR CONFESSION PRAYER

**All:** God beyond our grasp, source of blessing and hope, we turn to you with questions in our hearts. Can we find some common ground upon which to build a new community? Can we confess our racism and find a deeper love beyond all color? Can we cast out fear, let go of "succeeding-at-all-costs" and trust you for our needs? Can we talk instead of fight, disarm instead of escalate, take a risk for peace instead of preparing for war?

Great God of life, you love this world and grieve when we cause harm to any of its people. You are saddened by hungry families, warring tribes, abused children. God, source of hope, bringer of peace, restore in us a vision of a human community where all are valued and peace is a daily offering. Hear our prayer, God of justice and peace. Amen.

## CONFESSION RESPONSE “Let Justice Roll”



As you seek your fame the meek are left tram - pled be - neath your feet. As you  
Your wor - ship comes as emp - ty noise\_ clang\_ - ing in my ears. What  
The voice of God cries out to us, you have so much to give.\_\_\_\_

hoard your wealth the poor from whom you steal wail in the street.  
good to me your fan - cy feasts? Dry your broth - er's tears.  
Seek\_ good and flee from e - vil. How else can we live?

So let jus - tice roll on like a riv\_ - er and  
right - eous - ness like an al - ways pres - ent ev - er - flow - ing stream.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (sit)

### THE GOSPEL

**John 18:28-38**

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate’s headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” They answered, “If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.” The Jews replied, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death.” (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him.

## THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (Stand)

*"God of the Movements and Martyrs"*

1. God of the move - ments and mar - tyrs, God of the pow - er - less  
 2. Now it's our turn to do jus - tice, hum - bly we rise to the  
 3. God of the cir - cle that holds us, God of the ones pushed a -

child, God of us the hurt strength and the hope - less and un - rec - on - ciled,  
 day, give we will reach out to the wis - dom to walk in your way.  
 way, we will reach out to the neigh - bors, in your name we'll say:

- God of the just and the faith - ful, - God of the night and the  
 - Gath - er the loaves and the fish - es, - share un - til all have been  
 No mat - ter your creed or your coun - try, no mat - ter the hue of your

day, - God of the whole of cre - a - tion, in your name we  
 fed, - walk in com - pas - sion and mer - cy, by love we'll be  
 skin, your age, who you love, or the bod - y your soul was born

pray; - Man - y have fol - lowed the sav - ior -  
 led, - stand - ing in cir - cles sur - round - ing,  
 in, no mat - ter the plac - es you're bro - ken, no

in - to the face of the storm, - strength - ened by long gen - er -  
 all hold - ing hands while we pray, when pow - ers bear down on the  
 mat - ter the things you have done, - lay down that weight on the

a - tions, by love they were formed. In base - ments of tall stee - pled  
 help - less, we'll stand in the way. - God of the worn and the  
 al - tar, a new day's be - gun. - You are a child of the

church - es, in shadows of fen - es and walls, in al - leys and hall - ways of  
 wound - ed, - let us be healed by the truth, when door - ways are blocked, we will  
 mak - er, - you are be - lov - ed and known, - [ join us in work of the

pow - er, they an - swered your call.  
 low - er, our friends through the roof.  
 kin - dom, we wel - come you home.

Repeat last phrase v. 3

**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**

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**

One: The Lord is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hands

**All: To receive God's blessing.**

One: Open wide your arms

**All: To receive another as a child of God.**

One: Make tender your hearts,

**All: And welcome God's forgiveness.**

One: Open up your ears;

**All: Hear the words of God meant for you.**

One: The Lord is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Let us rejoice as we hear the words that remind us of God’s greatest gift of love.

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

Again after supper he took the cup and after giving thanks he gave it to them all to drink saying, “This is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in 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 OF THE FAMILY MEAL

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

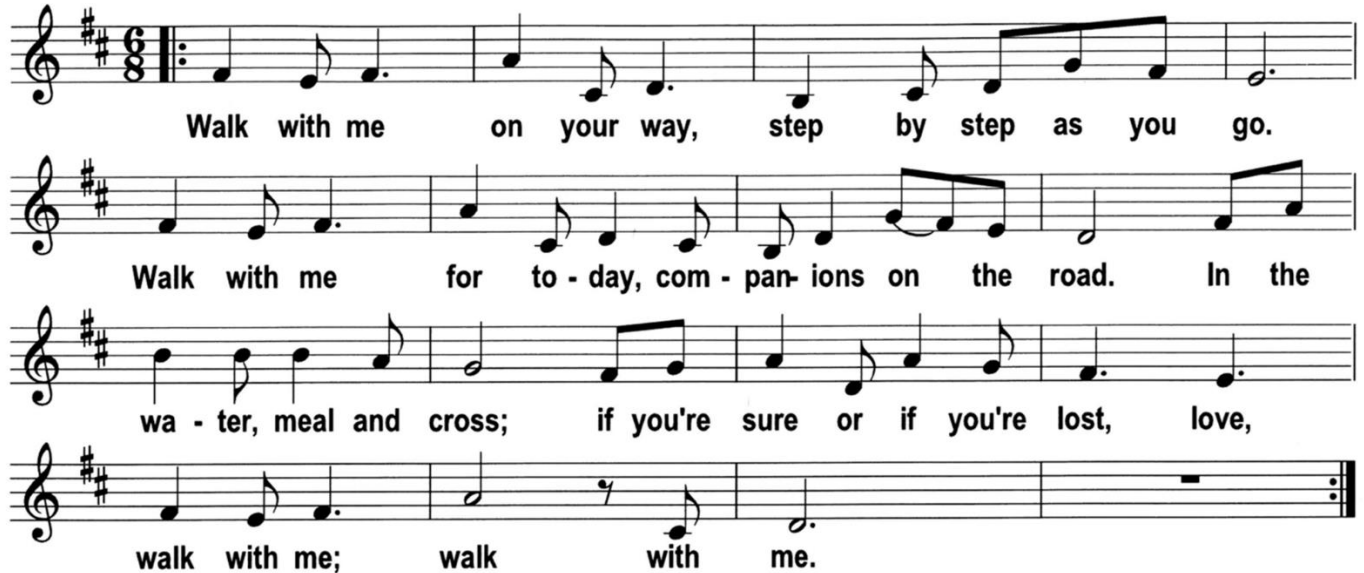
*When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer  
in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice*

*Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.*

*(We also have individually packaged gluten free wafer/wine.)*

### COMMUNION SONGS

#### "Walk With Me"



Walk with me on your way, step by step as you go.  
Walk with me for to-day, com-pan-ions on the road. In the  
wa-ter, meal and cross; if you're sure or if you're lost, love,  
walk with me; walk with me.

#### "Build a Longer Table"



1. Build a long-er ta-ble, not a high-er wall,  
2. Build a saf-er ref-uge, not a larg-er jail;  
3. Build a broad-er door-way, not a long-er fence.  
4. When we lived as ex-iles, ref-u-gees a-broad,  
feed-ing those who hun-ger, mak-ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel-ter, mer-cy will not fail.  
Love pro-TECTS all peo-ple, spar-ing no ex-pense.  
Christ be-came our door-way to the reign of God.  
Feast-ing to-GETH-er, strang-er turns to friend,  
For an-y place where jus-tice is de-nied,  
When we em-brace com-pas-sion more than fear,  
So must our ta-bles wel-come those who roam.  
Christ breaks walls to piec-es; false di-vi-sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free-ing all in-side.  
Christ tears down our fenc-es; all are wel-come here.  
None can be ex-clud-ed; all must find a home.

## “Do Justice”

Rac - ing a - round chas - ing i - dols  
 Peo - ple bro - ken fall - ing piec - es  
 Dead - ly hun - ger des - p'rate cry - ing

un - ful - filled emp - ty ves - sels.  
 dig - ni - ty lost, lov - ing ceas - es  
 wound - ed liv - ing chil - dren dy - ing.

World on the edge, out of con - trol  
 Hope - less eyes lone - ly fa - ces  
 Nails in the flesh, pierc - ing fear,

will we sur - vive, God on - ly knows  
 yearn - ing hearts, hurt - ing plac - es.  
 why can't we see, Christ hang - ing here?

Do jus - tice, love mer - cy,  
 walk hum - bly with our God, with our God.

## THE COMMUNION BLESSING

### THE SENDING OUT

Leader: Dismiss us, Lord, with confidence.  
 Ground us in hope.  
 Strengthen our faith.  
 Remind us of those things worth dying for,  
 That we might live in truth.

**All: Amen.**

## THE SENDING SONG

### *"This is My Song"*



1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions. a song of peace for  
2. My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o - cean, and sun-light beams on  
3. This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king-doms. Your king-dom come; on



lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;  
clo - ver-leaf and pine. But oth-er lands have sun-light too, and clo - ver,  
earth your will be done. O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine. but oth-er hearts in  
and skies are ev - 'ry where as blue as mine. So hear my song, O  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O



oth-er lands are beat-ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
God of all the na-tions; a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
God of all the na-tions; my - self I give you; let your will be done.

## 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:** Lexi George

**Ushers:** Denise Kenworthy, Nate Kenworthy

**Reader:** Jill Hasenstein

**Communion Set Up:** Sue Kesy

**Communion Servers:**

**Vocalists:** Linda Amacher, Ruthann Dorn,  
Rick Gilbertson, Greg Griffin

**Keyboard:** Hazel Griffin

**Percussion:** Connor Scaffidi

**Video:** Cheryl Scaffidi **Audio:** Heather Peters

**Counters:** Shirl Curreri, Diane Ferstadt

**Coffee Hour:** Sue Walker, 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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