GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Isn't it funny how day by day nothing changes, but when you look back, everything is different. -C. S. Lewis

Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, or worn. It is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace & gratitude.

Denis Waitley (Motivational Speaker)

"What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God." -Hans Urs Von Balthasar

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

- L: Look at the birds of the air; their neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.
- C: May our hearts be open to trust.
- L: Look at the birds of the air; they neither study nor plan nor plot their course and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.
- C: May our eyes be open to see
- L: Look at the birds of the air; they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.
- C: May our hands be open to serve you.

PRAISE SONG

"God is Good. All the Time"

Opening Refrain: (song leader) Refrain: (congregation and CTP singers)

Verse 1: (CTP singers) If you're walkin' through the valley, and there are shadows all around; Do not fear; He will guide you. He will keep you safe and sound. He has promised to never leave you, nor forsake you; and His Word is true.

Refrain: (congregation and CTP singers)

Verse 2: (CTP singers) We were sinners so unworthy, still for us He chose to die. Filled us with His Holy Spirit, now we can stand and testify That His love is everlasting and His mercies they will never end.

Refrain: (congregation and CTP singers)

Verse 3: (CTP singers) Though I may not understand all the plans you have for me; My life is in Your hands, and through the eyes of faith, I can clearly see.



Refrain: (congregation and CTP singers)

OUR CONFESSION PRAYER

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not longterm healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-34

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

MESSAGE "You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."- Pastor David Schoob



THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (Stand)

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

Leader: Where there is sorrow, **People: Love is also present**. Leader: Where there is grief, **People: Love walks hand in hand**. Leader: Where there is hopelessness, **People: Love remains**. Leader: Where there is faithfulness, **People: Love is reborn**. Leader: Where there is joy, **People: Love increases**. Leader: Where there is love, **People: There is God**.

Leader: 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 is 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 "For Everyone Born"







THE COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

- Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord. May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you.
- All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG



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: Vern Hasenstein Ushers: Nick Laatsch, Jim Klatt Reader: Patrick Thacker Communion Set Up: Mary Immekus Communion Servers: Vocalists: Patrick Budoff, Ruthann Dorn, Rick Gilbertson, Lori Hassig Keyboard: Darci Ketter Video: Mike Tikusis Audio: Bryan Schlosser Counters: Ron Hinzpeter, David Putnam Coffee Hour: Marcia Vrankin, Cyndee Bruder

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