

Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Loving God, we open ourselves to be taught and nurtured by you. Like children we cannot survive on our own. Come and guide us and surround us in love. We pray that you help us overcome the spirit of pride and self-sufficiency that makes us believe we can do it on our own. Come and save us. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

I think that's the true litmus test for someone who has become closer to Jesus: their heart is more loving, accepting, childlike, less believing that they have all the answers and more believing in Him.
-Donald Miller (American Author)

When the disciples, overearnest as ever, asked Jesus who was the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, Jesus pulled a child out of the crowd and said the greatest in the kingdom of heaven were people like this (Matthew 18:1-4). Two thousand years of homiletic sentimentalizing to the contrary notwithstanding, Jesus was not being sentimental. He was saying that the people who get into heaven are people who, like children, don't worry about it too much. They are people who, like children, live with their hands open more than with their fists clenched. They are people who, like children, are so relatively unburdened by preconceptions that if somebody says there's a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, they are perfectly willing to go take a look for themselves.

Children aren't necessarily better than other people. Like the child in "The Emperor's New Clothes," they are just apt to be better at telling the difference between a phony and the real thing.
-Fredrick Buechner

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Leader: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

People: We come, Lord, with hearts open to receive your grace, just as little children come to you with trust and dependence.

Leader: He took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

People: We seek your blessing, Lord, as we worship you with childlike faith.

PRAISE SONG

"Almost"

1. Je - sus, we say we love you; we've got some
2. The road lies out be - fore us; some ques - tions
3. There will be chang - es in us, as to your -

hes - i - ta - tion. We say we want to serve you;
must be spo - ken. Will we be tak - en care of?
self you bind us. There will be man - y trea - sures

we've got some re - ser - va - tions. Not that we
Will be be bruised and bro - ken? Not that we
we'll have to leave be - hind us. & Some - times we're

want to leave you, not that we want to grieve you,
are de - fec - ting; we trust in your pro - tect - ing;
run - ning for - ward, Some - times, we're step - ping back - ward

but to tell the truth we have to say,
but to tell the truth we have to say,
but to tell the truth we have to say,

we love you al - most; al - most

1., 2. 3. D.S.

OUR CONFESSION PRAYER

Merciful God, we confess that we often get caught up in the things of this world. We allow pride, self-importance, and the desire for possessions to obscure our vision of your kin-dom. Forgive us for our hardness of heart, for our tendency to put ourselves first, and for our struggles to truly trust you with the same childlike dependence that you desire. We ask for your forgiveness and a renewed spirit to receive your kin-dom with open hearts and minds. In Jesus' name, Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

ELW #752 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing,
Lord, send your Spir - it in this place;
Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, send us
love, send us pow'r send us grace.

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The third staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *(sit)*

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:13-15

People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

MESSAGE *“We are All Children Searching for Love”* - **Pastor David Schoob**

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (Stand)

"Not By Might"



It's not by might, nor by pow'r but

by My Spir - it. It's not by might, nor by pow'r,

sa - ith the Lord. *Last time: end here*

1. We'd like to think that
2. We try and try in

we can han - dle to prob - lems on our own,
our own strength to make things come out right,

we buck - le down, ap - ply or the steam, work our
we think and plan and or - gan - ize, - and

hands down to all the bone. But when we've gone a - round in cir
try with all our might. But when we fi - n'ly reach the bot

- cles, and there's no end place of left all to turn, the the
- tom, - the no end of all our rope, the the

Lord re - minds us qui - et - ly, "There's a
Lord re - minds us once a - gain, - "In

les Me - son you'll find be your learned." hope."

BAPTISM

Molly Maribeth Nielsen

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

“Borning Cry”

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.

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 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

"I Will Trust In You"

1. When I can't see You, I
2. And when the dark - ness is

know You're here; When I can't feel You, I
clos - ing in, And I am run - ning a -

will not fear; I will trust in You and I
gainst the wind; I will trust in You and I

will not be a - fraid. And when the
will not be a - fraid. 'Cause when I'm

bat - tle is close at hand I know You're
stand - ing up - on that shore and all the

with me to help me stand; I will
bat - tles have gone be - fore, I will

trust in You and I will not be a - fraid
trust in You and I will not be a - fraid.

I will not be a - fraid. I will not be a -

fraid. I will trust in You, I will trust in You.

“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”

Sing chorus 2X at beginning and end, 1x between verses.

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The music begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score includes a chorus, a verse, and a final chorus. The lyrics are as follows:

Let us go now to the ban-quet, to the feast of the u - ni -
verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.
I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
May we build such a place a - mong us where all
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good, where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

“For Everyone Born” vs 1,3 5

1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 3. For young and for old, 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,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 to live with-out fear, and sim - ply to be,
 a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,
 for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head. And
 for young and for old, the right to be - long. And
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free. And
 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.

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. May you, like little children, approach the Kingdom of God with open hearts, receiving its blessings with humble trust and unashamed dependence.

All: **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG

"God Will See Us Through"

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The song concludes with a double bar line.

In times of bro-ken-ness, in ev - 'ry wil - der-ness, God has seen us through.
Times when our strength was gone, some-how we car-ried on, God has seen us
through. Look be - hind and see through-out his - to - ry, God has nev - er let us
down. Lean a - head and trust God is guid - ing us, God is with us here right
now. God will see me through, God will see you through, God will see us through some-
how. Step by step we'll be. gi-ven all we need. God will see us through this now.

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: Dan Pawlowski, Daniel Schmidt

Reader: Chris Budoff

Communion Set Up: Cindy Tikusis

Communion Servers:

Vocalists: Tony Brodzeller, Cyndee Bruder,
Gaytha Hillman, Phil Pierce

Keyboard: Hazel Griffin

Video: Cheryl Scaffidi **Audio:** Greg Griffin

Counters: Tammy Nelson, Cyndee Bruder

Coffee Hour: Hazel Griffin, Cindy Tikusis

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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