

Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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13th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Liberating God,
you set us free from our loneliness
by the touch of another's hand;
you deliver us from our selfishness,
so we may serve others;
you break the chains of our pride,
that we might humbly walk with you.*

*Christ of Love,
when we would cling to our anger,
you send us forgiveness to hold our hand;
when we would feast on our bitterness,
you share the bread of heaven;
when we would drink at sin's fountain,
you pour out the cup of salvation.*

*Spirit of New Life,
you bring us together
that we might learn to live together,
to love together,
to serve together,
so that those around us
would know you are in our midst.*

GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

*“Will God ever ask you to do something you are not able to do? The answer is yes--all the time! It must be that way, for God's glory and kingdom. If we function according to our ability alone, **we** get the glory; if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, **God** gets the glory. God wants to reveal Godself to a watching world.”*
-Henry T. Blackaby

“God changes caterpillars into butterflies, sand into pearls and coal into diamonds by using time and pressure. God is at work in the world, in history and in you too.”
-Anonymous

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

Leader: Tongues of fire

People: **Set our hearts ablaze with love.**

Leader: Tongues of fire

People: **Kindle our passion for justice and beauty.**

Leader: Mighty winds

People: **Blow the timidity from our words and deeds.**

Leader: Mighty winds

People: **Send us along the paths of peace and reconciliation.**

Leader: Wind and fire

People: **Make us alive and surprise us with the depths of love and the heights of joy.**

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:

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:

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:

Refrain

God is good all the time; He put a
song of praise in this heart of mine; God is good all the
time; through the darkest night His light will shine. God is
good, God is good all the time.

Congregation stop here on last refrain.

The musical notation is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'God is good all the time; He put a'. The second staff continues the melody with: 'song of praise in this heart of mine; God is good all the'. The third staff continues with: 'time; through the dark - est night His light will shine. God is'. The fourth staff concludes with: 'good, God is good all the time.' and ends with a double bar line. A note above the first staff reads 'Refrain'. A note below the fourth staff reads 'Congregation stop here on last refrain.'

OUR CONFESSION PRAYER

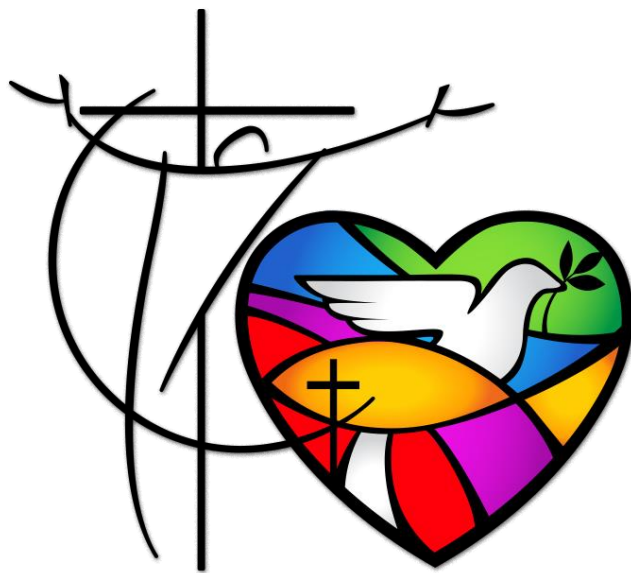
All: Eternal God, We plead guilty to those most basic sins, self-centeredness and pride. We often confuse that which is good and right, with that which is good FOR US. We pretend that we can get along without You despite our failings and struggles that are ever before us. Personal pride prevents us from seeking help when we need it because we are afraid to appear vulnerable.

As a nation we hoard, abuse and destroy. We have become accustomed to greedily consuming far more than “enough”, far more than “our share”. Our pride of nation causes us to consider other nations mainly as markets or shortsightedly to label them as “enemy” or “ally.” Pride of race has stained the pages of history with war, the horror of slavery and demeaning racial discrimination.

Forgive us, merciful Father, and help us daily in our ongoing struggles; for the sake of your world and for the sake of our gracious Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is love and rejoices when we live in that love for ourselves and for others. Receive God’s forgiveness, grace and power to live in eternal love.



CONFESSION RESPONSE

"God Says It's Time"

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It's time to cel - e - brate the Love of God, it's

time for us to get bu - sy. Get bu - sy with the things that mat - ter most like

jus - tice and com - pas - sion. It's time for us to take ac - tion as we

lis - ten for the voice of the Ho - ly One 'cause God is still speak - ing, and

God says it's time, yeah God is still speak - ing, and God says it's

Fine

time. It's time to put first things first, to set all dis - trac - tions a -

If God is still speak - ing now, then what is God say - ing to

side. us? It's time to get down to work, the work of the bo - dy of

The chan - ces are good some - how the mes - sage in - volves show - ing

Christ. love. There's heal - ing and lov - ing and reach - ing out that

There's jus - tice, and for - give - ness and wel - com - ing that

God wants to do, in and through the lives that we live and the

God want to do, in and through the choi - ces we make and the

love we give. So let's roll our sleeves up now be - cause it's

risks we take. So let's live that mes - sage now be - cause it's

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

- ¹ You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.
² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.
⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
- ¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts,^[a] God!
How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸ Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

THE GOSPEL**Luke 14:25-33**

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

³¹ "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (Stand)**“May Love Rise Above”**

The beau - ty and the blood - shed runs deep and wide from the
 The cour - age and the cau - tion, it fills the air from the
 The pro - mise and the pas - sion rings loud and strong as a

cen - ter of the city - y to the roll - ing coun - try - side. The
 chil - dren on the play - ground to the wom - an on the stairs. There's a
 gen - er - a - tion search - es for a free - dom lov - ing song. Still the

heal - ing and the suff' - ring runs far down and near. There is
 calm up - on the wa - ter but down be - low? oh the
 mem - o - ries are haunt - ing, will they block the way? What can

hope for each to - mor - row but still so man - y fears,
 anx - ious hearts are beat - ing, will this peace ev - er hold?
 bring us all to - geth - er to start a brand new day?

Oh may love rise a - bove the moun - tains. May love rise a - bove

the plains. May love rise a - bove the ha - tred. May

love rise a - bove all the pain, rise a - bove it all,

oh _____ rise a - bove it all, oh _____



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: 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 (*hold up the "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, (*hold up the "wine"*) 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!

ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

"All Are Welcome"

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.
1.From the wo - man who comes cry - ing
2.From the ones to man who feel for - got - ten
3.Go in - to the streets and cit - ies
leav - ing those who the tears sense at their Je - sus' feet
to those who the farms and place fam - is gone lies
To the man ones who knows the right way
To the ones who live the in hun - ger
Tell a - bout the the sple - did ta - ble
but here God's can you - not be - see long.
mer be - cv.

“His Banner Over Me”

His ban - ner o - ver me is love, His
ban - ner o - ver me is love; And He
takes me to His ta - ble of love
and He takes me to His ban - quet - ing
ta - ble of love. *Song ending.* Sure - ly His
good - ness and mer - cy shall fol - low me,
all of my life I will dwell in the
house of the Lord, of the Lord.

The musical score is written on ten staves in 4/4 time. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words underlined. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

“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 your..... of that joy mer great and cy day the to when love all all of those will the in 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 with the the each king - dom, hope - less to so as live ha sis - tred ters the and and

free - dom of the cit - y of 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 COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: We are sent forth from this place to be light, hope, and strength to others, that others may know that there is indeed a way through the challenges of life to a safe haven and to a peace grounded in the assurance of God's love. May we forget ourselves long enough and thoroughly enough to be this kind of witness to our neighbor. Always and ever in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

"I Will Trust In You"

1. When I can't see dark - ness You, I
2. And when the dark - ness I 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 stand - ing is up - close at that hand shore I know You're
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.

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Following worship, please join us in the Heritage Room for an Ice Cream Social.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Reverend Marilyn Miller

Worship Assistant: Cheryl Scaffidi

Reader: Howard Vrankin

Communion Set Up: Cindy Tikusis

Communion Servers:

Ushers: Steve and Jennifer Walth

Vocalists: Linda Amacher, Patrick Budoff,
Ruthann Dorn, Rick Gilbertson

Keyboard: Hazel Griffin

Percussion: Connor Scaffidi

Video: Greg Griffin **Audio:** Sue Gilbertson

Counters: David Putnam, Richard Hills

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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