

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Created to Praise  
September 14, 2025  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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***PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP***

*Loving God, you have promised that peace will come in its time when we learn to love our neighbor as ourselves. You've taught us that love fulfills the law because it does no harm to a neighbor. Bring the night of our dark violence to an end by teaching us to see you in the eyes of our neighbor. Help us to see ourselves in our neighbor as well. Teach us to live in peace with one another. May we find inner peace as we learn to live in peace together. Amen.*

***GATHERING MUSIC***

***PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***TRINITY WELCOME***

***6<sup>th</sup> GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY- John Kenworthy***

***THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY***

*If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.*

**-Mother Teresa**

*Faith without love breeds fanaticism; faith with love breeds peacemaking.*

**-Hans Kung**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)***

**Leader:** We live in a world torn by violence and war

**People:** **but God promises us that a time is coming when**

**Leader:** we will be made one in God's love.

**People:** **The nations will beat their swords into ploughshares**

**Leader:** and their spears into pruning hooks.

**People:** **Nation will not take up sword against nation,**

**Leader:** nor will they train for war anymore.

**People:** **Lord, help us live in peace with one another.**

## PRAISE SONG

### *"I Believe in that Love"*

1. I be - lieve in a love that is born in the song of a  
2. I be - lieve in a love that is felt in the touch of a  
3. I be - lieve in a love that is here at the heart of a

ba - by's cry. I be - lieve in a love that lives  
help - ing hand. I be - lieve in a love that sees  
my - ster - y. I be - lieve in a love that for -

on and on e - ven when we die.  
diff' - renc - es and seeks to un - der - stand.  
gives, for - gets heals and sets us free.

I be - lieve in a love that reach - es out em -  
I be - lieve in a love that has no bounds, no  
I be - lieve in a love that los - es self for the

brac - ing all our pain and doubt. I be -  
class or race to hold it down.  
sake of life for some - one else.

lieve in that love, I be - lieve I be - lieve in that love.

I be - lieve in that love. I be

- lieve I be - lieve in that love.

## OUR CONFESSION PRAYER

**All:** God, 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, and trust you for our needs and trust one another in love? 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.**

## 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 "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.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.  
<sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.  
<sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.  
<sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.  
<sup>6</sup> Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.  
<sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.  
<sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.  
<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.  
<sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. <sup>13</sup> Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>14</sup> The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. <sup>17</sup> Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.<sup>[a]</sup> “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup> He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

MESSAGE

Reverend Chris Manke

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (Stand) “Make Me an Instrument”

Make me an in - stru - ment of your love. Let me be a  
chan - nel from a - bove. Make me an in - stru - ment of your love,  
an in - stru - ment of your love.  
When a friend is in need of an op - en heart,  
When some - one is hun gry, when some - one is cold,  
let me be there, oh let me be there, When a  
friend is lost with no - where to go, let me be there.  
some - one needs help to car - ry their load, let me be there.



**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.**

Pastor: 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

### "Lord of Justice"



Lord of jus - tice, Lord of life, help us to do what you  
know is right Oh, oh, oh, Lord of jus - tice, Lord of life,  
guide us through the day and night. *Fine* To the strang - er may we give give  
To the wound - ed may we give give  
wel - come, to the hun - gry may we give give bread. To the  
heal - ing, to the voice - less may we give give words. To the  
nak - ed may we give give cloth - ing, to the  
cap - tives may we give give free - dom, to the  
home - less a re - place to lay their head.  
tor - tured are lease from all the hurt.

## “Take Up Your Cross”

- In a world of man- y - voice - es call  
The call is hard to man- swal- low. Take up your cross

- ing and at fol - low. it's hard to hear the one side that's true.  
The words reach deep in - side of me.

- E - ven when I hear it, I find my- self so trou - bled,

- when my heart dis - cerns it, I lack the will  
to lose my life, be - hum - ble, the sins with- in

to re - see fuse it to through. see.

Though I'm fall - ing, fall - ing, the voice is al - ways call - ing.

Take up your cross.

Take up your cross and fol - low

me and fol - low me.

*Repeat to tag last time only.*



## “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: 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 "We Can Make a Difference"



We can make a dif - f'rence in ev' - ry - thing we do.\_\_\_\_

We can make a dif - f'rence it's up to me and you.

Chil- dren of the light,\_\_\_\_ the Spi - rit shows us how.\_\_\_\_

We can make a dif - f'rence now.

1. Some say we shouldn't be heard; we've got some- thing to  
2. He needs some - one to lean on; it just takes one

say.\_\_\_\_ Some say we are lost; we can find the  
shoul - der She has a lone - ly heart; just takes one to

way.\_\_\_\_ Some say we don't care; we've got love to -  
hold her. They're a - fraid to take a chance; just takes one who's

day.\_\_\_\_ We can make a dif - f'rence now.  
bold - er. You can make a dif - f'rence 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**

**Pastor:** Pastor Chris Manke

**Worship Assistant:** Linda Amacher

**Ushers:** Charlotte Butzler, Nate Kenworthy

**Reader:** Marcia Vrankin

**Communion Set Up:** Mary Immekus

**Communion Servers:** Nate Shubat,

**Vocalists:** Paul Anderson, Tony Brodzeller,  
Gaytha Hillman, Darci Ketter

**Keyboard:** Hazel Griffin

**Video:** Heather Peters **Audio:** Bryan Schlosser

**Coffee Hour:** Sandy Poenitsch, Sue Walker

*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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