

Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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15th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Come to us, Holy Spirit of God,
through the walls of division and the hardness of our hearts.
Come to us, Holy Spirit of God,
in the untamed wind and the breath of lovers.
Come to us, Holy Spirit of God,
in ever expanding circles of grace and peace.
Come to us, Holy Spirit of God,
and bring us into the unending love of the Trinity.
Amen.*

GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEDICATION OF “RORY’S ROOM” -Alyssa Brockman

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

“Apart from God every activity is merely a passing whiff of insignificance.”
-Alfred North Whitehead

“The balance is, as always, delicate. We seldom find the center. We are constantly falling off one side or the other. But the center is always there, waiting for us to discover it.”

-Madeleine L'Engle

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

Leader: Lord, you make it so simple.

People: You tell us and show us the right way to live.

Leader: You say, "Just listen,

People: And obey,

Leader: And trust me."

People: But we don't listen,

Leader: And we don't want to be told what to do.

People: We don't think your way is fair,

Leader: And we don't trust you.

People: And so our lives are a mess,

Leader: And out of control.

People: Our hearts are unsettled,

Leader: And unsatisfied.

People: Life is hard.

Leader: Yet you continue to call to us,

People: "Just listen,

Leader: And obey,

People: And trust me,"

Leader: Because you continue to love us.

People: Father, forgive us for being stubborn and disobedient children.

Leader: Help us to know you more,

People: And love you more,

Leader: So that your vision of life,

People: Will be a delight to honor and live by.

Leader: Amen.

PRAISE SONG

"The People's Church"

1. Oh it's a worn - out church - with a bro - ken stee
3. You know a liv - ing church can make a Chris - tian ner
- ple;
- vous. it's filled with poor and home - less peo - ple.
It car - ries risk and leads to ser - vice,
Kids in trou - ble and the un - em - ployed - gath - er there
calls us all to get in - volved, to lose our com - fort

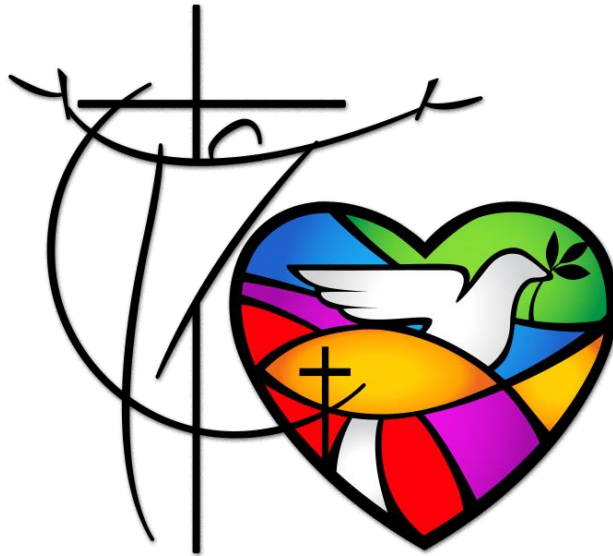
Chorus
for and hope live and joy. Oh it's a peo - ple's church for
and hope live God's love.
folks in need. It's a peo - ple's church where the word meets deed.
It's a peo - ple's church for ev' - ry race. At a
peo - ple's church come and see Je - sus' face. I'm
pray - in' for the poor and the rich to share the blood and
bod - y gifts. I'm pray - in' that in ev - 'ry place there's a
D.S.
peo - ple's church liv - ing out their faith. Oh it's a

OUR CONFESSION PRAYER

All: Powerful and merciful God, we confess to you the ways we have misused and misunderstood power. We have placed power in the hands of people who have abused it. We have been apathetic when the victims of power have demanded the justice they deserve. We have cowered before those who hold power, rather than stand up to them in the authority you give us. In your mercy forgive us, O God, and teach us to seek power for the good of all, with attention to the powerless and downtrodden. Heal us of the insecurity that leads us to seek the security of worldly power instead of the vulnerable power of Christ our true King. Enable us to live and act in trust of you, even when we do not know what the future holds, because we know that you hold the power of eternity. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

P: Hear the Good News: Christ our King opened the doors of paradise to the repentant thief. When we confess and repent, Christ will open the doors to God's grace and mercy for us. God forgives our sins. Praise to God.



CONFESSION RESPONSE

"Let it Be Said of Us"

Let it be said of us: that the Lord was our pas - sion, That with
Let it be said of us: We were marked by our for - give - ness, We were
glad - ness we bore love, ev - 'ry cross we were in giv - en; That we
known by our love, and de - light - ed in meek - ness. We were
fought the good fight, that we fin - ished the course
ruled by His peace, heed - ing un - i - ty's call;
Know - ing as with one - in - us dy the pow'r of the ris - en Lord. Let the
Joined as one in bo - dy that Christ would be seen by all.
cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song, By
mer - cy made ho - ly, by the Spi - rit_ made_ strong. Let the
cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song 'Til the
like - ness of Je - sus be through us made known. Let the
cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

Pastor Chuck Turbin

The Lessons

Psalms 113

Praise the LORD.^[a]
Praise the LORD, you his servants;
praise the name of the LORD.
² Let the name of the LORD be praised,
both now and forevermore.
³ From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the LORD is to be praised.
⁴ The LORD is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.
⁵ Who is like the LORD our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high,
⁶ who stoops down to look
on the heavens and the earth?
⁷ He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
⁸ he seats them with princes,
with the princes of his people.
⁹ He settles the childless woman in her home
as a happy mother of children.
Praise the LORD.

Timothy 2: 1-7

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

16 Then Jesus^[a] said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth^[b] so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.”^[c]

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth,^[d] who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”^[e]

MESSAGE

“Resourceful Christians”

Pastor Chuck Turbin

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (Stand) *“More Precious Than Silver”*

Lord, You are more pre - cious than sil - ver;

Lord, You are more cost - ly than gold.

Lord, You are more beau - ti - ful than dia - monds, And

noth - ing I de - sire com - pares with You.



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

All: In response to the call of God, the command of Christ, and the bond of our common faith, we come to the table.

Leader: On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took unleavened bread, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, “*Take this and eat it, this is my body.*”

All: In response to the love of the Creator and remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Savior, we come to the table.

Leader: In a similar manner Jesus took a cup and after blessing it and giving thanks he said, “*Drink this because this is the new covenant I am establishing to bind us together now and throughout eternity. Do this to remember me.*”

All: Gracious God, we are thankful for these gifts of love and sacrifice and we are reminded of you and your love for us. Remind us in this meal what needs to be the center of our lives, and strengthen us to cling to You in all things. Amen.

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.

(Located in the front pews, we also have celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine .)

COMMUNION SONGS

"Here At the Table"

Christ is here, here at the ta - ble. Come gath - er and
lay life's bur - dens down, here at the ta - ble, at the ta -
ble where love and peace a - bound. Oh, oh, oh, oh.
Bring your hun - ger, bring your won - der,
Bring your sad - ness, bring your mad - ness,
Bring your yearn - ing, bring your turn - ing,
bring your thirst - ing heart. Bring your trou - bles,
bring your si - lent shame. Bring your sigh - ing,
bring your deep - est needs. Bring your doubt - ing,
bring your strug - gles, bring all that you are.
bring your cry - ing, bring all of your pain.
bring your shout - ing, bring all to be freed.

“Everyone is a Child of God”

We are wait - ing, we are watch - ing, we are
You are good - ness, You are mer - cy, You are
hop - ing to see in the dis - tance, in the
deep mys - ter - y, in the si - lence You have
dark - ness a light that sets us free. To see ev' - ry - one
spo - ken a love that sets us free.
ev' - ry - one is a child of God. See ev' - ry - one
ev' - ry - one is a child, a beau - ti - ful child of God.
Set us free. Set us free to see ev' - ry - one

“Round the Table”

Come to - geth - er 'round the ta - ble Come and taste the won - der,
a heal - ing touch and a deep con - nec - tion from the liv - ing
cen - ter of it all. Seek - ing mean - ing on the run
Bring a friend or en - e - my life.
Hear cre - a - tion groan for life.
you try and save the day. But all is read - y
or one you and hold or blame. With each oth - er
Will hate and hun - ger cease? In the roar of
will you come? Love in - vites the way.
we are one, here in in Je - sus' name.
vi - o - lence the world cries for peace.

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you are serving is Christ. Be faithful in all your work. Go in his grace and in his name.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

"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 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 live in the and oth - er as sis - ters 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.

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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 Chuck Turbin

Worship Assistant: Lexi George

Ushers: Nick Laatsch, Jim Klatt

Reader: Haley Kordorsky

Communion Set Up: Mary Immekus

Communion Servers:

Vocalists: Linda Amacher, Ruthann Dorn,
Rick Gilbertson, Phil Pierce

Keyboard: Heather Peters

Video: Mike Tikusis **Audio:** Sue Gilbertson

Counters: CarlEda Skinkis, Ron Hinzpeter

Coffee Hour: Cyndee Bruder, Candy Sarauer



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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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