

Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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16th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Loving God, when we fall into the traps of groundless fears, you deliver us.
When an epidemic of worry threatens to overcome us, you protect us.
When harmful words are flung at us, you answer our cries for help.
Gracious God, we worship you.*

*When our lives crumble, you urge us to buy hope's fields.
When we are tempted by wealth, you point us to those who have nothing but share
all. When we are eager to grasp senseless lies, you wrap our hands around God's
promises. Servant of the poor, we follow you.*

*When the world silences our hope, you give us the words to make the good confession
of faith. When we have lost our way and can no longer endure the emptiness of our
lives, you satisfy us from the abundance of God's grace and joy.
Sheltering Spirit, we seek your peace.*

GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

*I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so
that you will be a blessing.* **-Genesis 12:2**

*"Blessed are they who see beautiful things in humble places where other people see
nothing."* **- Camille Pissarro**

*"The unthankful heart discovers no mercies; but the thankful heart will find, in every
hour, some heavenly blessings."* **- Henry Ward Beecher**

"You will be blessed the moment you realize you already are." **- Bryant McGill**

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

Leader: As we gather, we acknowledge that we have indeed been blessed.

People: **It is true that God's good gifts surround us in abundance.**

Leader: These gifts flow into our lives each day.

People: **Our task is to let them flow through us to others.**

Leader: As we open ourselves to God's Word and Spirit, this readily happens.

People: **Let it happen this hour, as we come before God with hearts
and minds ready to receive and to give.**

PRAISE SONG

"With Kindness"

Christ has no bod - y here but ours. No hands, no feet here on earth but ours. Ours are the eyes through which he looks on this world with kind - ness. Ours are the hands through which he works. Ours are the feet on which he moves. Ours the voices through which he speaks to this world with kind - ness. Through our touch, our smile, our list'ning ear, em-bod-ied in us, Je-sus is liv-ing here. Let us go, now, in - spir - it - ed in - to this world with kind - ness.

OUR CONFESSION PRAYER

THE CONFESSION

Leader: In God's presence, our lives are exposed, our words are shown for their hollowness, our need is revealed. Let us confess who we are, as we ask God to embrace us with grace and hope.

All: We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by wealth, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after everything that has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us.

Forgive us, God of Reversals. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: This is the good news: God will hear your prayers, God will answer with hope and peace, and God will deliver you from your sins.

People: God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

"Leaning In"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words appearing on multiple lines to align with the melody. The score includes various musical notations such as quarter notes, eighth notes, rests, and a repeat sign with first, second, and fourth endings. The lyrics are as follows:

We pray for the lone - ly ones know - ing
We pray for the wound - ed ones know - ing
We pray for the starv - ing ones know - ing
We pray for the dy - ing ones know - ing

that some of us are lone - ly, and
that some of us are wound - ed, and
that some of us are starv - ing, and
that some of us are dy - ing, and

we pray for the heart - bro - ken ones know - ing
we pray for the re - gret - ful ones know - ing
we pray for the im - pris - oned ones know - ing
we pray for the new - ly born ones know - ing

that some of us are heart - bro - ken.
that some of us are re - gret - ful.
that some of us are im - pris - oned.
that some of us are ar - riv - ing.

All - - our hearts and minds are lean - ing in with
clear in - ten - tion, join - ing in your way of
love in the world.
heal - ing in the world.
jus - tice in the world.
love in the world.

A - - - men.

THE READINGS

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

- 6** Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,
and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
you notable men of the foremost nation,
to whom the people of Israel come!
4 You lie on beds adorned with ivory
and lounge on your couches.
You dine on choice lambs
and fattened calves.
5 You strum away on your harps like David
and improvise on musical instruments.
6 You drink wine by the bowlful
and use the finest lotions,
but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.
7 Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile;
your feasting and lounging will end.

1 Timothy 6:6-19

6 You gain a lot when you live a godly life. But you must be happy with what you have. **7** We didn't bring anything into the world. We can't take anything out of it. **8** If we have food and clothing, we will be happy with that. **9** People who want to get rich are tempted. They fall into a trap. They are tripped up by wanting many foolish and harmful things. Those who live like that are dragged down by what they do. They are destroyed and die. **10** Love for money causes all kinds of evil. Some people want to get rich. They have wandered away from the faith. They have wounded themselves with many sorrows.

Paul Gives a Final Command to Timothy

11 But you are a man of God. Run away from all these things. Try hard to do what is right and godly. Have faith, love, and gentleness. Hold on to what you believe. **12** Fight the good fight along with all other believers. Take hold of eternal life. You were chosen for it when you openly told others what you believe. Many witnesses heard you. **13** God gives life to everything. Christ Jesus told the truth when he was a witness in front of Pontius Pilate. In the sight of God and Christ, I give you a command. **14** Obey it until our Lord Jesus Christ appears. Obey it completely. Then no one can find fault with it or you. **15** God will bring Jesus back at a time that pleases him. God is the blessed and only Ruler. He is the greatest King of all. He is the most powerful Lord of all. **16** God is the only one who can't die. He lives in light that no one can get close to. No one has seen him. No one can see him. Honor and power belong to him forever. Amen.

17 Command people who are rich in this world not to be proud. Tell them not to put their hope in riches. Wealth is so uncertain. Command those who are rich to put their hope in God. He richly provides us with everything to enjoy. **18** Command the rich to do what is good. Tell them to be rich in doing good things. They must give freely. They must be willing to share. **19** In this way, they will store up true riches for themselves. It will provide a firm basis for the next life. Then they will take hold of the life that really is life.

19-21 “There once was a rich man, expensively dressed in the latest fashions, wasting his days in conspicuous consumption. A poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, had been dumped on his doorstep. All he lived for was to get a meal from scraps off the rich man’s table. His best friends were the dogs who came and licked his sores.

22-24 “Then he died, this poor man, and was taken up by the angels to the lap of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell and in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham in the distance and Lazarus in his lap. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, mercy! Have mercy! Send Lazarus to dip his finger in water to cool my tongue. I’m in agony in this fire.’

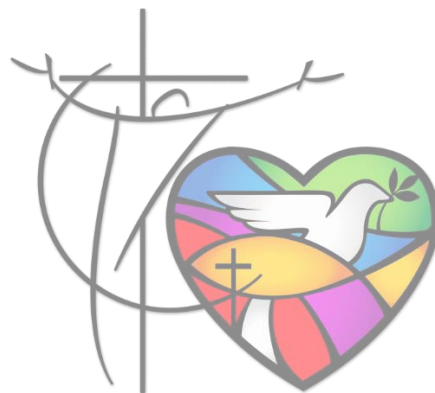
25-26 “But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that in your lifetime you got the good things and Lazarus the bad things. It’s not like that here. Here he’s consoled and you’re tormented. Besides, in all these matters there is a huge chasm set between us so that no one can go from us to you even if he wanted to, nor can anyone cross over from you to us.’

27-28 “The rich man said, ‘Then let me ask you, Father: Send him to the house of my father where I have five brothers, so he can tell them the score and warn them so they won’t end up here in this place of torment.’

29 “Abraham answered, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets to tell them the score. Let them listen to them.’

30 “‘I know, Father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but they’re not listening. If someone came back to them from the dead, they would change their ways.’

31 “Abraham replied, ‘If they won’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, they’re not going to be convinced by someone who rises from the dead.’”

MESSAGE***Pastor Marilyn Miller***

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (Stand) "Choose Love"

1. It's your world. It's your life. You can
2. If you search for what's right and your
make it what-ev-er you like. It's your time - right
quest for peace be-comes a fight, don't lose faith, don't lose
now; put your foot down, stand tall and be proud. And your
hope; those are two things you tru-ly own.
days can be shaped with hands of love or of rage; choose love.
1. 2. 2. 3. Fro - zen in this mo - ment, some -
times it's so hard to move. Fro - zen in these
mo - ments, some- times it's so hard to choose. When it
comes to you, choose love.



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

Pastor: We come again to the table to be made new. The cup of love and the bread of life have been given for all of us to remember the very real presence of Christ with us.

All: Feed us with your heavenly food. Our spirits are hungry for the bread of life.

Pastor: We come again, knowing as we confess our sin, God is faithful, and forgives our sin.

All: Fill us with the cup of love. Our spirits are thirsty and we want to drink from the well giving us eternal life.

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 "Everybody's Got Something to Offer"

Ev - 'ry - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old, the
prince and the pau - per. Ev - 'ry - bo - dy's got
some-thing to of - fer in the name of the Lord.
To the lost and the low - ly ones the mes - sage, it is clear;
To the be - liev - ers gath - ered here the mes - sage it is true;
we have all got a gift to give, our hands, our hearts, our tears.
we have all got a gift to give in all we say and do.

"God Will See Us Through"

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. ai - ven all we need. God will see us through this now.

“More Than We Know”



1. More than we know, God works with - in us,
 2. He is God's eye, chang - ing our fo - cus;
 3. He is God's face, smile of the rain - bow,
 4. He is God's heart, tuned to our heart - beat,

more than we trust, mus - tard seeds grow.
 He is the light, flood - ing our mind.
 col - ors of peace, blend - ing us all.
 He is the air, lift - ing our wings.

More than we dream, God's poss - i - bil - i - ty,
 He is the fire, Spir - it and en - er - gy
 He is the coin, God's new e - con - o - my,
 His are the arms stretched out to chal - lenge us,

this is the Gos - pel of love. For
 spark - ing our spir - it to shine. For
 spend - ing to feed and to save. For
 He is our cour - age to fly. For

Christ has come, bring - ing us life, life in its full - ness and
 joy. For Christ has come, bring - ing us life,
 life in its full - ness and joy!

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

Pastor: Count your blessings and then share those blessings. So will you discover God's affirmation of life in all its fullness. Let the flow of God's love not only be *to* but *through*.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG "Build Your Kingdom Here"



1. Come, set Your rule and reign in our hearts a -
 2. (We) seek Your King - dom first. We hun - ger and we
 3. (Un) - leash Your King - dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and

gain. In crease in us, we pray. Un - veil why we're made. Come
 thirst; re - fuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize. To
 far. No force of hell can stop Your beaut - y chang - ing hearts. You

set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our
 see the cap - tive's heart re - leased; the hurt, the sick, the
 made us for much more than this. A - wake the King - dom

ver - y souls. Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us now.
 poor at peace. We lay down our lives for Heav - en's cause.
 seed in us. Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

1. Sing v. 2 2., 3. To chorus

We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us. 2. We
 We are Your church. We pray re - vive this earth.
 We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.

Build Your King - dom here. Let the dark - ness fear. Show Your
 might - y hand. Heal our streets and land. Set Your church on
 fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the at - mos - phere. Build Your
 King - dom here, we pray. 2 1. Sing v. 3 2. Repeat chorus
 3. Un - Build Your

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 Marilyn Miller

Worship Assistant: Anita Bayliff

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Reader: Pat Hanvey

Communion Set Up: Sue Kesy

Communion Servers:

Vocalists: Paul Anderson, Tony Brodzeller,
Rick Gilbertson, Phil Pierce

Keyboard: April Brodzeller

Video: Cheryl Scaffidi **Audio:** Heather Peters

Percussion: Connor Scaffidi

Counters: Tammy Nelson, Cyndee Bruder

Coffee Hour: Cindy Tikusis, Denise Kenworthy

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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