Trinity Lutheran Church Created to Praise October 5, 2025 The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Understanding God, when the fires grow cold and our hearts become weary, we turn to you for encouragement. We know that we can trust you, and so we ask your blessing on this service. May it be a means of empowerment for each one of us. Let our mission be made clear, and may we feel the power of your Spirit encouraging us to go forth to be faithful witnesses of your love. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Power, success, happiness, as the world knows them, are for those who will fight for them hard enough; but peace, love, joy are only from God.

-Frederick Buechner (American writer, novelist, poet, autobiographer, essayist, preacher, and theologian.)

Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. Faith is the belief that
God will do what is right.

-Max Lucado (American Author and Minister at
Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas)

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

Leader: The Lord is good to everyone who trusts in him.

People: It is best for us to wait in patience for him to save us.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and will not reject us forever.

People: We may encounter sorrow, but God's love for us is sure and strong.

Leader: Let us examine our ways and turn back to the Lord.

People: Let us open our hearts to God in heaven and pray.

Leader: Come, let us worship God!



OUR CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we confess that our sins have been part of the reason for the troubles that beset us. We are heartily sorry for these, our misdeeds and pray that in your forgiveness we may find new meaning for our lives as we strive to serve you in all that we do.

Lord, forgive us when we let disappointment and despair get the upper hand. Keep us faithful in our service to you, and may we never lose our hope for a future you have already won. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

Pastor Jon Jacobs

THE LESSON 2 Timothy 1:1-14

1 I, Paul, am writing this letter. I am an apostle of Christ Jesus just as God planned. He sent me to tell about the promise of life found in Christ Jesus.

² Timothy, I am sending you this letter. You are my dear son.

May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy and peace. ³ I thank God, whom I serve as did our people of long ago. I serve God, knowing that what I have done is right. Night and day I thank God for you. Night and day I always remember you in my prayers. ⁴ I remember your tears. I long to see you so that I can be filled with joy. ⁵ I remember your honest and true faith. It was alive first in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice. And I am certain that it is now alive in you also.

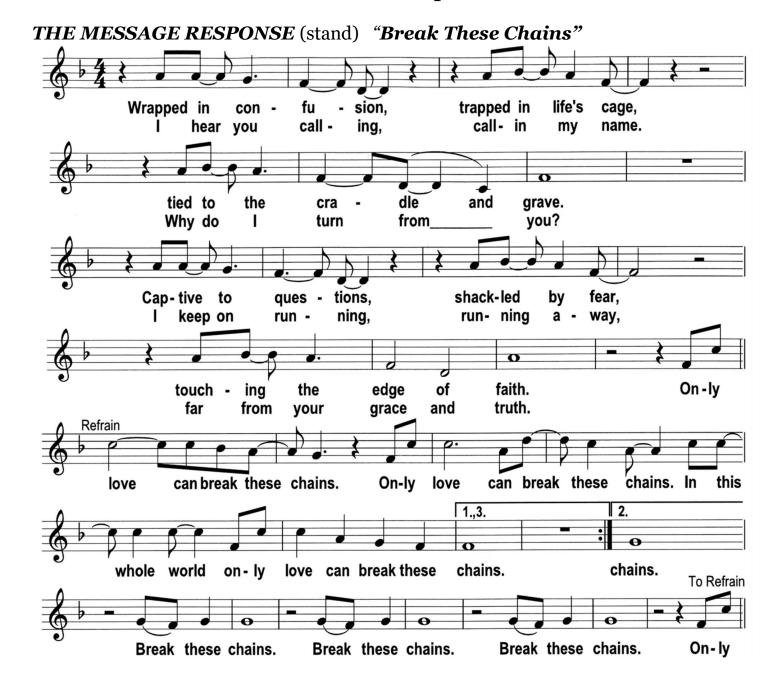
⁶This is why I remind you to help God's gift grow, just as a small spark grows into a fire. God put his gift in you when I placed my hands on you. ⁷God gave us his Spirit. And the Spirit doesn't make us weak and fearful. Instead, the Spirit gives us power and love. He helps us control ourselves. ⁸So don't be ashamed of the message about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, his prisoner. Instead, join with me as I suffer for the good news. God's power will help us do that. ⁹God has saved us. He has chosen us to live a holy life. It wasn't because of anything we have done. It was because of his own purpose and grace. Through Christ Jesus, God gave us this grace even before time began. ¹⁰It has now been made known through the coming of our Savior, Christ Jesus. He has broken the power of death. Because of the good news, he has brought life out into the light. That life never dies. ¹¹I was appointed to announce the good news. I was appointed to be an apostle and a teacher. ¹²That's why I'm suffering the way I am. But this gives me no reason to be ashamed. That's because I know who I have believed in. I am sure he is able to take care of what I have given him. I can trust him with it until the day he returns as judge.

¹³ Follow what you heard from me as the pattern of true teaching. Follow it with faith and love because you belong to Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the truth of the good news that you were trusted with. Guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

THE GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '





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 OF THE CHURCH

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: I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

People: My soul will boast in the LORD let the afflicted hear and rejoice!

Pastor: Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together!

People: Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Pastor: 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." 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."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

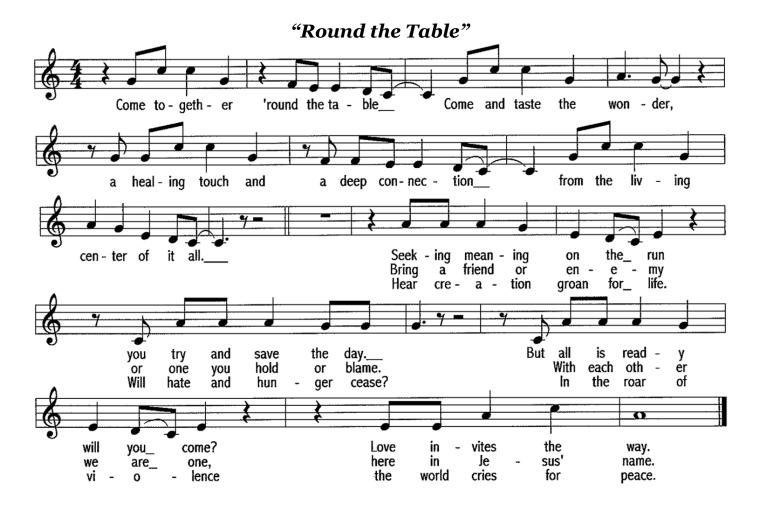
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

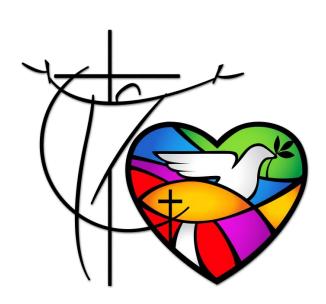
THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FAMILY MEAL. (Sit)

All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

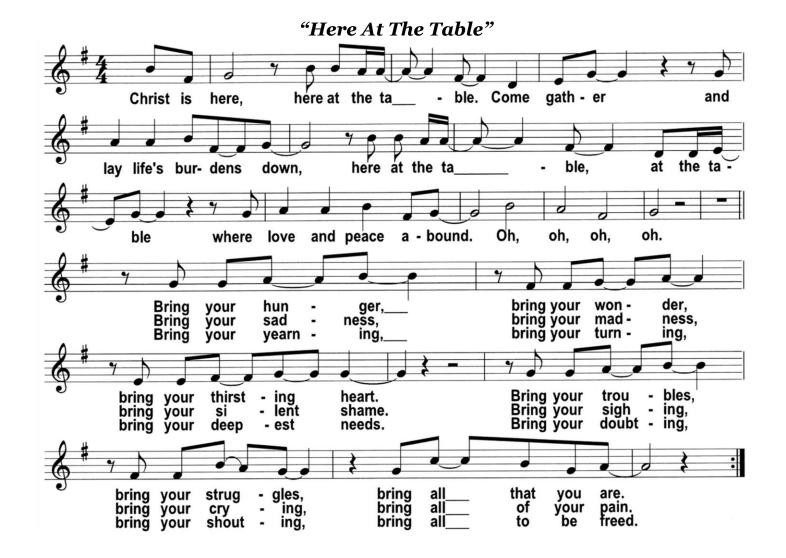
When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer. (We also have celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION









THE COMMUNION BLESSING (stand)

THE SENDING OUT

Pastor: Whenever we miss the power of your persistent grace and love, O God, shake us up, wake us up, change us. Let us be your people, both now

and ever more.

ALL: Amen



THE DISMISSAL Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please join us for a coffee hour in the Heritage Room after the worship service.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Jon Jacobs

Worship Assistant: Cheryl Scaffidi

Reader: Greg Griffin

Ushers: Dan Pawlowski, Jim Klatt **Communion Set-up:** Sue Kesy

Communion Servers:

Vocalists: Patrick Budoff, Rick Gilbertson, Greg Griffin, Phil Pierce

Keyboard: Heather Peters **Percussion:** Connor Scaffidi

Video: Peter Nelson Audio: Sue Gilbertson

Coffee Hour Host/Baker: Candy Sarauer, Sandy Poenitsch

Counters: Shirl Curreri, Diane Ferstadt

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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