Trinity Lutheran Church Created to Praise October 12th 2025, 9:30

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GATHERING MUSIC

As you enter, please take a moment to listen to the sounds of creation: birds chirping, papers rustling, children laughing, all the sounds that surround you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"People need to maintain their spiritual roots. The visible part of a tree is supported by its roots, which serves as a metaphor that what is visible is supported by the invisible".

- Basil Brave Heart, Lakota Elder

"Some of us, the old and real fluent speakers, we still believe that we are all related. When I am teaching in the classroom I try to teach that no matter what color a person is, we don't see the color. We see the spirit of the person and then we know that we are related. A lot of times you will hear people say, 'No, that's not the way,' but those people probably have a little bit of doubt in themselves. The truth is, we are all related."

- Virola Spider, Lakota storyteller

"Mitakuye Oyasin- all things are one."

-Lakota phrase

Land Acknowledgement

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.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

C: who encounters us,

L: the love of the Creator

C: who unites us,

L: and the communion of the Holy Spirit

C: who transforms us

L: be with you all.

C: And also with you.

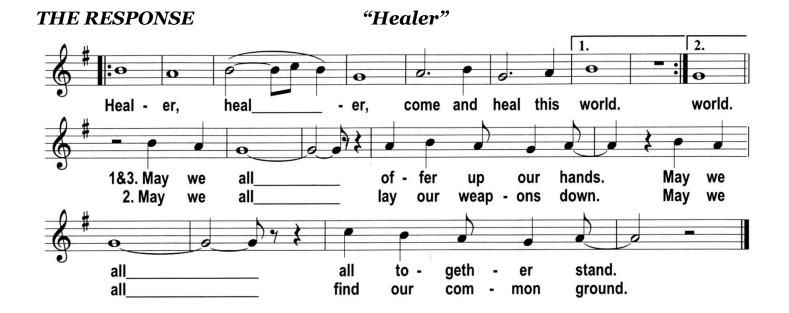
AUDIO VISUAL SERVANT TRIP REFLECTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: God of abundance, the land we walk on is holy ground.
- C: Send forth Your grace to help us heal the wounds of this world.
- L: Open up the soil of our hearts to Your word of life.
- C: May we be strengthened by this time together and grow into who You are creating us to be.

THE SABBATH LITANY

- L: God has made creation for God's delight and for ours. Let us rejoice in the wonders of God's creating love. God created the light.
- C: We rejoice in the light that gives us vision with its varied shapes, forms and colors.
- L: God created the day and night.
- C: We rejoice in the sense of time; with periods for activity and periods for rest.
- L: God created the mountains.
- C: We rejoice in the beauty of wildflowers and trees. We delight in the warmth of the sun and the coolness of the night air.
- L: God created the water.
- C: We rejoice in its beauty and power, the sound it makes as it rains and as it moves through rivers and streams, and its ability to refresh and renew.
- L: God created the star filled skies.
- C: We rejoice in the enormity of the universe. We look at God's vast creation and realize the miracle in God's love for each of us tiny fragile beings.
- L: God, the Creator, created us.
- C: We rejoice in the wondrous abilities of our brains to think and reason and to change; in our body's strength, fragility and intricacy; and in our spirits' ability to commune with God, the Great Spirit.
- L: God has created us for joyous life.
- C: Praise be to our loving God, our Creator and our Companion.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Youth Travelers

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 23 (The Message)

¹⁻³ GOD, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word,

you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

⁴ Even when the way goes through Death Valley,

I'm not afraid

when you walk at my side.

Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

⁵You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies.

You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.

⁶Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.

I'm back home in the house of GOD for the rest of my life.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:31b-35 and 37-39

³¹ If God is for us, who is against us? ³² God who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not, with him, also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ^[a] who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

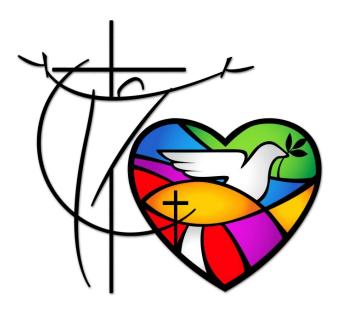
THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:25-27

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, [k] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

THE MESSAGE

Youth Travelers







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

L: Creator God, we look around us and are in awe of the wonders you have made for us. We recognize that every part of this earth is Sacred and that *all things* are connected. Our God is the same Creator whose compassion is equal for all.

Loving and forgiving God, we acknowledge that our past is filled with scars inflicted upon all the Indigenous People who live in our country. Those who were forced to attend boarding schools that robbed them of their identities and families. Those who were forced to leave their Sacred Lands and move to unfamiliar places. Those who have many stories that have yet to be told. God, the Creator, help us to heal this broken history by living as different people today and into our future as we seek to learn what it means to walk together as all of us children of the Creator.

Creator God, we pray for our Indigenous siblings who, to this day, continue to face adversities. We pray for the hundreds of Indigenous people who go missing each year and that they may still be found. We pray for all those who have been wounded, hurt, or killed due to senseless acts of violence. We pray for those who are in charge of policies that affect the Indigenous tribes in our country. We pray that these leaders protect our Indigenous siblings and return to them the things that were rightfully theirs. We pray for those who continue to do acts of good even in the midst of despair, like the Lakota people at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center. Lastly, we pray for our Indigenous neighbors in Wisconsin, the Ho-Chunk Nation, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Chippewa (Ojibwe) Tribes, the Potawatomi Tribe, Oneida Nation, and the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians. We also pray for our siblings in the Lakota tribe, especially those living on the Pine Ridge Reservation who welcomed us into their arms this summer.

All these things we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Pastor: In the still of this hour, we come to find rest for our hearts, power for our lives and contentment for our minds.

C: We are caught up in the activity of our life and need to pause and be refreshed.

Pastor: In the quiet of this place we come to touch and be touched by the forgiving grace of God in the bread and wine. We remember that in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat, this is my body given for you". Again, after supper, he took the cup. He gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant signed in my blood for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin, drink this to remember me".

C: We praise you, God, for this heavenly food given in love for us.

Pastor:At the table of God, we find fulfillment of all that we desire. In the body and blood we experience the forgiveness of a dying Savior whose resurrection now belongs to us. We are not left alone in the sin that separates us. All things come together in our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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.

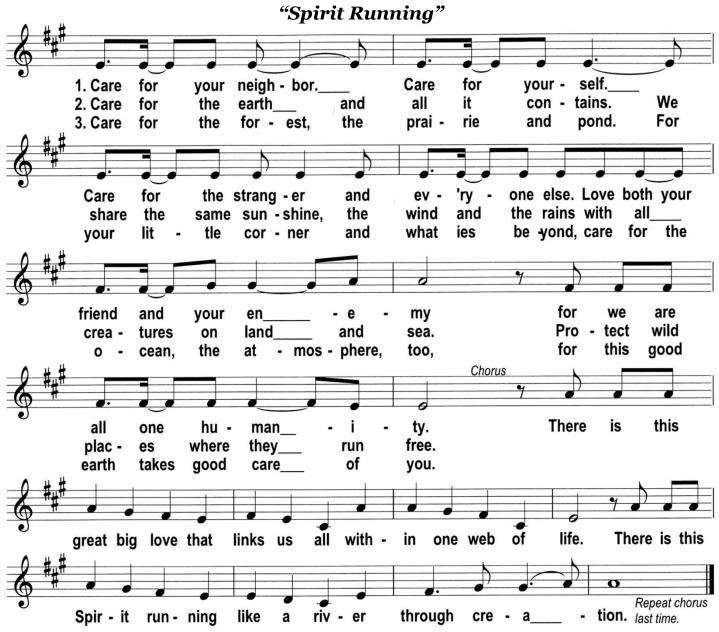
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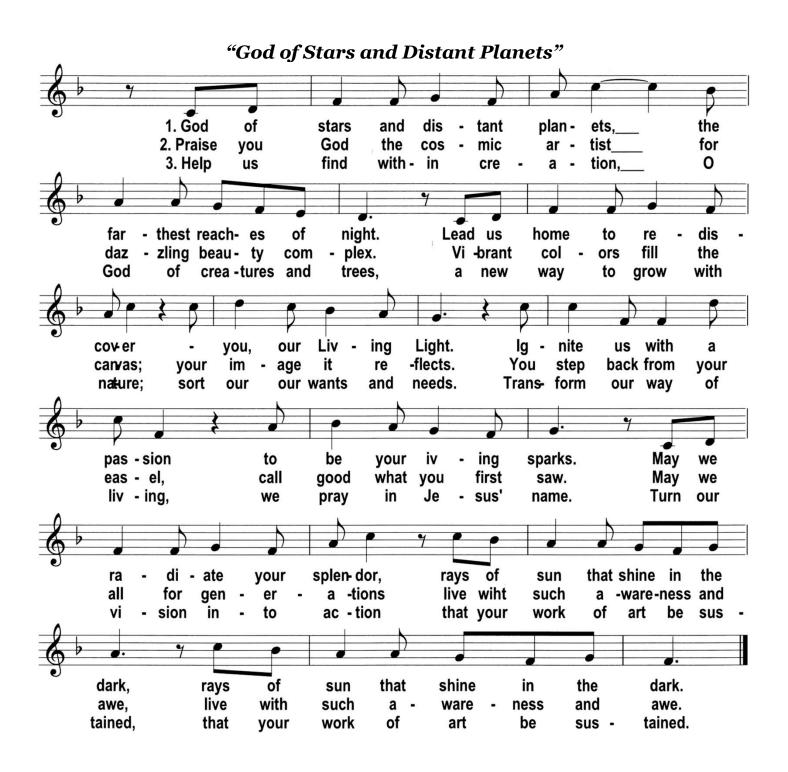
All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

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 BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

L: Walk tall as the trees, live strong as the mountains, be gentle as the spring winds, keep the warmth of the summer sun in your heart, and the Great Spirit will always be with you.

C: Amen.



THE DISMISSAL

- L: Go in the peace and joy of God. Knowing that when we see the changes of day and night, the stars in the sky, it is the work of someone more powerful than humans. That it is the work of The Creator, God.
- C: Thanks be to God!

Following worship, please join us for a coffee hour in the Heritage Room.

Portions of this service were adapted or taken from the Walking with Our Indigenous Neighbors Task Force of the Northern Great Lakes Synod Indigenous Peoples Sunday service.

To learn more about the connection between our Indigenous siblings and the ELCA, please view the "Truth and Healing Movement" tab available on the ELCA's website.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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Worship Assistants: High School Youth Trinity Travelers

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Cyndee Bruder, Heather Peters

Keyboard: April Brodzeller

Video: Cheryl Scaffidi Audio: Bryan Schlosser

Coffee Hour: The Trinity Comforters, Isaiah and Nancy Hanvey

Counters: Richard Hills, David Putnam

Youth Immersion Trip Travelers: Lexi George, Jayden Hanvey, Amanda Hull, Manny Jones, Matthew Krawzik, Oscar Martin, Sophia Reno, Ava Schiller, CJ Schiller, Adult chaperones-Nate Shubat, Pastor Cristy, & Haley Kordosky

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