

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025**

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MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Generous and Caring God, we live as though the world owed us, and soon we forget that all we have comes from you. Creator God, we gather to thank you for your many blessings and to sing your praises. You have done wonderful things for us, and in gratitude we would serve you faithfully. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

God is. We are. In spite of our fumbles and because of God's grace, we are not daunted by the troubles of this age, nor are we fearful of what is to come. We do not bless God for our wealth, our health or for our feeble wisdom. We bless God that God is, that we are and that his promise and love shall be with us when time itself shall be no more.

-Peter Gomes (American Preacher and Theologian)

"Sometimes, you will go through awful trials in your life and then a miracle happens-God heals you. Don't be disheartened when the people you love don't see things like you do. There will be Pharisees in your life that will laugh it off, deny that it happened, or will mock your experience based on righteousness they think you don't possess. God won't deny you a spiritual experience because you are not a spiritual leader. He loves everyone equal. The only people that really matter in life are the people that can "see" your heart and rejoice with you." **Shannon L. Alder (Author)**

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

Leader: Human generosity sometimes hinges on a budget.

People: God's generosity remembers no restriction.

Leader: Human compassion sometimes grows weary.

People: God's compassion lasts.

Leader: Human faithfulness sometimes sputters.

People: God's faithfulness is firm.

PRAISE SONG

"Be Bold, Be Strong"

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. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a strong emphasis on the words 'Be bold!' and 'Be strong!'. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Be bold! Be strong! For the
Lord, your God is with you; Be bold! Be strong!
For the Lord, your God, is with you.
I am not a - fraid, I am not dis - mayed, 'Cause I'm
walk - in' in faith and vic - to - ry. Come on and
walk in faith and vic - to - ry, For the Lord,
your God is with you.

OUR CONFESSION

Leader: God has called us to tend the earth as God's representatives. In dealing with the poor and outcasts, Jesus showed us how God would go about doing that work. Let us confess to God and before one another how far we have missed the mark.

People: We confess to you, O God who shares your very self with creation, that we are a selfish people. We have so much of the world's riches.

We are a people whose main health issues seem to be centered on our over-indulgences. We consume to the point of sickness and yet we crave more and more. We look at those who have so little and instead of feeling a need to share our overabundance with them we blame them for the lack. We decide they must not be in your favor or they would have as much as we do. We have become arrogant and proud instead of being ashamed of our wanton appetites.

Forgive us our greed and gluttony. Purge our appetites with an overabundance of care and concern for your children who suffer with little while we have so much. Give us the courage to act as you act, giving even ourselves so that others may live. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news, Jesus Christ comes to reclaim us lost sinners. Jesus invites you take up the cross and follow him in humble service to the poor, the neglected and the outcast. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit that you may be strengthen in your resolve and in your good works. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE ***“More Love, More Power”***

More love, more pow - er, more of You in my life.

More love, more pow - er, more of You in my

life. And I will wor - ship You with all of my heart.

And I will wor - ship You with all of my mind. And I will wor - ship

You with all of my strength, For You are my Lord,

1., 2. You are my Lord. 3. You are my Lord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(sit)*

Pastor Kristin Nielsen

THE LESSONS

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present^[a] help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city;^[b] it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.^[c] *Selah*
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”
- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.^[d] *Selah*

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ^[a] for all who believe.^[b] For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement^[c] by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.^[d]

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

THE GOSPEL (Stand)

John 8:31-36

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

MESSAGE

Pastor Kristin Nielsen

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (stand)

“His Banner Over Me is Love”

His ban - ner o - ver me is love, His
ban - ner o - ver me is love; And He
takes me to His ta - ble of love
and He takes me to His ban - quet - ing
ta - ble of love. *Song ending.* Sure - ly His
good - ness and mer - cy shall fol - low me,
all of my life I will dwell in the
house of the Lord, of the Lord.



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.

All: 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!

All: 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 "And they All Came to Jesus"

1. Some peo - ple came to Je - sus shout - ing,
 2. Some peo - ple came to Je - sus beg - ging,
 3. Some of us come to Je - sus glad - ly,

"Lord, I be - lieve I shall be healed."
 beg - ging for to com - fort a bet - ter way;
 eag - er to find a bet - ter way;

Some peo - ple came to Je - sus doubt - ing,
 Some peo - ple came to Je - sus rag - ing,
 Some of us come to him re - sist - ing.

he is a fraud, he can't be real.
 hearts filled with hate, and dis - be - lief.
 We have no time for this to - day.

Some peo - ple came to Je - sus fright - ened
 Some peo - ple came to him like chil - dren
 Some of us come to him de - spair - ing,

of all the e - vil they had done.
 to be em - braced with in his arms.
 borne down by hope - less - ness and shame.

No mat - ter how they came to Je - sus,
 Some peo - ple came to Je - sus plot - ting
 Some of us come to him sig - nor - ing,

the com - ing changed them ev - ery - one.
 to break his no cause and to hear him harm.
 we feel his no need to hear his claims.

Some folks came clos - er. Some folks ran a - way.

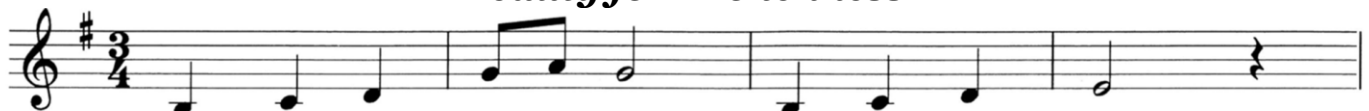
Some joined his cir - cle. Some just would not stay.

Some thought him just a fraud and some thought him di -

vine, but they all came to Je - sus in their time. Oh

yes, but they all came to Je - sus in their time.

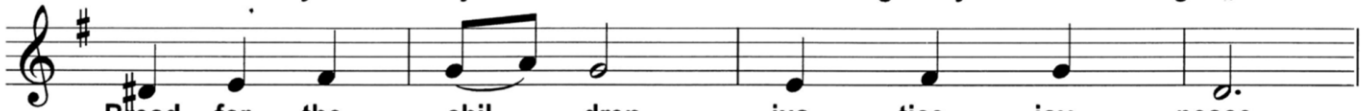
"Beauty for Brokenness"



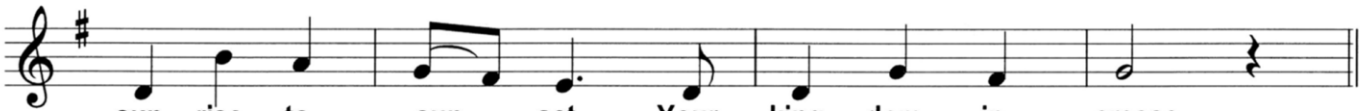
1. Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for des - pair;
 2. Shel - ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills,
 3. Ref - uge from cru - el wars, ha - vens from fear,
 4. Rest for the rav - aged earth, o - ceans and streams,
 5. Light - en our dark - ness, breathe on this flame



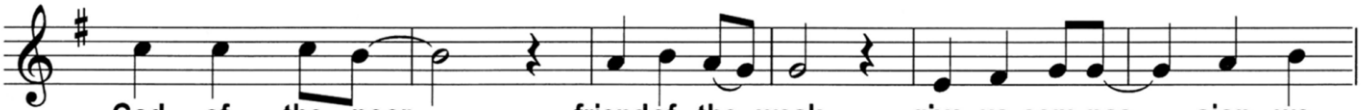
Lord, in Your suff - 'ring world, this is our prayer.
 work for the crafts - men, trade for their skills,
 cit - ies for sanc - tu - 'ry, free - doms to share.
 plun - dered and poi - soned, our fu - ture our dreams.
 un - til your jus - tice burns bright - ly a - gain,



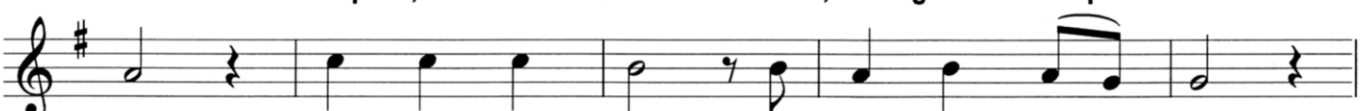
Bread for the chil - dren, jus - tice, joy, peace,
 land for the dis - pos - sessed. Rights for earth the weak,
 Peace to the kill - ing fields, scorched for earth to green,
 Lord end our mad - ness, care - less - ness, greed,
 un - til the na - tions learn of your ways,



sun - rise to sun - set, Your king - dom in - crease
 voic - es to plead the cause of those who can't speak.
 Christ for the bit - ter - ness, His cross for the pain,
 make us con - tent with the things that we need.
 seek your sal - va - tion and bring you their praise.



God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us com - pas - sion we



pray. Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.



Come change our love from a spark to a flame.

“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.

THE BLESSING (stand)

THE SENDING OUT

One: Be forever blessed,

All: Forever loved,

One: Forever cradled in God's arms,

All: Forever called by name.

One: Go, knowing God's grace,

All: Sharing God's peace,

One: Living God's justice,

All: Bearing God's blessing to all.

THE SENDING SONG

"All the People Said Amen"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. It consists of several staves of music with lyrics underneath. The score includes two verses, a chorus, and a bridge. The lyrics are: Verse 1: "You are not a-lone, if you are lone-ly. When you feel a-fraid, You're not the on-ly. We are all the same in need of mer-cy, to be for-giv-en and be free. It's all you got to lean on, but, thank God it's all you need." Chorus: "And all the peo-ple said, 'A-men.' Whoa, and all the peo-ple said, 'A-men.' Give thanks to the Lord, for His love ne-ver ends. And all the peo-ple said, 'A-men.'" Verse 2: "If you're rich or poor; well, it don't mat-ter. Weak or strong, love is what we're af-ter. We're all bro-ken, but we're all in this to-geth-er. God knows we stum-ble and fall, and He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all." Bridge: "And all the peo-ple said, 'A-men.' Bless-ed are the poor in spir-it who are torn a-part. Bless-ed are the per-se-cut-ed and the pure in heart. Bless-ed are the peo-ple hun-gry for an-oth-er start, for theirs is the King-dom, the King-dom of God." The score includes performance directions such as "2nd time to Bridge", "Last time - repeat tag.", "Repeat chorus", and "Repeat chorus 2X".

Verse 1
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You're not the on-ly. We are all the same in need of mer-cy, to be for-giv-en and be
free. It's all you got to lean on, but, thank God it's all you need.

Chorus
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Bridge
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THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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Reader: Pat Hanvey

Ushers: Nate and Denise Kenworthy

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Communion Servers:

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Rick Gilbertson, Phil Pierce

Keyboard: April Brodzeller

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Coffee Hour: Cindy Tikusis, Denise Kenworthy

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