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**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

*As part of your personal devotions, you may use this prayer throughout the coming week.*

L: Almighty God,

**C: you have given us the good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do you will. Bless our land with honesty in the workplace, truth in education, and honor in daily life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubles times, do not let our trust in your fail. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our lord. Amen. ELW pg 77**

**TRINITY WELCOME**

L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY**

*"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better"*  
-**Maya Angelou**

*"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."* -**Pope Francis**

*"The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others."* -**Albert Schweitzer**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please stand as you are able)*

Leader: God of goodness, God of mercy,

**People: Bless us with your presence.**

Leader: God of hope, God of love,

**People bless us with your grace.**

Leader: God of the present, God of the future,

**People: bless us with vision to see your will.**

Leader: God of truth, God of justice,

**People: grant us discipline to follow your way.**

## PRAISE SONG

### “God Is Good, All The Time”

Opening Refrain: song leader

*Refrain*

God is good all the time; He put a  
song of praise in this heart of mine; God is good all the  
time; through the dark - est night His light will shine. God is  
*Congregation stop here on last refrain.*  
good, God is good all the time.

#### Verse 1 (CTP Singers)

If you're walkin' through the valley, and there are shadows all around;  
Do not fear; He will guide you. He will keep you safe and sound.

He has promised to never leave you, nor forsake you; and His Word is true. (*Refrain: all*)

#### Verse 2 (CTP Singers)

We were sinners so unworthy, still for us He chose to die,  
Filled us with His Holy Spirit, now we can stand and testify  
That His love is everlasting and His mercies they will never end. (*Refrain: all*)

#### Verse 3 (CTP Singers)

Though I may not understand all the plans you have for me:  
My life is in Your hands, and through the eyes of faith, I can clearly see. (*Refrain: all*)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Merciful Savior,

**C: forgive us our sins. We confess that we do not hold you close in our daily lives and that we separate our decisions from your will. We confess that we insist on paths of destruction rather than paths of life. We confess that we prefer to be admired rather than faithful. Forgive us, we pray. Realign our will with your hopes for us. Amen.**

### Words of Assurance

L: God's grace is God's covenant with us. By God's grace, let your life reflect God's love.

## RESPONSE

### "God Says It's Time"

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It's time to cel - e - brate the Love of God, it's  
time for us to get bu - sy. Get bu - sy with the things that mat - ter most like  
jus - tice and com - pas - sion. It's time for us to take ac - tion as we  
lis - ten for the voice of the Ho - ly One 'cause God is still speak - ing, and  
God says it's time, yeah God is still speak - ing, and God says it's  
*Fine*  
time. It's time to put first things first, to set all dis - trac - tions a -  
side. If God is still speak - ing now, then what is God say - ing to  
us? It's time to get down to work, the work of the bo - dy of  
The chan - ces are good some - how the mes - sage in - volves show - ing  
Christ. There's heal - ing and lov - ing and reach - ing out that  
love. There's jus - tice, for - give - ness and wel - com - ing that  
God wants to do, in and through the lives that we live and the  
God want to do, in and through the the choi - ces we make and the  
love we give. So let's roll our sleeves up now be - cause it's  
risks we take. So let's live that mes - sage now be - cause it's

*(You may be seated)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Robb Kosky**

**WORD**

P: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**First Reading**

*The first reading is Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**

*The second reading is Psalm 32*

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!  
<sup>2</sup> Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!  
<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.  
<sup>4</sup> For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. <sup>6</sup> Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. <sup>8</sup> "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. <sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." <sup>10</sup> Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD. <sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

P: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

***The Gospel***

**Matthew 4:1-11**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered,

“It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

***The Gospel Response:***

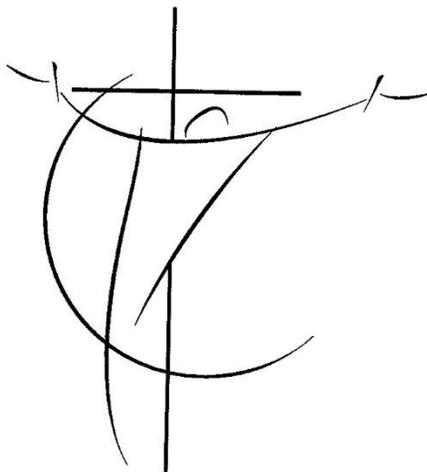
P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(You may be seated)

***MESSAGE***

**Pastor Robb Kosky**



**MESSAGE RESPONSE**

**“May Love Rise Above”**

The beau - ty and the blood - shed runs deep and wide from the  
The cour - age and the cau - tion, it fills the air from the  
The pro - mise and the pas - sion rings loud and strong as a  
cen - ter of the city - y to the roll - ing coun - try - side. The  
chil - dren on the play - ground to the wom - an on the stairs. There's a  
gen - er - a - tion search - es for a free - dom lov - ing song. Still the  
heal - ing and the suff' - ring runs far and near. There is  
calm up - on the wa - ter but down be - low oh the  
mem - o - ries are haunt - ing, will they block the way? What can  
hope for each to - mor - row but still so man - y fears.  
anx - ious hearts are beat - ing, will this peace ev - er hold?  
bring us all to - geth - er to start a brand new day?  
Oh may love rise a - bove the moun - tains. May love rise a - bove  
the plains. May love rise a - bove the ha - tred. May  
love rise a - bove all the pain, rise a - bove it all,  
oh rise a - bove it all, oh

**THE PRAYERS** (Please stand as you are able)

P: Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

(Each petition ends: “Hear us O God”. The congregation responds: “Your mercy is great”)

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

## **MEAL**

P: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



### ***THE OFFERING (You may be seated)***

*Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to “share the love and promise of God” through its ministries.*

### **Offering Prayer (Please stand as you are able)**

P: Let us pray. O God,

**C: maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## ***THE COMMUNION SENTENCES***

Pastor: In the waters of Baptism, you have claimed us – both light and darkness - and called us your own.

**All: We come to be strengthened, reshaped, and made new to shine with your light.**

Pastor: In this family meal we celebrate the gift of God in Christ Jesus.

**All: In sharing of the bread and wine we find forgiveness of sin and God's resurrection presence.**

Pastor: God gives us this gift to share.

**All: We come to eat and drink and to be changed.**

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the 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 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.**

## ***INVITATION TO COMMUNION***

P: Come to the table. Feast on God’s goodness and mercy.

## **THE DISTRIBUTION** (You may be seated)

*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.)*

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

### **“All Are Welcome”**

All are wel - come friend and stran - ger at the ban - quet  
of the Sav - ior All are wel - come All are wel - come here.

1. From the wo - man who comes cry - ing  
2. From the ones to who the feel for and - got ten  
3. Go in - to the streets for and cit - ies

leav - ing tears at Je - sus' feet  
those who sense at their place is gone  
to the farms and fam - i - lies

To the man who knows the right way  
To the ones who live in hun - ger  
Tell a - bout the the sple - did ta - ble

but can - not see  
here you mer - be - long.  
God's mer - cy.

## "His Banner Over Me"

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 musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of ten staves. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*“We Are Called”*

1. Come!  
2. Come!  
3. Sing!

Live in the light!  
O Sing a new heart!  
Song!

Shine Show Sing  
with your.....  
of that joy mer - cy  
great day the to love  
of those will the in be

Lord! We are called to be  
fear! We are called to be  
one! God will reign, and we'll

light for the king - dom, to live in the  
hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God!  
blind - ness..... will be..... no more.  
broth - ers..... u - nit - ed in 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.

**THE COMMUNION BLESSING** (please stand as you are able)

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of our salvation,

C: we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

## SENDING

P: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on your with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

## THE SENDING SONG

### "I Will Trust in You"

1. When I can't see dark - ness You, I  
2. And when the dark - ness is  
know You're here; When I can't feel You, I  
clos - ing in, And I am run - ning a -  
will not fear; I will trust in You and I  
gainst the wind; I will trust in You and I  
will not be a - fraid. And when the  
will not be a - fraid. 'Cause when I'm  
bat - tle is close at hand I know You're  
stand - ing up - on that shore and all the  
with me to help me stand; I will  
bat - tles have gone be - fore, I will  
trust in You and I will not be a - fraid  
trust in You and I will not be a - fraid.  
I will not be a - fraid. I will not be a -  
fraid I will trust in You. I will trust in You.

## ***THE DISMISSAL***

L: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Please stay for a coffee hour following the worship service.*

## **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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**Coffee Hour:** Confirmation Class

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