

Trinity Lutheran Church
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3rd Sunday of Easter

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

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

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Either sin is with you, lying on your shoulders, or it is lying on Christ, the Lamb of God. Now if it is lying on your back, you are lost; but if it is resting on Christ, you are free, and you will be saved. Now choose what you want. **- Martin Luther**

God has smiled on me, He has set me free. For us to acknowledge that we have been set free from toxic dependency, from crippling obsession or guilt, that we have been graced with the ability finally to forgive someone, is just plain astonishing. **- Anne Lamott**

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

L: At the break of dawn, a bird sings.

C: The long night of darkness is over.

L: The stone is rolled away,

C: The tomb is empty.

L: The sun begins to shine.

C: The Son has risen!

L: It's a morning of glory,

C: Of love overcoming death,

L: Of women spreading Good News,

C: Of men turning from despair to hope.

L: It's a morning of joy,

C: For Easter has come again.

L: Hope is reborn,

C: Love is stronger than death,

L: And we lift our voices in song.

PRAISE SONG

“Come, My People”

Come, my peo - ple, wel - come to wor - ship.
Love is in the warmth of this place.
Sing to God a song of thanks-giv - ing!
Sing to God a song of praise! *Fine*

1. Gath - er in safe - ty, wel - comed in Chris - tian love;
2. Stor - ies of Je - sus show us the way to love,
3. Stand with each oth - er in one com - mu - ni - ty,
4. Trust in the Sav - ior fills all my emp - ti - ness,

God touch - es us with strength from a - bove.
how to serve oth - ers, how to for - give.
work - ing to - geth - er, God's reign to see.
re - plac - ing doubt with new faith - ful - ness.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Risen Lord,

C: you meet us on the roads of our daily lives, yet we confess we do not always notice you. We are distracted by worry, weighed down by disappointment, and quick to lose hope. We walk as if you are absent, even though you are near. Forgive us for our blindness and renew our trust in your presence.

Assurance

Jesus comes near and reveals himself to us. In him, your sins are forgiven and your hope is restored. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

RESPONSE**“Bread of Life”**

Bread of Life, Bread of Life, come and feed our souls. *3rd time to Bridge. Last time fine.*

Bread of Life, Bread of Life, come and make us whole.

We are hun-gry for your mer - cy, hun-gry for your peace.
We are hun-gry for your pres-ence, man-na from a - bove.

We are hun-gry for your jus- tice, hun-gry to be free.
Bread of life for all cre - a - tion fill us with your love.

Bridge
Liv - ing Bread from heav - en, source of all we need. *Repeat chorus*

Liv - ing Bread from heav - en, help us to be - lieve.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE*Pastor Donna Brown***WORD****First Reading**

The first reading is Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the 11 apostles. In a loud voice he spoke to the crowd. “My fellow Jews,” he said, “let me explain this to you. All of you who live in Jerusalem, listen carefully to what I say.

³⁶ “So be sure of this, all you people of Israel. You nailed Jesus to the cross. But God has made him both Lord and Messiah.” ³⁷ When the people heard this, it had a deep effect on them. They said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “All of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then your sins will be forgiven. You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children. It is also for all who are far away. It is for all whom the Lord our God will choose.” ⁴⁰ Peter said many other things to warn them. He begged them, “Save yourselves from these evil people.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized. About 3,000 people joined the believers that day.

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

The Gospel

Luke 24:13-25

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ That same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village called Emmaus. It was about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked about those things, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them. ¹⁶ But God kept them from recognizing him.

¹⁷ Jesus asked them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?"

They stood still, and their faces were sad. ¹⁸ One of them was named Cleopas. He said to Jesus, "Are you the only person visiting Jerusalem who doesn't know? Don't you know about the things that have happened there in the last few days?"

¹⁹ "What things?" Jesus asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet. He was powerful in what he said and did in the sight of God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed Jesus over to be sentenced to death. They nailed him to a cross. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one who was going to set Israel free. Also, it is the third day since all this happened. ²² Some of our women amazed us too. Early this morning they went to the tomb. ²³ But they didn't find his body. So they came and told us what they had seen. They saw angels, who said Jesus was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our friends went to the tomb. They saw it was empty, just as the women had said. They didn't see Jesus' body there."

²⁵ Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are! How long it takes you to believe all that the prophets said!

The Gospel Response:

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE

Pastor Donna Brown

MESSAGE RESPONSE

“Travelers on the Journey”

We are trav' - lers on the journ - ey yearn - ing to
be - lieve! Hearts are burn - ing, eyes are o - pened.
We are trav' - lers on the journ - ey of love.
What is life real - ly all a - bout
Do we walk in our fool - ish - ness
We are blessed in the gath - er - ing
in the strug - gle of faith?
with our hearts e - ver slow
at the ta - ble of grace.
Hear the word reach - ing out to you,
to the touch of the Ho - ly one
Free to see in a - noth - er's pain the
Je - sus is a - live to day.
who is with us on the road?
face of Je - sus here to - day.

THE PRAYERS (Please stand as you are able)

P: Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

(Each petition ends: “Merciful God”. The congregation responds: “Receive our prayer”)

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

L: *We will continue worship with the offering.*



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.

Special Music

“Here I Am Lord”

Elouise Brockman, Rick and Sue Gilbertson, Cindy Tikusis, with CTP Singers

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

P: Merciful God,

C: accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

P: Jesus draws near to us as a stranger on the road.

C: We welcome Christ among us.

P: At this table, no one is a stranger.

C: All are welcome in Christ.

P: 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. All are welcome.

THE DISTRIBUTION (You may be seated)

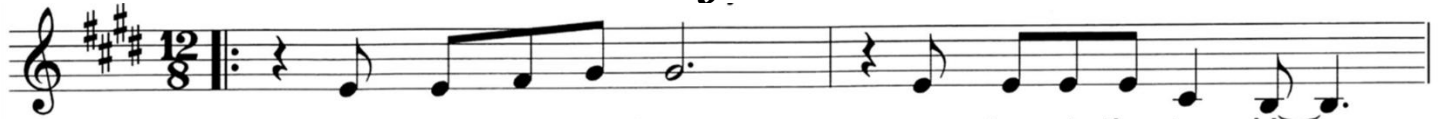
All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer
in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice

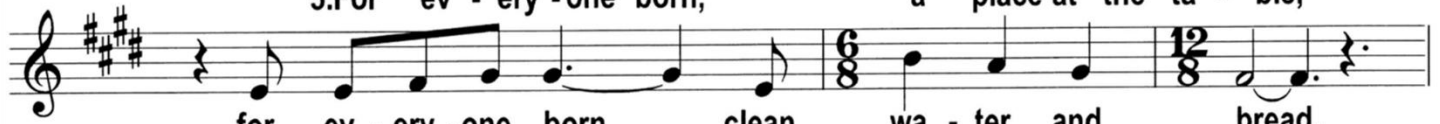
Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.

(We also have celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)

COMMUNION SONGS "For Everyone Born"



1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
a - bus - er, a - bus - ed, with need to for - give,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
with wis - dom and grace di - vid - ing the pow - er,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head, (verse 2)
for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair. And
for young and for old, the right to be - long. (verse 4)
for just and un - just, a new way to live. And
for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free. And



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy com - pas - sion and peace; yes,



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

"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 - find - fort a bet - ter - lief.
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 ig - nor - ing,

the com - ing changed them ev - ery - one.
to break his cause and do him harm.
we feel 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.

"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 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: Holy One,

C: through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

SENDING

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

May the redeeming work of Christ guide your steps, bringing hope to the weary, and healing to the broken.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

"My Redeemer Lives"

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line with repeat dots at the end of the first line. A box labeled 'CHORUS' is placed above the notes for 'My Re-deem-er lives!'. The lyrics are: 'I know He res-cued my soul, His blood, He cov-ered my sin, I be-lieve, I be-lieve My shame, He's tak-en a-way, my pain is healed in His name, I be-lieve, I be-lieve. I'll raise a ban-ner; my Lord has con- quered the grave! My Re- deem- er lives! My Re- deem- er lives! My Re- deem- er lives! You lift my bur- den, I rise with You. I'm danc- ing on this mount-ain- top to see Your King- dom come. Repeat CHORUS 2X'.

I know He res - cued my soul, His blood, He
cov - ered my sin, I be - lieve, I be - lieve
My shame, He's tak - en a - way, my pain is
healed in His name, I be - lieve, I be - lieve.
I'll raise a ban - ner; my Lord has
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deem - er lives! You lift my bur - den,
I rise with You. I'm danc - ing on this mount
- tain - top to see Your King - dom come. Repeat CHORUS 2X

THE DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Please stay for a coffee hour following the worship service.

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