

Trinity Lutheran Church
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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

"We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men."

-Herman Melville

"My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together."

-Desmond Tutu

"Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are."

-Harold S. Kushner

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

L: We come from many places to become one congregation.

C: With different names, faces, histories, we are still one in Christ.

L: Others also gather in Christ's name.

C: We share our faith with them.

All: Make us one, O God, through our risen Lord.

PRAISE SONG

"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 feel for - got - ten
3. Go in - to the streets for and cit - ies
leav - ing tears at Je - sus' feet
those who sense their and 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 sple - did ta - ble
but here can you - not see
God's mer - be - long.
cv.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Gracious God,

C: we confess that we have turned inward, failing to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have spoken when we should have listened and remained silent when we should have spoken for justice. We have neglected those in need and overlooked your image in one another. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen.

Assurance

L: As the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep, He has given himself for you. In Christ, you are forgiven, restored, and given abundant life. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

"If I Believe in Jesus"

If I be-lieve in Je - sus, do I need to fol - low Him?
If I be-lieve in Je - sus, do I need to fol - low Him?
'Cause if I'm gon - na fol - low Him, some things are bound to change.
Time to go and love my neigh - bor;
Time to break some bread with sin - ners;
Time to help my home - less sis - ter;
time to get down on my knees;
time to weep for bro - ken dreams;
time to wash my bro - ther's feet;
time to step out on the wa - ter
time to help a wound - ed strang - er
time to speak a - gainst in - jus - tice
but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble with let - ting go of all of my things.
but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble with lov - ing my en - e - mies.
but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble con - front - ing the pow'rs that be.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky

WORD

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

First Reading

The first reading is Acts 2:42-47

42 The believers studied what the apostles taught. They shared their lives together. They ate and prayed together. 43 Everyone was amazed at what God was doing. They were amazed when the apostles performed many wonders and signs. 44 All the believers were together. They shared everything they had. 45 They sold property and other things they owned. They gave to anyone who needed something. 46 Every day they met together in the temple courtyard. They ate meals together in their homes. Their hearts were glad and sincere. 47 They praised God. They were respected by all the people. Every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

The second reading is Psalm 23

23 The LORD is my shepherd. He gives me everything I need.

2 He lets me lie down in fields of green grass.

He leads me beside quiet waters.

3 He gives me new strength.

He guides me in the right paths
for the honor of his name.

4 Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,

I will not be afraid.

You are with me.

Your shepherd's rod and staff
comfort me.

5 You prepare a feast for me
right in front of my enemies.

You pour oil on my head.

My cup runs over.

6 I am sure that your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life.

And I will live in the house of the LORD
forever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

The Gospel

John 10:1-10

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

10 “What I’m about to tell you Pharisees is true. What if someone does not enter the sheep pen through the gate but climbs in another way? That person is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him. The sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own sheep, he goes on ahead of them. His sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger. In fact, they will run away from him. They don’t recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus told this story. But the Pharisees didn’t understand what he was telling them.

⁷So Jesus said again, “What I’m about to tell you is true. I am like a gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers. But the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I’m like a gate. Anyone who enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out. And they will find plenty of food. ¹⁰A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they may have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.

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

“Love to the World”

Light the path. Shine the way. *Fine*
Send the word. Through our lives, show your love to the world.
Man - y roads up a - head, hard to see.
Ev - 'ry na - tion and tongue, ev - 'ry tribe,
To the ends of the earth bring your light.
Where is truth to be found? Can I trust and be - lieve?
all are chil - dren of God; for each one there is life.
Jus - tice. mer - cy and love. let them shine through the night.

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.

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.

Special Music

“My Lighthouse”

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: The Good Shepherd calls each of us by name.

C: We hear his voice and follow.

P: At this table, there is no stranger or outsider.

C: All who seek Christ are welcomed and fed.

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

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

“To Be Alive”

Chorus (sing twice after 2nd verse)



To be a - live is to live the love that is a - live in God's sav-

5

Fine



- ing Son who brought us back from a life of death to be a - live!

10



There is no-thing I can do to save me. On - ly God car - ries us home.
14 Join the sing-ing, join the cel - e - bra - tion. Je - sus lives, we are re-stored.



16 So we live mer - - cy, hope and free - dom,
Love a - live, giv - - ing and for - giv - ing,



lov - ing a - noth - er to be whole. To be a -
lov - ing a - noth - er to be whole.

"Break These Chains"

Wrapped in con - fu - sion, trapped in life's cage,
I hear you call - ing, call - in my name.

tied to the cra - dle and grave.
Why do I turn from you?

Cap - tive to ques - tions, shack - led by fear,
I keep on run - ning, run - ning a - way,

touch - ing the edge of faith. On - ly
far from your grace and truth.

Refrain
love can break these chains. On - ly love can break these chains. In this

whole world on - ly love can break these chains. chains. 1.,3. 2.

Break these chains. Break these chains. Break these chains. On - ly

To Refrain

“Let it Be Said of Us”

Let it be said of us: that the Lord was our pas - sion, That with
Let it be said of us: We were marked by for - give - ness, We were
glad - ness we bore love, ev - 'ry cross we were giv - en; That we
known by our love, and de - light - ed in meek - ness. We were
fought the good fight, that we fin - ished the course
ruled by His peace, heed - ing un - i - ty's course call;
Know - ing as with one - in us the pow'r of the ris - en Lord. Let the
Joined as with one - in bo - dy that Christ would be seen by all.
cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song, By
mer - cy made ho - ly, by the Spi - rit_ made_ strong. Let the
cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song 'Til the
like - ness of Je - sus be through us made known. Let the
cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song.

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

"We Are Called"

1. Come! Live in the light!
2. Come! O Sing in pen a your new heart!
3. Sing! Sing a the new song!

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

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

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

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

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stay for a coffee hour following the worship service.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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