

Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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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

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

“The best way to show our love for God is to love all His children.” **-Dorothy Day**

“Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.” **-Helen Keller**

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

L: Lord, show us the way.

C: Christ is the way—the path of love and mercy.

L: Lord, show us the truth.

C: Christ is the truth—the light in our darkness.

L: Lord, show us life.

C: Christ is the life—renewing and sending us.

L: As Christ has done great works—

C: We are called to do them also, in his name.

PRAISE SONG

“Your Love is Everlasting”



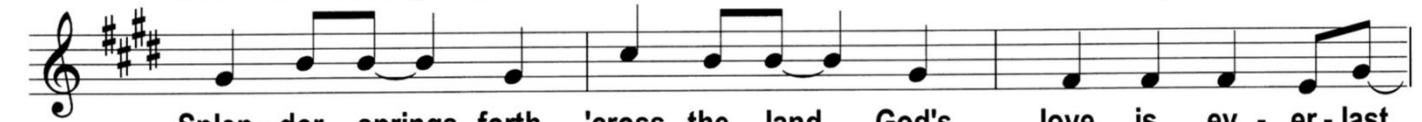
1. Since time be - gan, through cen - tu - ries, God's
2. A moth - er's womb, a brand new life. God's
- 3. Signs of hope, a voice of peace. God's



love is ev - er - last - ing. To dis - tant un - known
love is ev - er - last - ing. An emp - ty tomb, the
love is ev - er - last - ing. The pro - phet's cry for



gal - ax - ies God's love is ev - er - last - ing.
ris - en Christ. God's love is ev - er - last - ing.
war to cease, God's love is ev - er - last - ing. For the



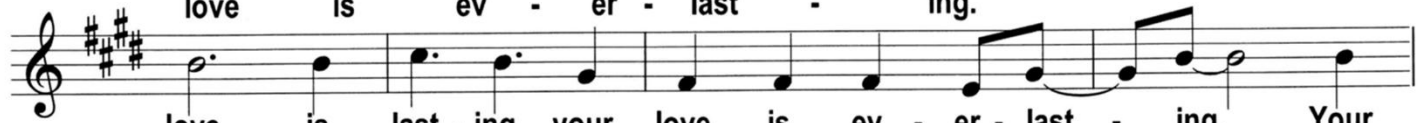
Splen - dor springs forth 'cross the land. God's love is ev - er - last
Weep - ing may last for the night. God's love is ev - er - last
down and out and high and proud, God's love is ev - er - last



- ing. A - bun - dance, shar - ing hand in hand. God's
- ing. But joy breaks forth with morn - ing light. God's
- ing. Come, all you peo - ple, shout out loud God's



love is ev - er - last - ing. Your
love is ev - er - last - ing.
love is ev - er - last - ing.



love is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - ing. Your



love is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - - ing.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Gracious God,

C: we confess that our hearts are often troubled. We cling to fear instead of trusting your promises. We look for many paths, forgetting that you have shown us the way in Jesus Christ. We fail to believe that you dwell with us and work through us. Forgive us, renew our trust, and lead us in your truth.

Assurance

L: In Christ, there is a place prepared for us, and the way is made sure.

Your sins are forgiven, your path is made clear, and God dwells with you even now.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

"Open My Heart"

O - pen my heart to your love, oh God.
Heal - er of na - tions and your love, oh hearts,
O - pen my heart to your love, oh God.

O - pen my eyes to your grace.
you are the my path - way to your peace.
O - pen my eyes to your grace.

O - pen my life to re - ceive your word. Send
Sing - er of life in the face of death, may
O - pen my life to re - ceive your word. Send

wis - dom and cour - age to fol - low your way.
we be your ves - sels so love will in - crease.
wis - dom and cour - age to fol - low your way.

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 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But he was full of the Holy Spirit. He looked up to heaven and saw God's glory. He saw Jesus standing at God's right hand. ⁵⁶ "Look!" he said. "I see heaven open. The Son of Man is standing at God's right hand."

⁵⁷ When the Sanhedrin heard this, they covered their ears. They yelled at the top of their voices. They all rushed at him. ⁵⁸ They dragged him out of the city. They began to throw stones at him to kill him. The people who had brought false charges against Stephen took off their coats. They placed them at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While the members of the Sanhedrin were throwing stones at Stephen, he prayed. "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit," he said. ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees. He cried out, "Lord! Don't hold this sin against them!" When he had said this, he died.

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 14:1-14

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God. Believe in me also. ² There are many rooms in my Father's house. If this were not true, would I have told you that I am going there? Would I have told you that I would prepare a place for you there? ³ If I go and do that, I will come back. And I will take you to be with me. Then you will also be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. So how can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father also. From now on, you do know him. And you have seen him."

⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father. That will be enough for us."

⁹ Jesus answered, "Don't you know me, Philip? I have been among you such a long time! Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. So how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father? Don't you believe that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. The Father lives in me. He is the one who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say I am in the Father. Also believe that the Father is in me. Or at least believe what the works I have been doing say about me. ¹² What I'm about to tell you is true. Anyone who believes in me will do the works I have been doing. In fact, they will do even greater things. That's because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do anything you ask in my name. Then the Father will receive glory from the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name. I will do it.

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

“Boundless Love” vs 1,3

Bound - less love touch - es and chang - es the heart of us.
Bound - less love touch - es and chang - es the heart of
us.
1.Oh Spir - it of Je - sus you and
3.Oh Spir - it of life come and
sit at our ta - ble and call us to a rad - i - cal of
move through the peo - ple con - front - ing the pow - ers of
meal _____ of bound - less love that climbs o - ver
death _____ 'cause bound - less love climbs o - ver
bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.
bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.

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.

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 says, “I am the way.”

C: We choose to follow where he leads.

P: His way is love, mercy, and truth.

C: We seek to walk in his path each day.

P: At this table, he meets us and feeds us.

C: We are strengthened to follow him in the world.

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.

All: 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

"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 - got - ten
3. Go in - to the streets 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 who the sple - did hun - ta - ger ble
but here can you - not see
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.

"Round the Table"

Come to - geth - er 'round the ta - ble. Come and taste the won - der,
a heal - ing touch and a deep con - nec - tion from the liv - ing
cen - ter of it all. Seek - ing mean - ing on the run
Bring a friend or en - e - my
Hear cre - a - tion groan for life.
you try and save the day. But all is read - y
or one you hold or blame. With each oth - er
Will hate and hun - ger cease? In the roar of
will you come? Love in - vites the way.
we are one, here in Je - sus' name.
vi - o - lence the world cries for peace.

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

"Ubuntu"

(pronounced "oom-BOON-too")

Chorus



U - bun- tul U - bun- tul
shar- ing our vi - sions and dreams. U - bun- tul where
jus- tice flows like a life giv - ing stream. The
peo- ple to - geth- er join - ing our hearts and our
hands to wel - come the strang - er and cher - ish the friend and to
work for the peace of the land and so we do lifel

Verses (echo song leader)

1. ... Sisters and brothers ... made for communion ... bound to each other ... one holy union
... Drawn by a vision ... drawn by desire ... drawn to the circle ... round God's holy fire,
2. ... Called now we follow ... Jesus our brother ... Who gathers his children ... just like a mother
... Tenderly holding ... this new creation ... Making and molding ... a new holy nation,
3. ... This is our vision ... life's in the sharing ... Holding back nothing ... dreaming and daring,
... To live this communion ... that breaks us and binds us
... Holds us and heals us ... frees us and finds us

Bridge



1. Made by God's po - wer to live as God's own;
2. Marked by the wa - ter and giv - en our name,
3. God, give us cour - age to do what we say,
made to be seen and be heard and to be known!
moved by God's Spir - it, re - vived by hol - y flamel
Christ, give us strength for the liv - ing of these days.

THE DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stay for a coffee hour following the worship service.

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