

Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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Trinity Sunday

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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

"Today, if we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." **-Mother Teresa**

"Security is having the Word of God in your own language. Peace is having the Word of God in your heart." **-Corrie ten Boom**

"The Christian faith is meant to be deeply personal but never solitary" **-Anonymous**

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God of love and peace.

C: We come to worship and give thanks.

L: God calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

C: Help us treat one another with kindness and respect.

L: Jesus teaches us mercy, forgiveness, and compassion.

C: Help us live in peace with all people.

L: The Holy Spirit unites us as one family in Christ.

C: Let us worship God with joyful hearts. Amen.

PRAISE SONG

"To Be Alive"

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line starts with a 7-measure rest, followed by a repeat sign and a 7-measure rest, then continues with the melody. The second line ends with a 'Fine' marking. The third line begins with a 7-measure rest. The fourth line ends with a 7-measure rest. The fifth line concludes with a double bar line and repeat sign.

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

14 There is no-thing I can do to save me. On - ly God car - ries us home.
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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Holy and Gracious God,

C: you created us to live in relationship with you and with one another, but we do not always share your love as freely as you share it with us. We hold onto anger, we overlook neighbors in need, and we forget that your grace is meant to flow through us into the world. Forgive us, restore us, and guide us by your Spirit, so that our lives may reflect the love of Christ each day. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Beloved children of God, the holy Trinity is full of mercy, grace, and endless love.

Through Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Holy Spirit is renewing you even now and sending you to share God's compassion, hope, and peace with others. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

“Everything is Grace”

Ev - 'ry - thing is grace as we see in oth - ers God's
lov - ing face. Grate - ful peo - ple em - brace e - ven the
pains in life, with God they turn and face... Ev - 'ry
mo - ment we live by faith. Ev - 'ry breath that we breathe is grace.
Ev - 'ry - thing that we live is grace.
Can we live with sor - row and will with joy? With
In the dark - ness there and will be light. A - midst de -
con - flict and al - so peace? Must a
spair you will find hope. In your
shade be on - ly dark or light for us to keep our san - i - ty?
weak - est mo - ment there'll be strength. And out of death new life is born.
Could it be that night and day and danc - ing and
When you see the face of pain find a home, ... trust the
mourn - ing are all a part know part of the same move - ment?
pro - mise you al - read - y know ... 'cause you know...

WORD

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

First Reading

The first reading is Genesis 1:1-2:4

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth didn't have any shape. And it was empty. There was darkness over the surface of the waves. At that time, the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

3 God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light "day." He called the darkness "night." There was evening, and there was morning. It was day one.

6 God said, "Let there be a huge space between the waters. Let it separate water from water." **7** And that's exactly what happened. God made the huge space between the waters. He separated the water under the space from the water above it. **8** God called the huge space "sky." There was evening, and there was morning. It was day two.

9 God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place. Let dry ground appear." And that's exactly what happened. **10** God called the dry ground "land." He called all the water that was gathered together "seas." And God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, "Let the land produce plants. Let them produce their own seeds. And let there be trees on the land that grow fruit with seeds in it. Let each kind of plant or tree have its own kind of seeds." And that's exactly what happened. **12** So the land produced plants. Each kind of plant had its own kind of seeds. And the land produced trees that grew fruit with seeds in it. Each kind of tree had its own kind of seeds. God saw that it was good. **13** There was evening, and there was morning. It was day three.

14 God said, "Let there be lights in the huge space of the sky. Let them separate the day from the night. Let the lights set the times for the holy celebrations and the days and the years. **15** Let them be lights in the huge space of the sky to give light on the earth." And that's exactly what happened. **16** God made two great lights. He made the larger light to rule over the day and the smaller light to rule over the night. He also made the stars. **17** God put the lights in the huge space of the sky to give light on the earth. **18** He put them there to rule over the day and the night. He put them there to separate light from darkness. God saw that it was good. **19** There was evening, and there was morning. It was day four.

20 God said, "Let the seas be filled with living things. Let birds fly above the earth across the huge space of the sky." **21** So God created the great sea creatures. He created every kind of living thing that fills the seas and moves about in them. He created every kind of bird that flies. And God saw that it was good. **22** God blessed them. He said, "Have little ones so that there will be many of you. Fill the water in the seas. Let there be more and more birds on the earth." **23** There was evening, and there was morning. It was day five.

24 God said, "Let the land produce every kind of living creature. Let there be livestock, and creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals." And that's exactly what happened. **25** God made every kind of wild animal. He made every kind of livestock. He made every kind of creature that moves along the ground. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make human beings so that they are like us. Let them rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the livestock and all the wild animals. And let them rule over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷ So God created human beings in his own likeness.

He created them to be like himself.

He created them as male and female.

²⁸ God blessed them. He said to them, “Have children so that there will be many of you. Fill the earth and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Rule over every living creature that moves along the ground.”

²⁹ Then God said, “I am giving you every plant on the face of the whole earth that produces its own seeds. I am giving you every tree that has fruit with seeds in it. All of them will be given to you for food. ³⁰ I am giving every green plant as food for all the land animals and for all the birds in the sky. I am also giving the plants to all the creatures that move along the ground. I am giving them to every living thing that breathes.” And that’s exactly what happened.

³¹ God saw everything he had made. And it was very good. There was evening, and there was morning. It was day six.

2 So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed.

² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing. So on that day he rested from all his work. ³ God blessed the seventh day and made it holy. He blessed it because on that day he rested from all the work he had done.

⁴ Here is the story of the heavens and the earth when they were created. The Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

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 28:16-20

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Then the 11 disciples went to Galilee. They went to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him. But some still had their doubts. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them. He said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end.”

The Gospel Response:

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE RESPONSE

"God is Still Speaking"

Like the proph - ets of old we are still be - ing called.
 Like dis - ci - ples of old we are still be - ing sent
 When we're called to the pur - pose of God, we can trust

The Di - vine is still speak - ing. Like the proph - ets of old
 in - to fields of God's har - vest. Har - vest time is up - on
 God will guide and sus - tain us. There's a pro - mise that tells

we are of - ten a - fraid to ac - cept what we hear.
 us but there are too few who are will - ing to work,
 us that all things are work - ing to - geth - er for good.

Time has come to be bold and to set fear a - side;
 and as Je - sus once told his dis - ci - ples, this world
 As we serve may we al - so be hum - ble e - nough

so we pray now for cour - age to re - spond to the call,
 will not al - ways re - ceive us. Still we la - bor in love,
 to ad - mit when we fal - ter. May we strug - gle to be

glad - ly risk - ing it all, trust - ing God will pro - vide.
 love that's trans - form - ing us as it's chang - ing this world.
 o - pen and lis - ten - ing as we dare to pro - claim:

God is still speak - ing fresh words of life, O Spir - it help us to
 clear - ly dis - cern Your words of jus - tice and lov - ing kind - ness,

1.,2. which sum - mon us to serve. 3. which sum - mon us to serve.

THE PRAYERS (Please stand as you are able)

P: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

(Each petition ends: “God of grace”. The congregation responds: “Hear our prayer”)

P: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our 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 **“Church Without Walls”** Rick Gilbertson, Phil Pierce

Offering Prayer (Please stand as you are able)

P: Loving God,

C: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

P: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—one God, full of love—invite us to the table.

C: We come hungry for grace and hope.

P: Jesus meets us here in bread and wine.

C: Thanks be to God for Jesus’ welcome.

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.
We commune by intinction. 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

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Refrain

"One Spirit"

One Spir - it leads_ us. One Spir - it guides_ us.

One Ho - ly Spir__ - it binds us all. *Song ending.*

In God's fam' - ly we all be -
There is no - bod__ - y just like
Je - sus showed us__ the way to

long.____ Two to - geth - er__ are bet - ter than
you.____ Do what you do best__ and I__ will,
love,____ by nev - er put - ting__ him - self__ a -

one.____ One gives a hand to one who's
too.____ This world is big and deep and
bove.____ And though we walk on diff - rent

down. A cord of three strands is so strong.
broad. There's more than one way to serve God.
streets, we ought to wash each oth - ers' feet.

"Come Just As You Are"

1. Come just as you are; Hear the Spi - rit call. ___
2. Come just as you are; Hear the Spi - rit call. ___

Come just as you are; Come and see, come, re - ceive;
Come just as you are; Come, re - ceive Christ the King;

Come and live ___ for - ev - er. Life ev - er -
Come and live ___ for - ev - er more. *Song Ending*

last - ing, and strength for to - day; ___ Taste ___ the Liv - ing
Wa - ter, ___ and nev - er thirst a - gain. *(repeat verse 2)*

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: Compassionate God,

C: through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

P: God sends you into the world to be people of hope, mercy, and joy. Love your neighbor, care for creation, and trust the Spirit to lead the way. Thanks be to God.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

"We Are A Rainbow"

1. We're the light of all the world; we are a
2. We are coat of man - y col - ors, sewn from
3. We are hope to still be - lieve _____ in to -
4. When we face the storms of life _____ we will

cit - y on a hill; we're a can - dle on a stand
man - y dif - f'rent threads, cov - 'ring all in warmth, in wel
morrow's be - ter day. We are peace_ in a world
nev - er be a - lone for our God_ will be with

pro - claim - ing light,. We will not hide our lamp
- come and in grace. God said, "let there be light,"
that's torn a - part. We are joy that will last
us on the way. Hand in hand, side by side,

be - neath a bush - el an - y - more. We will
cre - at - ed ev - 'ry va - ried shade. In the
in all the strug - gles that we face. We are
we won't be fright - ened an - y - more as the

shine a ray of hope that's burn - ing bright. We
rain - bow, each of us can find a place. We
love that blooms and grows in ev - 'ry heart. We
mourn - ing night of tears breaks in - to day. We

are a rain - bow, sign of cov - e - nant and peace for the
flood of tears will fin - 'lly cease to be. Come shine your rain - bow,
splash your hues a - cross the sky. (Paint the world in col - ors
proud and bold and free.) Repeat (tag) last time.

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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