

Trinity Lutheran Church
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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TRINITY WELCOME

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

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"They tried to bury us, but they didn't know we were seeds"- Dinos Christianopoulos

"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right." -Rosa Parks

*"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."
-Jane Goodall*

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

L: Jesus says, "Do not be afraid."

C: God is with us wherever we go.

L: When doing right is difficult,

C: Christ gives us courage.

L: When our neighbors need justice and compassion,

C: We will answer God's call.

L: Come, worship the One who knows and loves us.

C: We gather to follow Jesus with brave hearts.

PRAISE SONG

“Let This Be a Place”

Let this be a place, Lord where he - roes are fash - ioned;
filled with your fire, Lord, fueled with your pas - sion.
Ev - ery - day peo - ple, walk - ing with cour - age in - to the
1. night, bring - ing the light of a new day.
Lord you have called the young and na - ive, skept - ics and cyn - ics, who
hard - ly be - lieve. Lord, you have called the wea - ry and old,
mak - ing the tim - id, cou - ra - geous and bold.
Dar - ing to face all e - vil and wrong, tell - ing the truth with a
voice clear and strong; Dar - ing to live out the words that we say;
show - ing the world a more ex - cel - lent way Let this be a
2. night, bring - ing the light of a new day;
in - to the night, bring - ing the light of a new day.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Holy and merciful God,

C: You call us to take up our cross and follow Jesus, yet we fear rejection, criticism, and loss, and so we remain silent when truth should be spoken. Forgive us for the times we have failed to act with courage, ignored opportunities to do justice, or chosen comfort over action. Renew us by your Spirit and strengthen us to follow Christ faithfully.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: In Christ, we are forgiven, strengthened, and empowered to live with courage, to speak the truth in love, and to do what is right, even when it is difficult. Go in peace, trusting in God's grace and faithfulness. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

"Take Up Your Cross"

The musical score is written for a single voice in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of ten staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: - In a world of man- y - voice- es call The call is hard to swal- low. Take up your cross - ing and at me, low. it's hard to hear the one that's true. and fol - low. The words reach deep in - side of me. - E - ven when I hear it, I find my- self so trou - bled, - when my heart dis - cerns it, I lack the will to lose my life, be - hum - ble, the sins with- in to re - see fuse it through. see. Though I'm fall - ing, fall - ing, the voice is al - ways call - ing. Take up your cross. Take up your cross and fol - low me and fol - low me.

WORD

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

First Reading

The first reading is Romans 6:16-21

¹⁶ Don't you know that when you give yourselves to obey someone you become that person's slave? If you are slaves of sin, then you will die. But if you are slaves who obey God, then you will live a godly life. ¹⁷ You used to be slaves of sin. But thank God that with your whole heart you obeyed the teachings you were given! ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin. You have become slaves to right living.

¹⁹ Because you are human, you find this hard to understand. So I am using an everyday example to help you understand. You used to give yourselves to be slaves to unclean living. You were becoming more and more evil. Now give yourselves to be slaves to right living. Then you will become holy. ²⁰ Once you were slaves of sin. At that time right living did not control you. ²¹ What benefit did you gain from doing the things you are now ashamed of? Those things lead to death!

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 10:24-39**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ "The student is not better than the teacher. A slave is not better than his master. ²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers. And it is enough for slaves to be like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, what can the others who live there expect?

²⁶ "So don't be afraid of your enemies. Everything that is secret will be brought out into the open. Everything that is hidden will be uncovered. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight. What is whispered in your ear, shout from the rooftops. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but can't kill the soul. Instead, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Aren't two sparrows sold for only a penny? But not one of them falls to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰ He even counts every hair on your head! ³¹ So don't be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

³² "What if someone says in front of others that they know me? I will also say in front of my Father who is in heaven that I know them. ³³ But what if someone says in front of others that they don't know me? I will say in front of my Father who is in heaven that I don't know them.

³⁴ "Do not think that I came to bring peace to the earth. I didn't come to bring peace. I came to bring a sword. ³⁵ I have come to turn " 'sons against their fathers. Daughters will refuse to obey their mothers. Daughters-in-law will be against their mothers-in-law. ³⁶ A man's enemies will be the members of his own family.'

37 "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me. Anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 Whoever does not pick up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds their life will lose it. Whoever loses their life because of me will find 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

(Please Stand)

"God of the Movements and Martyrs"

1. God of the move - ments and mar - tyrs, God of the pow - er - less
 3. God of the cir - cle that holds us, God of the ones pushed a -
 child, God of the hurt and the hope - less and un - rec - on - ciled,
 way, we will reach out to our neigh - bors, in your name we'll say:
 - God of the just and the faith - ful, - God of the night and the
 No mat - ter your creed or your coun - try, no mat - ter the hue of your
 day, - God of the whole of cre - a - tion, in your name we
 skin, your age, who you love, or the bod - y your soul was born
 pray; - Man - y have fol - lowed the sav - ior -
 in, no mat - ter the plac - es you're bro - ken, no
 in - to the face of the storm, - strength - ened by long gen - er -
 mat - ter the things you have done, - lay down that weight on the
 a - tions, by love they were formed. In base - ments of tall stee - pled
 al - tar, a new day's be - gun. - You are a child of the
 church - es, in shad - ows of fenc - es and walls, in al - leys and hall - ways of
 mak - er, - you are be - lov - ed and known, - [join us in work of the
 pow - er, they an - swered your call.
 kin - dom, we wel - come you home.

Repeat last phrase v. 3

THE PRAYERS

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.

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: Christ calls disciples to speak the truth in love.

C: We will shine with the light God has given us.

P: Though following Jesus may bring challenge and division,

C: We choose the way of faith, justice, compassion, and mercy.

P: Come and receive the bread of life.

C: We come to be nourished for God's work 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. 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

"Cross of Christ"



Hearts on fire with hope and grief;
Some - one has a heav - y load,
Riv - ers filled with mys - ter - y

There is doubt and there's be - lief. Some will trust, a
stran - ger hurt a - long the road. Some will walk right
flow - ing for e - ter - ni - ty. Ev - 'ry child of

bless - ed faith; oth - ers need to touch the wounds of grace.
by this place. Who will stop to be the hands of grace?
ev' - ry race, wel - come to - God's a - bound - ing grace.

Look - ing through the cross of Christ, we die and rise a - gain.

New cre - a - tion, gift of life, love that has no end.

“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.

"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: Loving Lord,

C: you have fed us at your table and called us your own. We give you thanks for the grace we have received in Christ Jesus. Help us to stand firm for what is right and just when fear tries to silence our voices. Fill us with compassion for our neighbors as you send us out to plant seeds of goodness and hope in the world.

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

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

1. Come, set Your rule and reign in our hearts a -
2. (We) seek Your King - dom first. We hun - ger and we
3. (Un) - leash Your King - dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and

gain. In crease in us, we pray. Un - veil why we're made. Come
thirst; re - fuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize. To
far. No force of hell can stop Your beaut - y chang - ing hearts. You

set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our
see the cap - tive's heart re - leased; the hurt, the sick, the
made us for much more than this. A - wake the King - dom

ver - y souls. Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us now.
poor at peace. We lay down our lives for Heav - en's cause.
seed in us. Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

1. Sing v. 2 | 2.,3. To chorus

We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us. 2. We
We are Your church. We pray re - vive this earth.
We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.

Build Your King - dom here. Let the dark - ness fear. Show Your
might - y hand. Heal our streets and land. Set Your church on
fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the at - mos - phere. Build Your
King - dom here, we pray. 2 | 1. Sing v. 3 | 2. Repeat chorus
3. Un - Build Your

THE DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Be courageous. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stay for a coffee hour following the worship service.

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