

Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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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

"What we plant in the soil of contemplation, we shall reap in the harvest of action."

-Meister Eckhart

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."

-Chinese proverb

"No man can go back and make a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."

-Carl Bard

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

L: Jesus invites us to listen for God's voice today.

C: We quiet our hearts and open our lives.

L: God's Word brings comfort, challenge, and new beginnings.

C: Help us hear with understanding and respond with love.

L: The Spirit is at work, helping faith grow within us.

C: May our lives reflect the goodness of God.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord with thankful hearts.

C: We worship with hope, for God is always bringing new life from every seed of faith.

PRAISE SONG

“People of Hope”

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "We are peo-ple of hope a-live in the mys-t'ry, grow-ing in faith, learn-ing to love. We are peo-ple of hope through-out all of his-t'ry, held by the one who will nev-er let go. We are dead in our striv-ing for wealth and for might We are what God has made us, cre-a-ted in Christ but God, rich in mer-cy, has loved us to life. We are for jus-tice and mer-cy to be our way of life. We are In the jour-ney ev-'ry day we're led by the Word, saved by grace. We are". The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, slurs, and triplets. It also contains performance directions: "Fine" above the staff, "3rd time to Coda" above the staff, and "Coda" above the staff.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we do not always listen carefully to your Word or follow where you lead. Too often we rely on our own strength instead of the power of your Spirit and fail to love our neighbors as you have loved us. Create in us hearts that are ready to receive your grace and grow in faithful service.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: In Jesus Christ, God has claimed you as beloved, and forgiven all your sins. The Spirit who raised Christ from the dead lives in you, leading you into the fullness of God's life. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

“Lord, I Need You”



Lord, I come, I con-fess. bow-ing here, I find my



rest. With-out You, I fall a - part. You're the one that guides my

CHORUS



heart. Lord I need You, oh _ I need You. Ev - 'ry hour I

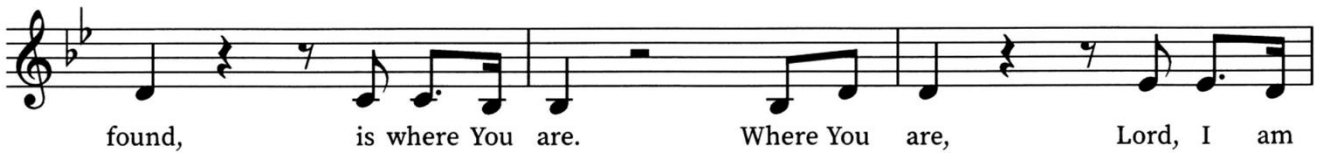
repeat last time



need You. My one de-fense. My right-ous-ness. oh God, how I need You.



Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is



found, is where You are. Where You are, Lord, I am



free. Ho - li - ness is Christ in me. (to chorus, 2x)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky

WORD

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

First Reading

The first reading is Romans 8:1-11

8 Those who belong to Christ Jesus are no longer under God's judgment. ² Because of what Christ Jesus has done, you are free. You are now controlled by the law of the Holy Spirit who gives you life. The law of the Spirit frees you from the law of sin that brings death. ³ The written law was made weak by the power of sin. But God did what the written law could not do. He made his Son to be like those who live under the power of sin. God sent him to be an offering for sin. Jesus suffered God's judgment against our sin. ⁴ Jesus does for us everything the holy law requires. The power of sin should no longer control the way we live. The Holy Spirit should control the way we live.

⁵ So don't live under the control of sin. If you do, you will think about what sin wants. Live under the control of the Holy Spirit. If you do, you will think about what the Spirit wants. ⁶ The thoughts of a person ruled by sin bring death. But the mind ruled by the Spirit brings life and peace. ⁷ The mind ruled by the power of sin is at war with God. It does not obey God's law. It can't. ⁸ Those who are under the power of sin can't please God. ⁹ But you are not ruled by the power of sin. Instead, the Holy Spirit rules over you. This is true if the Spirit of God lives in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ If Christ lives in you, you will live. Though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life. The Spirit does this because you have been made right with God. ¹¹ The Spirit of the God who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you. So the God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your bodies. He will do this because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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 13:1-9, 13:18-23

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

13 That same day Jesus left the house and sat by the Sea of Galilee. ² Large crowds gathered around him. So he got into a boat and sat down. All the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things using stories. He said, "A farmer went out to plant his seed. ⁴ He scattered the seed on the ground. Some fell on a path. Birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some seed fell on rocky places, where there wasn't much soil. The plants came up quickly, because the soil wasn't deep. ⁶ When the sun came up, it burned the plants. They dried up because they had no roots. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and crowded out the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It produced a crop 100, 60 or 30 times more than what was planted. ⁹ Whoever has ears should listen."

¹⁸ “Listen! Here is the meaning of the story of the farmer. ¹⁹ People hear the message about the kingdom but do not understand it. Then the evil one comes. He steals what was planted in their hearts. Those people are like the seed planted on a path. ²⁰ The seed that fell on rocky places is like other people. They hear the message and at once receive it with joy. ²¹ But they have no roots. So they last only a short time. They quickly fall away from the faith when trouble or suffering comes because of the message. ²² The seed that fell among the thorns is like others who hear the message. But then the worries of this life and the false promises of wealth crowd it out. They keep the message from producing fruit. ²³ But the seed that fell on good soil is like those who hear the message and understand it. They produce a crop 100, 60 or 30 times more than the farmer planted.”

The Gospel Response:

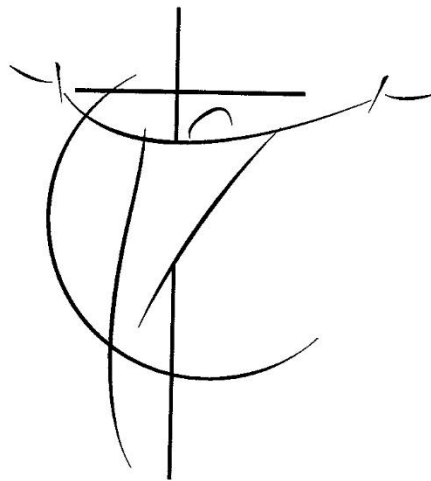
P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky



MESSAGE RESPONSE

(Please Stand)

“May Love Rise Above”

The beau - ty and the blood - shed runs deep and wide from the
The cour - age and the cau - tion, it fills the air from the
The pro - mise and the pas - sion rings loud and strong as a
cen - ter of the city - y to the roll - ing coun - try - side. The
chil - dren on the play - ground to the wom - an on the stairs. There's a
gen - er - a - tion search - es for a free - dom lov - ing song. Still the
heal - ing and the suff' - ring runs far and near. There is
calm up - on the wa - ter but down and be - low oh the
mem - o - ries are haunt - ing, will they block the way? What can
hope for each to - mor - row but still so man - y fears.
anx - ious hearts are beat - ing, will this peace ev - er hold?
bring us all to - geth - er to start a brand new day?
Oh may love rise a - bove the moun - tains. May love rise a - bove
the plains. May love rise a - bove the ha - tred. May
love rise a - bove all the pain, rise a - bove it all,
oh _____ rise a - bove it all, oh _____

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: God’s Word is scattered generously upon the earth.

C: May our hearts be open to the voice of God.

P: Jesus invites us to this feast of grace.

C: Here we receive forgiveness, mercy, and new life.

P: God plants hope within us and calls us to walk in faith.

C: We trust in God’s presence and follow Christ’s way.

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

“Lord of Justice”

Lord of jus - tice, Lord of life, help us to do what you
 know is right Oh, oh, oh, Lord of jus - tice, Lord of life,
Fine
 guide us through the day and night. To the strang - er may we give
 To the wound - ed may we give
 wel - come, to the hun - gry may we give bread. To the
 heal - ing, to the voice - less may we give words. To the
 nak - ed may we give cloth - ing, to the
 cap - tives may we give free - dom, to the
 home - less a place to lay their head.
 tor - tured re - lease from all the hurt.

“Everyone is a Child of God”

We are wait - ing, we are watch - ing, we are
 You are good - ness, You are mer - cy, You are
 hop - ing to see in the dis - tance, in the
 deep mys - ter - y, in the si - lence You have
 dark - ness a light that sets us free. To see ev' - ry - one
 spo - ken a love that sets us free.
 ev' - ry - one is a child of God. See ev' - ry - one
Fine
 ev' - ry - one is a child, a beau - ti - ful child of God. *D.S. al Fine*
 Set us free. Set us free to see ev' - ry - one

“Open My Heart to Your Love”



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

O - pen are my eyes path to your grace.
 you are my eyes path to your grace.
 O - pen my life to re - ceive your word.
 Sing - er of life in the - ceive of death,
 O - pen my life to re - ceive your word. Send may Send 3

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

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: **in this meal you have fed us with grace and called us to be sowers of your kingdom. Guide our hands and hearts toward acts of justice, compassion for the hurting, and love for our neighbors. May our lives proclaim the hope we have received and bring healing to a world in need. 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

“Great Is Your Love”



Giv-er of life, Be - gin-ning and End. Light of the world — the

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Ran-som for sin, — how great is Your love — that You would — call — me Your child

7



Lord a-bove — all — the King that has come —

11




Hope for the na-tions You're God's on - ly Son — How great is Your love — that

14



You would call — me Your child — So deep — So wide .

18




is the love that you lav - ish on me — So long — so high .

22



oh, great is your Love — great is Your Love — for me —

26



Giv-er of life, Be - gin-ning and End. Light of the world — the

31 Ran-som for sin, _ how great is Your love _ that You would _ call _ me Your child

35 Lord a-bove _ all _ the King that has come _

38 Hope for the na-tions You're God's on - ly Son _ How great is Your love _ that

42 You would call _ me Your child _ So deep _ So wide .

46 is the love that you lav - ish on me _ So long _ so high .

49 oh, great is your Love _ great is Your Love _ So deep,

53 _ So wide _ is the love that you lav - ish on me _ So long .

56 _ so high _ oh, great is your Love _

great is Your Love _ for me _

THE DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve 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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