

Trinity Lutheran Church
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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

"Every saint has a past. Every sinner has a future."

-Oscar Wilde

"The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." **-Theodore Parker**

"When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won."

-Mahatma Gandhi

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

L: God calls us together to worship, to pray, and to live as disciples of Christ.

C: We gather to be renewed in love and filled with hope.

L: Even when we cannot see the whole picture, God is faithfully at work.

C: We choose to live with trust in God's promises.

L: God's kingdom is growing among us, often in quiet and unexpected ways.

C: We will live each day sharing kindness, mercy, and peace.

L: Let us worship the Lord of the harvest, whose love never fails.

C: We rejoice in the gift of living as God's beloved people.

PRAISE SONG

"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

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: Merciful God,

C: you know our hearts completely. You see both the good you have planted within us and the brokenness we struggle to overcome. Too often we lose patience with others and with ourselves. We fail to trust your timing, your justice, and your unfailing love. We confess the ways we have harmed others by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Surround us with your grace, strengthen us with your Spirit, and teach us to love as Christ loves us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: God is patient, gracious, and abounding in steadfast love. In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, your life is renewed, and your future is held securely in God's hands. Go in peace, confident that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Bear the fruits of faith, hope, and love as you await the fullness of God's kingdom.
Amen.

RESPONSE

“Glory to the Love”

Refrain



Glo-ry to the love, Glo - ry to the life, Glo - ry to the Child of Light. From heav-en to earth a-cross

Fine last time. *Verse*



the u - ni-verse Glo - ry to the peace of Christ. Mov - ing, reach - ing,
Teach - ing, heal - ing,
Guid - ing Spir - it,

to Refrain



in - to our lives, seeds of prom - ise stir - ring in - side.
seek - ing the lost. Turn - ing ta - bles, bear - ing the cross.
o - pen us wide, to see Christ in each oth - ers' eyes.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

John Kenworthy

WORD

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

First Reading

The first reading is Romans 8:12-25

¹² Brothers and sisters, we have a duty. Our duty is not to live under the power of sin. ¹³ If you live under the power of sin, you will die. But by the Spirit's power you can put to death the sins you commit. Then you will live.

¹⁴ Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received doesn't make you slaves. Otherwise, you would live in fear again. Instead, the Holy Spirit you received made you God's adopted child. By the Spirit's power we call God Abba. Abba means Father. ¹⁶ The Spirit himself joins with our spirits. Together they tell us that we are God's children. ¹⁷ As his children, we will receive all that he has for us. We will share what Christ receives. But we must share in his sufferings if we want to share in his glory.

¹⁸ What we are suffering now is nothing compared with our future glory. ¹⁹ Everything God created looks forward to the future. That will be the time when his children appear in their full and final glory. ²⁰ The created world was held back from fulfilling its purpose. But this was not the result of its own choice. It was planned that way by the one who held it back. God planned ²¹ to set the created world free. He didn't want it to rot away. Instead, God wanted it to have the same freedom and glory that his children have.

²² We know that all that God created has been groaning. It is in pain as if it were giving birth to a child. The created world continues to groan even now. ²³ And that's not all. We have the Holy Spirit as the promise of future blessing. But we also groan inside ourselves. We do this as we look forward to the time when God adopts us as full members of his family. Then he will give us everything he has for us. He will raise our bodies and give glory to them. ²⁴ That's the hope we had when we were saved. But hope that can be seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ We hope for what we don't have yet. So, we are patient as we wait for it.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸ "An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹ "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time, I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

The Gospel Response:

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE

Nate Shubat

MESSAGE RESPONSE

(Please Stand)

"God's Love Will Hold Us"

Chorus



No mat-ter what to-mor - row brings, (God's love will hold us.)
Sing last phrase 3X at end of song.

Verse 1



1. When it's all been said and done, and the time has fin -'ly come to ac-
cept the thing that's hard-est to ac -cept, when the ta -ble has been cleared but the
sad-ness and the fear get so heav-y that it's ea - sy to for-get: *Chorus*

Verse 2



2. When the time is draw-ing near to con -front the things we fear; yet our
cer -tain-ty and cour-age start to fade, if some-how we feel be-trayed, and we're
an - xious and a- afraid, and we're pray - ing, "Does it have to be this way?" *Chorus*

Verse 3



3. When our strength is all but gone, and we're bare-ly hold-ing on, let's re-
mem -ber God is hold-ing on to us. We'll be giv -en what we need to en-
dure the pain and grief e-ven when our doubts feel strong - er than our trust. *Chorus*

THE PRAYERS

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

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

P: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

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: Jesus teaches that God's kingdom grows even where wheat and weeds stand together.

C: God's love is patient, and God's grace never gives up on us.

P: Christ welcomes us to this table, not because we are perfect, but because we are loved.

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

P: Come, for all is ready in Christ's abundant love.

C: We come with thankful hearts to receive Christ and to share God's love with 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

"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.

“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.

“Grace Alone”

1. Ev - 'ry pro - mise we can make, ev - 'ry prayer and step of faith,
 2. Ev - 'ry soul we long to reach, ev - 'ry heart we hope to teach,
 Ev - 'ry dif - f'rence we will make is on - ly by His grace.
 Ev - 'ry - where we share His peace is on - ly by His grace.
 Ev - 'ry moun - tain we will climb, ev - 'ry ray of hope we shine,
 Ev - 'ry lov - ing word we say, ev - 'ry tear we wipe a - way,
 Ev - 'ry bless - ing left be - hind is on - ly by His His
 Ev - 'ry sor - row turned to praise is on - ly by His
 grace. Grace a - lone which God sup - plies, strength un - known He will pro
 - vide. Christ in us, our Cor - ner - stone, we will go forth in grace a
 1. - lone. 2. lone. We will go forth in grace a - lone.

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 with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Your grace sustains us while we wait for the fullness of your kingdom. Keep us from judging others too quickly, and teach us instead to cultivate compassion, justice, and faithfulness. Empower us by your Spirit to shine with Christ's light in the world until the day when all creation is gathered into your eternal harvest. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

"Lead Us Out"

Lead us up. We want to know You bet - ter. Lead us up.
Lead us in. We want to love like You do. Lead us in.
Lead us out. We want to be a bless - ing. Lead us out

- Fill our hearts and make us more like You. Lead us up.
- Make of us one bod - y in Your love. Lead us in.
in - to the world You gave Your life to save. Lead us out

- Ev - er grow - ing an - clo - ser. Oh lead us
- Lov - ing one an - oth - er. Oh lead us
to tell them all a - bout You. Oh lead us

up in - to You, Lord. Lead us up. Lead us in. Lead us out
in Your love, O Lord.
out in - to Your world.

in - to Your world. Lead us now, and we'll fol - low you to -
day. Lead us on - ward by Your grace, un - til we see Your face. Lead us

out in - to Your world. 1., 2. world. 3. Lead us out in - to Your
world. Lead us out in - to Your world.

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

Pastor: Pastor Howard Vrankin

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Communion Servers:

Communion Baker: Candy Sarauer

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Rick Gilbertson, Gaytha Hillman

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