

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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The 9th 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

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."

-Robert Louis Stevenson

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world".

-Desmond Tutu

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

L: God's kingdom is a treasure hidden in plain sight.

C: Open our eyes to see its beauty and worth.

L: God's wisdom is like a pearl beyond compare.

C: Give us courage to let go of all our worries that keep us from following Christ.

L: Jesus gathers people from every nation and every walk of life.

C: Teach us to welcome all with grace and compassion.

L: The Spirit sends us into the world.

C: We will walk with courage, mercy, and hope, following the way Jesus taught.

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, skep - tics 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.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 6/8 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and ties. The lyrics are placed directly beneath the corresponding notes. The score includes a first ending bracketed '1.' and a second ending bracketed '2.'. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Merciful God,

C: you have shown us the treasure of your kingdom, yet we too often settle for things that cannot last. We overlook and doubt the small signs of your presence, ignore opportunities to love our neighbors, and cling to fear instead of trusting your promises. We have allowed fear, pride, and impatience to shape our lives more than your grace. Precious Lord, transform us by your Spirit and make us faithful witnesses to your love. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news: Christ has found you, claimed you, and forgiven you. The kingdom of God is already at work within you, growing through God's grace. You are freed to live with hope, knowing that God's promises are sure. Go with confidence and peace knowing that nothing can separate you from the love that has claimed you as God's own. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

"More Precious Than Silver"

Lord, You are more pre - cious than sil - ver;

Lord, You are more cost - ly than gold.

Lord, You are more beau - ti - ful_ than dia - monds, And

noth - ing I de - sire com - pares with You._____

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 8:26-39

²⁶ In the same way, the Holy Spirit helps us when we are weak. We don't know what we should pray for. But the Spirit himself prays for us. He prays through groans too deep for words. ²⁷ God, who looks into our hearts, knows the mind of the Spirit. And the Spirit prays for God's people just as God wants him to pray.

²⁸ We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. He appointed them to be saved in keeping with his purpose. ²⁹ God planned that those he had chosen would become like his Son. In that way, Christ will be the first and most honored among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those God has planned for, he has also appointed to be saved. Those he has appointed, he has made right with himself. To those he has made right with himself, he has given his glory.

³¹ What should we say then? Since God is on our side, who can be against us? ³² God did not spare his own Son. He gave him up for us all. Then won't he also freely give us everything else? ³³ Who can bring any charge against God's chosen ones? God makes us right with himself. ³⁴ Then who can sentence us to death? No one. Christ Jesus is at the right hand of God and is also praying for us. He died. More than that, he was raised to life. ³⁵ Who can separate us from Christ's love? Can trouble or hard times or harm or hunger? Can nakedness or danger or war? ³⁶ It is written,

“Because of you, we face death all day long.

We are considered as sheep to be killed.”

³⁷ No! In all these things we are more than winners! We owe it all to Christ, who has loved us. ³⁸ I am absolutely sure that not even death or life can separate us from God's love. Not even angels or demons, the present or the future, or any powers can separate us. ³⁹ Not even the highest places or the lowest, or anything else in all creation can separate us. Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love. That's because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done.

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 13:31-33, 44-52

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus told the crowd another story. He said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. Someone took the seed and planted it in a field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds. But when it grows, it is the largest of all garden plants. It becomes a tree. Birds come and rest in its branches.”

³³ Jesus told them still another story. “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast,” he said. “A woman mixed it into 60 pounds of flour. The yeast worked its way all through the dough.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure that was hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again. He was very happy. So he went and sold everything he had. And he bought that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a trader who was looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ He found one that was very valuable. So he went away and sold everything he had. And he bought that pearl.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net. It was let down into the lake. It caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and gathered the good fish into baskets. But they threw the bad fish away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be on judgment day. The angels will come. They will separate the people who did what is wrong from those who did what is right. ⁵⁰ They will throw the evil people into the blazing furnace. There the evil ones will weep and grind their teeth.

⁵¹ “Do you understand all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

⁵² He said to them, “Every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house. He brings new treasures out of his storeroom as well as old ones.”

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)

“Find Us Faithful” vs 1&3

1. We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,
And those who've gone before us line the way
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary,
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace. (chorus)

3. After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,
And our children sift thru all we've left behind,
May the clues that they uncover, and the mem'ries they uncover
Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find. (chorus)

Chorus

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "O may all who come be - hind us find us faith - ful, May the fire of our de - vo - tion light their way. May the foot - prints that we leave lead them to be - lieve, and the lives we live in - spire them to o - bey. O may all who come be - hind us find us faith - ful." The score includes various musical notations such as whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes, as well as rests and a double bar line at the end.

O may all who come be - hind us find us
faith - ful, May the fire of our de - vo
- tion light their way. May the foot - prints that we leave
lead them to be - lieve, and the lives we live in -
spire them to o - bey. O may all who come be - hind
us find us faith - ful.

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.

Special Music

“Dream Small”

Rick Gilbertson, Gaytha Hillman

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: The kingdom of heaven is a gift of God's grace.

C: In Christ we have found a treasure that changes everything.

P: At this table we receive forgiveness, hope, and new life.

C: Strengthened by this meal, we will share God's love in simple, faithful ways.

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

C: We come with grateful hearts to receive God's gifts.

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

"I Walk By Faith"



I walk by faith, each step by faith; To live by
faith, I put my trust in You. I walk by faith, each
step by faith; to live by faith, I put my trust in You.
1.
trust in You, I put my trust in You, I put my
(much slower)
trust in You; I put my trust in You, I put my trust in You. (Song ends)
Verse
Ev' - ry step I take is a step of faith, no
wea - pon formed a - gainst me shall pros - per; Ev' - ry prayer I make
is a prayer of faith, and if my God is for
me, who can be a - gainst me?

“Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

1. When I feel a - fraid_ think I've lost my way, still You're there right be -
 2. I will not for - get Your love for me and yet my heart for - ev - er is

side_ me. And noth - ing will I fear as_
 wan - der - ing. Je - sus be my guide and

long as You are near. Please be near me to the end_
 hold me to Your side, and I will love you to the end_

“I Will Trust In You”

1. When I can't see dark - ness You, I
 2. And when the dark - ness is
 know You're here; When I can't feel You, I
 clos - ing in, And I am run - ning a -
 will not fear; I will trust in You and I
 gainst the wind; I will trust in You and I
 will not be a - fraid. And when the
 will not be a - fraid. 'Cause when I'm
 bat - tle is close on at that hand shore I know You're
 stand - ing up - on that shore and all the
 with me to help me stand; I will
 bat - tles have gone be - fore, I will
 trust in You and I will not be a - fraid
 trust in You and I will not be a - fraid.
 I will not be a - fraid. I will not be a -
 fraid. I will trust in You, I will trust in You.

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

"All The People Said Amen"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of several staves of music with lyrics underneath. The score is divided into sections: Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, and Bridge. There are also repeat signs and instructions like '2nd time to Bridge' and 'Repeat chorus 2X'.

Verse 1
You are not a - lone, if you are lone - ly. When you feel a - fraid,
You're not the on - ly. We are all the same in need of mer - cy, to be for - giv - en and be
free. It's all you got to lean on, but, thank God it's all you need.

Chorus
And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Whoa, and all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Give
thanks to the Lord, for His love ne - ver ends. And all the peo - ple said, "A - men."

Verse 2
If you're rich or poor; well, it don't mat - ter. Weak or strong, love is what we're af - ter.
We're all bro - ken, but we're all in this to - geth - er. God knows we stum - ble and fall,
and He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all.

Bridge
And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it who are torn a - part. Bless - ed are
the per - se - cut - ed and the pure in heart. Bless - ed are the peo - ple hun - gry for an
- oth - er start. for theirs is the King - dom, the King - dom of God.

Repeat chorus 2X

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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Communion Servers:

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