

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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The 11th 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

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

-Martin Luther King Jr.

"A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." - John A. Shedd
(author)

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

L: Christ comes to us in every season of life, saying, "Take heart. Do not be afraid."

C: We come to worship the One who gives us courage and hope.

L: When fear overwhelms us and our faith feels small,

C: God invites us to trust in steadfast love.

L: When many voices compete for our attention,

C: We listen for the voice of Jesus, calling us by name.

L: Come, let us worship the God who is always near.

C: We come with open hearts, ready to hear, to trust, and to follow.

PRAISE SONG

"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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Gracious God,

C: we confess that we often resist the change you call us to embrace. We cling to familiar ways even when they no longer reflect your love. We resist repentance, overlook the needs of our neighbors, and hesitate to trust your future. Forgive us for the ways we have limited your work among us. Open our hearts to your transforming grace and lead us into lives marked by faith, generosity, and joy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Through Christ, your sins are forgiven, your burdens are lifted, and your future is filled with hope. The Holy Spirit renews you each day to grow in faith and to share God's love with the world. Go in peace, renewed by grace. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

"The Water of Change"

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo and mood are indicated by a '7' time signature and a '7' note value. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words split across lines. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line at the end.

I've been washed by the wa - ter. I've been
cleansed by the sea. I've been touched by the riv - er of e
- ter - ni - ty. Though I don't un - der - stand it, I have
nev - er been the same. I can't turn back the wa - ter, the
wa - ter of change. The riv - ers they run, the
I won - der a - lound where
riv - ers they roll a - way.
in the world I might be
The voice of life whis - pers ev - 'ry day.
had the cross not been shown to me.
At the heart of it all ev - 'ry - one wants to be free,
It's o - pened my heart, made me look out - side and see
free to live, free to love, for e - ter - ni - ty.
I can no long - er live - for on - ly me.

WORD

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

First Reading

The first reading is 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.

A message came to Elijah from the Lord. He said, "Elijah, what are you doing here?"

¹⁰ He replied, "Lord God who rules over all, I've been very committed to you. The Israelites have turned their backs on your covenant. They have torn down your altars. They've put your prophets to death with their swords. I'm the only one left. And they are trying to kill me."

¹¹ The Lord said, "Go out. Stand on the mountain in front of me. I am going to pass by." As the Lord approached, a very powerful wind tore the mountains apart. It broke up the rocks. But the Lord wasn't in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake. But the Lord wasn't in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake a fire came. But the Lord wasn't in the fire. And after the fire there was only a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his coat over his face. He went out and stood at the entrance to the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "Elijah, what are you doing here?"

¹⁴ He replied, "Lord God who rules over all, I've been very committed to you. The Israelites have turned their backs on your covenant. They have torn down your altars. They've put your prophets to death with their swords. I'm the only one left. And they are trying to kill me."

¹⁵ The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came. Go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also anoint Jehu as king over Israel. He is the son of Nimshi. And anoint Elisha from Abel Meholah as the next prophet after you. He is the son of Shaphat. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death anyone who escapes Hazael's sword. And Elisha will put to death anyone who escapes Jehu's sword. ¹⁸ But I will keep 7,000 people in Israel for myself. They have not bowed down to Baal. And they have not kissed him."

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 14:22-33

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

22 Right away Jesus made the disciples get into the boat. He had them go on ahead of him to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Then he sent the crowd away. 23 After he had sent them away, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone. 24 The boat was already a long way from land. It was being pounded by the waves because the wind was blowing against it.

25 Shortly before dawn, Jesus went out to the disciples. He walked on the lake. 26 They saw him walking on the lake and were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they said. And they cried out in fear.

27 Right away Jesus called out to them, "Be brave! It is I. Don't be afraid."

28 "Lord, is it you?" Peter asked. "If it is, tell me to come to you on the water."

29 "Come," Jesus said.

So Peter got out of the boat. He walked on the water toward Jesus. 30 But when Peter saw the wind, he was afraid. He began to sink. He cried out, "Lord! Save me!"

31 Right away Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "Your faith is so small!" he said. "Why did you doubt me?"

32 When they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those in the boat worshiped Jesus. They said, "You really are the Son of God!"

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)

"Blessed are Those"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into two systems, each containing five staves. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining three lines. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Bless - ed are those who do be - lieve, Bless - ed are those who do be - lieve.
Though they have not seen they trust God faith - ful - ly.
Some peo - ple doubt what they have not seen.
As I've been giv - en so I give you
They will not, blind - ly fol - low what is said.
to the world, - ly for - give the sins of all,
Oth - ers view this as a weak - ness
bring - ing hope to doubt - ing fac - es,
but it can au - then - ti - cate in - stead.
tear - ing down where hat - red builds a wall.
See And my as nail you pierced hands.
life
Come to touch my wound - ed and side. I
to plac - es here and far,
give what you need for faith as you give your trust com - plete - ly
al - ways keep in mind you are not loved for what - plete - ly
do
but - my for Spi - rit will you guide.
are.

THE PRAYERS

P: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(Each petition ends: "Merciful God". The congregation responds: "Receive our prayer")

P: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 us beyond our fear and into faith.

C: We come seeking courage for the journey ahead.

P: At this table, Christ strengthens all who trust in him.

C: We receive his grace with thankful and courageous hearts.

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

"Travelers on the Journey"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, featuring a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of eight staves of music with corresponding lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We are trav' - lers on the journ - ey yearn - ing to be - lieve! Hearts are burn - ing, eyes are o - pened. We are trav' - lers on the journ - ey of love. What is life real - ly all a - bout Do we walk in our fool - ish - ness We are blessed in the gath - er - ing in the strug - gle of faith? with our hearts e - ver slow at the ta - ble of grace. Hear the word reach - ing out to you, - to the touch of the Ho - ly one - Free to see in a - noth - er's pain the Je - sus is a - live to the day. who is with us on the road? face of Je - sus here to day."

We are trav' - lers on the journ - ey yearn - ing to
be - lieve! Hearts are burn - ing, eyes are o - pened.
We are trav' - lers on the journ - ey of love.
What is life real - ly all a - bout
Do we walk in our fool - ish - ness
We are blessed in the gath - er - ing
in the strug - gle of faith?
with our hearts e - ver slow
at the ta - ble of grace.
Hear the word reach - ing out to you, -
to the touch of the Ho - ly one -
Free to see in a - noth - er's pain the
Je - sus is a - live to the day.
who is with us on the road?
face of Je - sus here to day.

"Bread of Life"

The musical score is written for two voices on a grand staff with two staves per voice. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score includes a main chorus, a bridge, and a repeat instruction for the chorus.

Bread of Life, Bread of Life, come and feed our souls. *3rd time to Bridge. Last time fine.*

Bread of Life, Bread of Life, come and make us whole.

We are hun-gry for your mer - cy, hun-gry for your peace.
We are hun-gry for your pres - ence, man - na from a - bove.

We are hun-gry for your jus - tice, hun-gry to be free.
Bread of life for all cre - a - tion fill us with your love.

Bridge
Liv - ing Bread from heav - en, source of all we need. *Repeat chorus*

Liv - ing Bread from heav - en, help us to be - lieve.

“If I Believe in Jesus”



If I be-lieve in Je - sus, do I need to fol - low Him?

If I be-lieve in Je - sus, do I need to fol - low Him?

'Cause if I'm gon - na fol - low Him, some things are bound to change.

Time to go and love my neigh - bor;
Time to break some bread with sin - ners;
Time to help my home - less sis - ter;

time to get down on my knees;
time to weep for my bro - ken dreams;
time to wash my bro - ther's feet;

time to step out on the wa - ter
time to help a wound - ed strang - er
time to speak a - gainst in - jus - tice

but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble with let - ting go of all of my things.
but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble with lov - ing my en - e - mies.
but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble con - front - ing the pow'rs that be.

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.

SENDING

P: Have courage to stand for what is right, compassion to love your neighbor, and faith to work for peace in all that you do wherever you are. Know that Christ's presence is with you as you are sent in mission to the world. **C: Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG

"Ubuntu"

Chorus

U - bun- tul U - bun- tul
 shar- ing our vi - sions and dreams. U - bun- tul where
 jus- tice flows like a life giv - ing stream. The
 peo- ple to - geth- er join - ing our hearts and our
 hands to wel - come the strang - er and cher - ish the friend and to
 work for the peace of the land and so we do life!

Verses (echo song leader)

1. ... Sisters and brothers ... made for communion ... bound to each other ... one holy union
 ... Drawn by a vision ... drawn by desire ... drawn to the circle ... round God's holy fire,
2. ... Called now we follow ... Jesus our brother ... Who gathers his children ... just like a mother
 ... Tenderly holding ... this new creation ... Making and molding ... a new holy nation,
3. ... This is our vision ... life's in the sharing ... Holding back nothing ... dreaming and daring,
 ... To live this communion ... that breaks us and binds us
 ... Holds us and heals us ... frees us and finds us

Bridge

1. Made by God's po - wer to live as God's own;
 2. Marked by the wa - ter and giv - en our name,
 3. God, give us cour - age to do what we say,
 made to be seen and be heard and to be known
 moved by God's Spir - it, be re - vived by hol - y flames
 Christ, give us strength for the liv - ing of these days.

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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