

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Created to Praise  
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The 12th 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**

*"It is in justice that the ordering of society is centered."*

**-Aristotle**

*"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."*

**-Leo Tolstoy**

*"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."*

**-Edith Wharton**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*stand*)

L: Grace and peace to you from God, who called light out of darkness.

**C: We follow Jesus, the light of life, who walked among the hurting, the poor, and forgotten.**

L: Christ calls us out of safe harbors and sends us into the shadows of our communities.

**C: Where there is hurting, let us bring His illuminating truth.**

L: Together, let us worship the Lord of love and justice.

**C: May our worship empower our hands for God's work lighting the way.**

## ***“You Are a Light on My Path”***

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**C: we confess that we sometimes resist the light when it reveals what we would rather not see. We have defended ourselves instead of seeking justice. We have judged others while excusing ourselves. We have mistaken our own perspective for the whole truth and failed to listen to those who are hurting. Forgive us. Open our eyes to the truth of Christ, give us courage, humility to admit our wrongs, and compassion and to walk with others in the light of your love.**

L: Jesus, the light of the world, comes not to condemn us to darkness but to call us into truth and life. By the grace of God, you are forgiven, renewed, and made free. May Christ's truth expose injustice without destroying hope, and may Christ's light guide us toward repentance, reconciliation, and justice. Go in the light of Christ. **Amen.**

## RESPONSE

### "Lord of Justice"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The piece begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words split across lines. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, as well as rests and a 'Fine' marking. The lyrics are as follows:

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,  
guide us through the day and night. *Fine* 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.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Jon Jacobs**

## **WORD**

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

### **First Reading**

*The first reading is Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

56 The Lord says,  
“Do what is fair and right.  
I will soon come and save you.  
Soon everyone will know that what I do is right.  
6 “Suppose outsiders want to follow me  
and serve me.  
They want to love me  
and worship me.  
They keep the Sabbath day and do not misuse it.  
And they are faithful in keeping my covenant.  
7 Then I will bring them to my holy mountain of Zion.  
I will give them joy in my house.  
They can pray there.  
I will accept their burnt offerings and sacrifices on my altar.  
My house will be called  
a house where people from all nations can pray.”  
8 The Lord and King will gather  
those who were taken away from their homes in Israel.  
He announces, “I will gather them to myself.  
And I will gather others to join them.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

P: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

### ***The Gospel***

**John 8:12-20**

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> Jesus spoke to the people again. He said, “I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that light. They will have life.”  
<sup>13</sup> The Pharisees argued with him. “Here you are,” they said, “appearing as your own witness. But your witness does not count.”

<sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, “Even if I am a witness about myself, what I say does count. I know where I came from. And I know where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge by human standards. I don’t judge anyone. <sup>16</sup> But if I do judge, what I decide is true. This is because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. <sup>17</sup> Your own Law says that the witness of two people proves the truth about something. <sup>18</sup> I am a witness about myself. The other witness about me is the Father, who sent me.”

<sup>19</sup> Then they asked him, “Where is your father?”

“You do not know me or my Father,” Jesus replied. “If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” <sup>20</sup> He spoke these words while he was teaching in the temple courtyard. He was near the place where the offerings were put. But no one arrested him. That’s because the time for him to die had not yet come.

### ***The Gospel Response:***

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(You may be seated)

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Jon Jacobs**

### ***MESSAGE RESPONSE***

(Please Stand)

### ***“Shine Jesus, Shine”***

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, In the midst of the  
2. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play Your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

Set us free by the truth You now bring us; Shine on me.  
mir - rored here may our lives tell Your sto - ry.

*Faster*  
Shine on me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the  
Fa - ther's glo - ry; Blaze, Spir - it, blaze set our hearts on fire  
Flow, ri - ver flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

## ***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 is the light that shines in every darkness.

**C: We walk in the light of Christ.**

P: Christ's truth calls us to righteousness.

**C: We seek the justice of Christ's truth.**

P: At this table, Christ feeds us with grace and mercy.

**C: Strengthened by Christ, we carry his light into 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

### "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" vs 1,3,4

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are  
3. We will work with to each oth - er, we will  
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

one work in the Lord, We are one work in the  
whom side all by things side, come, We We are will one work in the  
praise to Christ

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we  
oth - er, we will work side the by side, And And we'll  
Je - sus, His on - ly Son, And all

pray guard - that all u - ni - ty may one day be re  
praise to the Spir - it who save makes each one's  
us

- stored: And they'll know we are Chris- tians by our love, by our  
pride:  
one:

love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris- tians by our love.

# *"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 they block the way? oh the  
mem - o - ries are haunt - ing, will they 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 \_\_\_\_\_



### *“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.

### ***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 the light of Christ is with you as you are sent in mission to the world.

**C: Amen.**

# THE SENDING SONG

## "Great Is Your Love"

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

4

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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