

Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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The 13th 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 lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

“The spiritual life does not remove us from the world but leads us deeper into it.”
-Henri Nouwen

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”
-William James

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

L: Come, people of God. Jesus calls us together.

C: We come as we are, trusting in the grace of Christ.

L: Jesus calls us to be more than hearers of his word.

C: We are called to be his church in the world.

L: We are called to care for all.

C: We will love as Christ has loved us.

L: We are called to follow Jesus wherever he leads.

C: We will go in faith, trusting that Christ goes with us.

All: We are Christ’s church—gathered in worship, rooted in grace, and sent in love.

PRAISE SONG

"People's Church" vs 1,3

1. Oh it's a worn - out church - with a bro - ken stee
3. You know a liv - ing church can make a Chris - tian ner

- ple;
- vous. it's filled with poor and home - less peo - ple.
It car - ries risk and leads to ser - vice,

Kids in trou - ble and the un - em - ployed - gath - er there
calls us all to get in - volved, to lose our com - fort

Chorus
for hope and joy. Oh it's a peo - ple's church for
and live God's love.

folks in need. It's a peo - ple's church where the word meets deed.

It's a peo - ple's church for ev' - ry race. At a

1, 3 - Fine 2. *Bridge*
peo - ple's church come and see Je - sus' face. I'm

pray - in' for the poor and the rich to share the blood and

bod - y gifts. I'm pray - in' that in ev - 'ry place there's a
D.S.

peo - ple's church liv - ing out their faith. Oh it's a

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Holy God,

C: you have called us together as your church, yet we confess that we sometimes forget that our life and hope are built on Christ. We may seek recognition, control, or certainty instead of following Jesus. We may hesitate to pray because we doubt that our prayers matter. Forgive us for the ways we have failed to trust you. Forgive us, renew our faith, and teach us to pray with hope, trusting that Jesus is with us even when we cannot see the way forward.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: People of God, hear the promise of Christ: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and reconciled to God. Your prayers matter. Your hope is secure. Go forth trusting the One whom we confess as Messiah, knowing that Christ is building a people of faith, hope, and love in every generation. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

The musical notation is written on four staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing,

Lord, send your Spir - it in this place;

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, send us

love, send us pow'r send us grace.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky

BAPTISM

Norah Joy Jarratt

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Today we welcome Norah into the family of Christ and celebrate this new life in Christ forever.

C: We welcome you in the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

WORD

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

First Reading

The first reading is Romans 12:1-8

12 Brothers and sisters, God has shown you his mercy. So I am asking you to offer up your bodies to him while you are still alive. Your bodies are a holy sacrifice that is pleasing to God. When you offer your bodies to God, you are worshiping him in the right way. ² Don't live the way this world lives. Let your way of thinking be completely changed. Then you will be able to test what God wants for you. And you will agree that what he wants is right. His plan is good and pleasing and perfect.

³ God's grace has been given to me. So here is what I say to every one of you. Don't think of yourself more highly than you should. Be reasonable when you think about yourself. Keep in mind the faith God has given to each of you. ⁴ Each of us has one body with many parts. And the parts do not all have the same purpose. ⁵ So also we are many persons. But in Christ we are one body. And each part of the body belongs to all the other parts. ⁶ We all have gifts. They differ according to the grace God has given to each of us. Do you have the gift of prophecy? Then use it according to the faith you have. ⁷ If your gift is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. ⁸ Is it encouraging others? Then encourage them. Is it giving to others? Then give freely. Is it being a leader? Then work hard at it. Is it showing mercy? Then do it cheerfully.

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 16:13-20

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Jesus went to the area of Caesarea Philippi. There he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist. Others say Elijah. Still others say Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah. You are the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah! No mere human showed this to you. My Father in heaven showed it to you. ¹⁸ Here is what I tell you. You are Peter. On this rock I will build my church. The gates of hell will not be strong enough to destroy it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. What you lock on earth will be locked in heaven. What you unlock on earth will be unlocked in heaven.” ²⁰ Then Jesus ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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)

"People of Hope"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes repeat signs, a double bar line with repeat dots, and a final double bar line. 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

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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.

Special Music

“Borning Cry”

CTP Singers

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 to follow in faith.

C: We follow with hope, trusting God’s promises.

P: Christ welcomes us to this table.

C: We receive love, grace, and mercy.

P: Christ sends us into the world.

C: We go in hope, sharing God’s love with all.

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

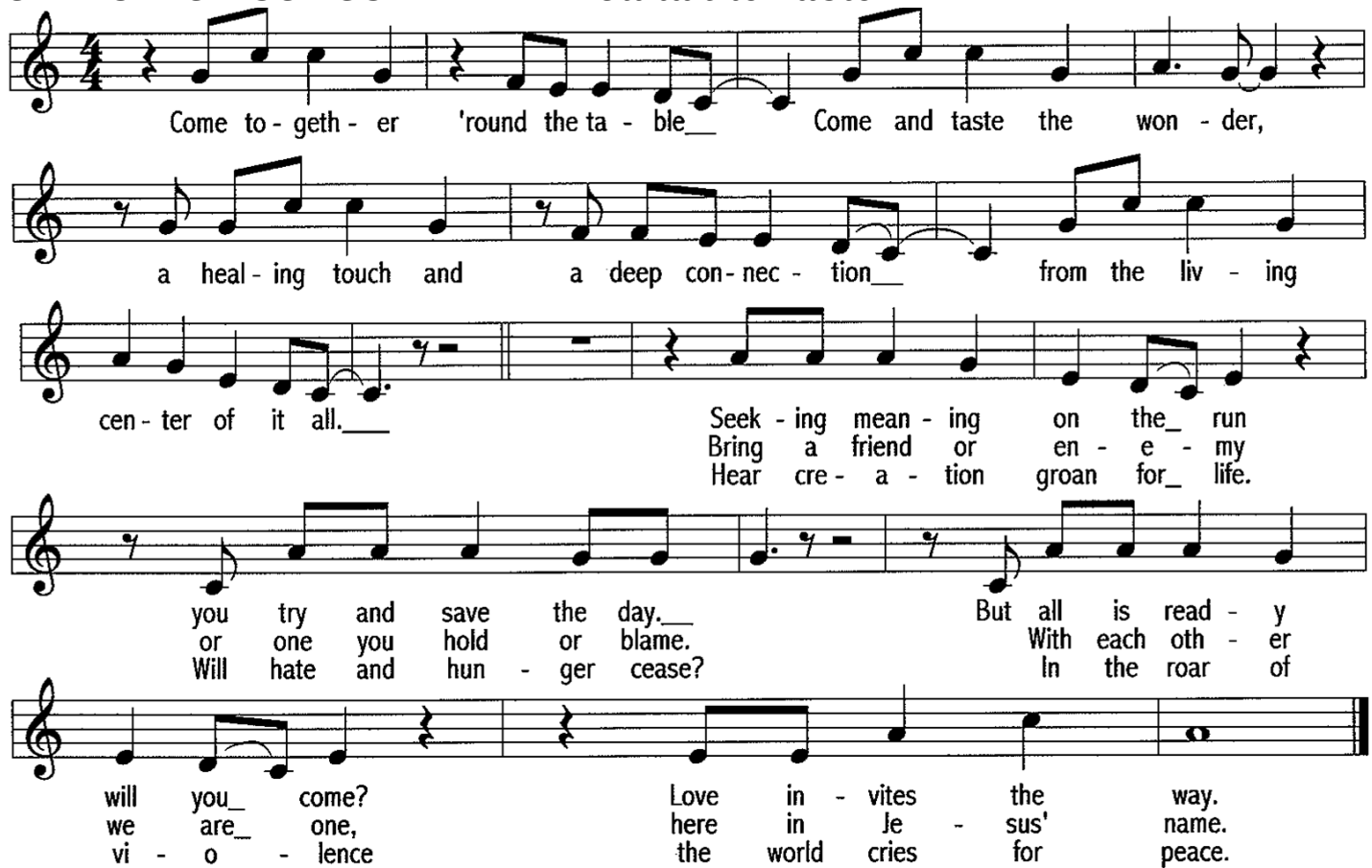
P: Come to the table. Feast on God’s goodness and mercy. All are welcome.

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

"Round the Table"



Come to - geth - er 'round the ta - ble. Come and taste the won - der,
a heal - ing touch and a deep con - nec - tion from the liv - ing
cen - ter of it all. Seek - ing mean - ing on the run
Bring a friend or en - e - my life.
Hear cre - a - tion groan for life.
you try and save the day. But all is read - y
or one you hold or blame. With each oth - er
Will hate and hun - ger cease? In the roar of
will you come? Love in - vites the way
we are one, here in Je - sus' name.
vi - o - lence the world cries for peace.

"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
ev' - ry - one is a child, a beau - ti - ful child of God.
Set us free. Set us free to see ev' - ry - one

“Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”

Ev - 'ry - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old, the
prince and the pau - per. Ev - 'ry - bo - dy's got
some - thing to of - fer in the name of the Lord.
To the lost and the low - ly ones the mes - sage, it is clear;
To the be - liev - ers gath - ered here the mes - sage it is true;
we have all got a gift to give, our hands, our hearts, our tears.
we have all got a gift to give, give in all we say and do.

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

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

1. Come, set Your rule and reign in our hearts a -
 2. (We) seek Your King - dom first. We hun - ger and we
 3. (Un) - leash Your King - dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and

gain. In crease in us, we pray. Un - veil why we're made. Come
 thirst; re - fuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize. To
 far. No force of hell can stop Your beaut - y chang - ing hearts. You

set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our
 see the cap - tive's heart re - leased; the hurt, the sick, the
 made us for much more than this. A - wake the King - dom

ver - y souls. Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us now.
 poor at peace. We lay down our lives for Heav - en's cause.
 seed in us. Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

1. Sing v. 2 2., 3. To chorus

We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us. 2. We
 We are Your church. We pray re - vive this earth.
 We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.

Build Your King - dom here. Let the dark - ness fear. Show Your
 might - y hand. Heal our streets and land. Set Your church on
 fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the at - mos - phere. Build Your
 King - dom here, we pray. 2 1. Sing v. 3 2. Repeat chorus
 3. Un - Build Your

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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Counters: Cyndee Bruder, Tammy Nelson

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There is a possibility that in person church attendees may be seen on the video stream.

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Ho-Chunk and Potawatomi people. As such, we wish to give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. It is our sincere desire that this acknowledgement initiates an ongoing instructive, and constructive journey toward respect, truth and healing regarding colonialism, the church community, and inclusivity for all children of the Great Spirit. We commit ourselves as God's children to pray for our indigenous siblings, to pray for God's blessings on them and for strength for them and for us as we work together for justice, dignity, respect and peace for all the diverse people of the land.

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