

Trinity Lutheran Church
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The 14th 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

“Do I not destroy my enemies when I make friends of them?” **-Abraham Lincoln**

“An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind.” **-Mahatma Gandhi**

“We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future.”
George Bernard Shaw

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

L: God calls us to rejoice in hope, serve with joy, and persevere in prayer.

C: We come ready to follow where Christ leads.

L: Jesus shows us that discipleship is a journey of self-giving love.

C: Make us compassionate companions to one another.

L: Let us not repay evil with evil, but overcome evil with good.

C: Make us instruments of grace, mercy, and peace.

L: Take up your cross and follow Jesus.

C: We believe in love, and we will walk together in His way.

PRAISE SONG

"I Believe In That Love"

1. I be - lieve in a love that is born in the song of a
 2. I be - lieve in a love that is felt in the touch of a
 3. I be - lieve in a love that is here at the heart of a

ba - by's cry. I be - lieve in a love that lives
 help - ing hand. I be - lieve in a love that sees
 my - ster - y. I be - lieve in a love that for -

on and on e - ven when we die.
 diff' - renc - es and seeks to un - der - stand.
 gives, for - gets heals and sets us free.

I be - lieve in a love that reach - es out em -
 I be - lieve in a love that has no bounds, no
 I be - lieve in a love that los - es self for the

brac - ing all our pain and doubt. I be -
 class or race to hold it down.
 sake of life for some - one else.

lieve in that love, I be - lieve I be - lieve in that love.

I be - lieve in that love. I be

- lieve I be - lieve in that love.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we do not always love with sincerity or hold fast to what is good. We often choose our own comfort and desires rather than following the path Jesus sets before us. When life becomes difficult, we lose hope, grow impatient, and forget to turn to you in prayer. Forgive us and renew our hearts so that we may faithfully follow Christ.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news: Jesus has given himself for us and calls us into the freedom of God's grace. Your sins are forgiven, and you are restored to a life of love and hope. Go in peace, strengthened by Christ to take up your cross and follow him. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

"Cross of Christ"

Hearts on fire with hope and grief;
Some - one has a heav - y load,
Riv - ers filled with mys - ter - y

There is doubt and there's be - lief. Some will trust, a
stran - ger hurt a - long the road. Some will walk right
flow - ing for e - ter - ni - ty. Ev - 'ry child of

bless - ed faith; oth - ers need to touch the wounds of grace.
by this place. Who will stop to be the hands of grace?
ev - 'ry race, wel - come to - God's a - bound - ing grace.

Look - ing through the cross of Christ, we die and rise a - gain.

New cre - a - tion, gift of life, love that has no end.

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 12:9-21

⁹ Love must be honest and true. Hate what is evil. Hold on to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. ¹¹ Stay excited about your faith as you serve the Lord. ¹² When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.

¹⁴ Bless those who hurt you. Bless them, and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Be joyful with those who are joyful. Be sad with those who are sad. ¹⁶ Agree with one another. Don't be proud. Be willing to be a friend of people who aren't considered important. Don't think that you are better than others.

¹⁷ Don't pay back evil with evil. Be careful to do what everyone thinks is right. ¹⁸ If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can. ¹⁹ My dear friends, don't try to get even. Leave room for God to show his anger. It is written, "I am the God who judges people. I will pay them back," says the Lord. ²⁰ Do just the opposite. Scripture says,

"If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat.

If they are thirsty, give them something to drink.

By doing those things, you will pile up burning coals on their heads."

²¹ Don't let evil overcome you. Overcome evil by doing good.

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 16:21-28

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples what would happen to him. He told them he must go to Jerusalem. There he must suffer many things from the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law. He must be killed and on the third day rise to life again.

²² Peter took Jesus to one side and began to scold him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This will never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are standing in my way. You do not have in mind the things God cares about. Instead, you only have in mind the things humans care about."

²⁴ Then Jesus spoke to his disciples. He said, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must say no to themselves. They must pick up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ Whoever wants to save their life will lose it. But whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good is it if someone gains the whole world but loses their soul? Or what can anyone trade for their soul? ²⁷ The Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory. His angels will come with him. And he will reward everyone in keeping with what they have done. ²⁸ “What I’m about to tell you is true. Some who are standing here will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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)

“Take Up Your Cross”

- In a world of man-ly voice-es call
The call is hard to swal-low. Take up your cross
- ing and at me, low. it's hard to hear the one side that's true.
and fol-low. The words reach deep in-side of me.
- E-ven when I hear it, I find my-self so trou-bled,
- when my heart dis-cerns it, I lack the will
to lose my life, be hum-ble, the sins with-in
to re-see it through. see.
Though I'm fall-ing, fall-ing, the voice is al-ways call-ing.
Take up your cross.
Take up your cross and fol-low
me
and fol-low me.

Repeat to tag last time only.

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

"Give Yourself Away"

Paul Anderson, Patrick Budoff, 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: Let love be genuine; rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.

C: In Christ's table, we are one body, sharing one bread and one cup.

P: Do not repay evil for evil, but overcome evil with good.

C: We receive Christ's mercy and are strengthened to live his way of peace.

P: Take up your cross and follow Jesus.

C: Nourished by Christ, we follow where he leads and give ourselves for others.

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

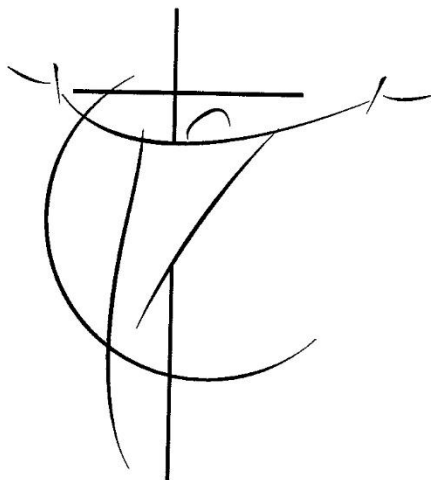
P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy. All are welcome.

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

"We Are Called"

1. Come!
2. Come!
3. Sing!

Live O - in pen a the your new light! heart! song!

Shine Show Sing with your..... of that joy mer great and cy day the to when love all all those will the in be

Lord! fear! one! We We God are are will called called reign, to to and be be we'll

light hope walk for for with the the each king - dom, hope - less to so as live ha sis - tred the and

free - dom of the cit - y of God!
blind - ness..... will be..... of no more.
broth - ers..... u - nit - ed in love.

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are

called to love ten - der - ly; we are called to

serve one an - oth - er to walk

hum - bly with God.

“Boundless Love”



Bound - less love touch - es and chang - es the heart of us.

Bound - less love touch - es and chang - es the heart of

us. Oh Spir - it of Je - sus you
We stru - cture of in - jus - tice that
Oh Spir - it of life - come and

sit at our ta - ble and call us to a rad - i - cal
keeps some from eat - ing, you pre - pare us for a dif - fer - ent
move through the peo - ple con - front - ing the pow - ers of

meal of bound - less love that climbs o - ver
feast of bound - less love that climbs o - ver
death 'cause bound - less love that climbs o - ver

bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.
bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.
bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.

“All Are Welcome”

All are wel - come friend and stran - ger at the ban - quet
of the Sav - ior All are wel - come All are wel - come here.
1.From the wo ones - man who comes cry - ing
2.From the in ones to man who feel for and got ten
3.Go in to the streets and cit - ies
leav - ing tears at Je - sus' feet
those who the sense farms at their place is gone
to the and and fam - i - lies
To the man who knows the right way
To the ones who live in hun - ger
Tell a - bout the sple - did ta - ble
but here can you - not be - see
God's mer - cy.

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

"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 includes lyrics and structural markings for Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, and a Bridge. The score is divided into systems, with lyrics aligned under the corresponding musical notes. Some sections are marked for repetition, such as the Chorus and the final line of the Bridge.

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."
2nd time to Bridge *Last time - repeat tag.*

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. *Repeat chorus*

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

Pastor: Pastor Robb Kosky

Worship Assistant: Vern Hasenstein

Reader: Sue Walker

Communion Set Up: Jill Hasenstein

Communion Servers:

Communion Baker: Cindy Tikusis

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Rick Gilbertson, Gaytha Hillman

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Counters: Linda Amacher, Cindy Tikusis

Coffee Hour: Sue Walker, Matthew Walker

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