

Trinity Lutheran Church
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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

"The greatest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place."

-George Bernard Shaw

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."

-Mahatma Gandhi

"No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care."

-Theodore Roosevelt

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

L: We come as many people, with many gifts, perspectives, and stories.

C: In Christ, we are one body, bound together in love.

L: When one among us is hurting, God calls us to notice and care.

C: We will bear one another's burdens with compassion.

L: When conflict divides us, God calls us toward healing and peace.

C: We will choose grace over judgment and love over division.

L: Christ is present whenever we gather in his name.

C: So we gather, we welcome, and we worship together.

PRAISE SONG

"God We Gather as Your People"

1. God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and

bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.

Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and sta - ture, may they

trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free. (sing v.2)
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few, may their faith in you re - new. (sing v.4)
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the
church doors o - pen wide. May there be room e - nough for
ev - 'ry-one in - side. For in God, there is a wel - come, in
God we all be - long. May that wel - come be our song.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have forgotten that we are bound to one another and have allowed hurt, anger, and division to separate us. We have been slow to listen, slow to seek reconciliation, and quick to judge, keeping score of wrongs rather than extending forgiveness. Turn our hearts toward one another, that we may speak truth in love, seek our neighbor's good, and forgive as we have been forgiven.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: God does not abandon us when we fall short but seeks us with steadfast love and mercy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given the gift of reconciliation. The grace we receive is grace we are called to share with one another. Go in peace, love one another, forgive one another, and care for one another. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

"Boundless Love"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. It begins with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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 in of - life - 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 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.

WORD

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

First Reading

The first reading is Exodus 12:1-14

12 The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in Egypt. **2** He said, "From now on, this month will be your first month. Each of your years will begin with it. **3** Speak to the whole community of Israel. Tell them that on the tenth day of this month each man must get a lamb from his flock. A lamb should be chosen for each family and home. **4** Suppose there are not enough people in your family to eat a whole lamb. Then you must share some of it with your nearest neighbor. You must add up the total number of people there are. You must decide how much lamb is needed for each person. **5** The animals you choose must be males that are a year old. They must not have any flaws. You may choose either sheep or goats. **6** Take care of them until the 14th day of the month. Then the whole community of Israel must kill them when the sun goes down. **7** Take some of the blood. Put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where you eat the lambs. **8** That same night eat the meat cooked over a fire. Also eat bitter plants. And eat bread made without yeast. **9** Do not eat the meat when it is raw. Don't boil it in water. Instead, cook it over a fire. Cook the head, legs and inside parts. **10** Do not leave any of it until morning. If some is left over until morning, burn it up. **11** Eat the meat while your coat is tucked into your belt. Put your sandals on your feet. Take your walking stick in your hand. Eat the food quickly. It is the Lord's Passover.

12 "That same night I will pass through Egypt. I will strike down all those born first among the people and animals. And I will judge all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. **13** The blood on your houses will be a sign for you. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. No deadly plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

14 "Always remember this day. You and your children after you must celebrate this day as a feast to honor the Lord. You must do this for all time to come. It is a law that will last forever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

The second reading is Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Pay everything you owe. But you can never pay back all the love you owe one another. Whoever loves other people has done everything the law requires. ⁹ Here are some commandments to think about. “Do not commit adultery.” “Do not commit murder.” “Do not steal.” “Do not want what belongs to others.” These and all other commands are included in one command. Here’s what it is. “Love your neighbor as you love yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does not harm its neighbor. So love does everything the law requires.

¹¹ When you do these things, keep in mind the times we are living in. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. The full effects of our salvation are closer now than when we first believed in Christ. ¹² The dark night of evil is nearly over. The day of Christ’s return is almost here. So let us get rid of the works of darkness that harm us. Let us do the works of light that protect us. ¹³ Let us act as we should, like people living in the daytime. Have nothing to do with wild parties, and don’t get drunk. Don’t take part in sexual sins or evil conduct. Don’t fight with each other or be jealous of anyone. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ as if he were your clothing. Don’t think about how to satisfy sinful desires.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go to them. Tell them what they did wrong. Keep it between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them back. ¹⁶ But what if they won’t listen to you? Then take one or two others with you. Scripture says, ‘Every matter must be proved by the words of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷ But what if they also refuse to listen to the witnesses? Then tell it to the church. And what if they refuse to listen even to the church? Then don’t treat them as a brother or sister. Treat them as you would treat an ungodly person or a tax collector.

¹⁸ “What I’m about to tell you is true. What you lock on earth will be locked in heaven. What you unlock on earth will be unlocked in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again, here is what I tell you. Suppose two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for. My Father in heaven will do it for you. ²⁰ Where two or three people gather in my name, I am there with them.”

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)

"All My Relatives"

1. List - en my sis - ter, list - en my broth - er,
2. Where there is hurt - ing, we share the hurt - ing.
3. Where there is suff' - ring, we share the suff' - ring.

so man - y fea - tures, so man - y col - ors;
Where there is jus - tice, we share the jus - tice.
Where there is prais - ing, we share the prais - ing.

I have not loved you like I should love you
Where there is mer - cy we share the mer - cy
Where there is free - dom, we share the free - dom

if I be - lieve that God is love. Ev' - ry face,
if we be - lieve that God is love.
if we be - lieve that God is love.

all my rel - a - tives. Ev' - ry race, all my rel - a - tives.
Ev' - ry place, all my rel - a - tives. Hear cre - a - tion
sing, one with ev' - ry - thing.

THE PRAYERS

P: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

(Each petition ends: "Hear us, O God". The congregation responds: "Your mercy is great")

P: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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: God of creation,

C: you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

P: Christ calls us to speak truth, seek healing, and restore one another.

C: At this table, we are reconciled in the love of Christ.

P: Christ’s mercy is greater than our failures and greater than our divisions.

C: We receive his grace and forgive as we have been forgiven.

P: Christ gathers us together and welcomes us as beloved children.

C: Fed by his love, we welcome others and live as one body in Christ.

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 a Rainbow" vs 2,3,4

2. We are coat of man - y col - ors, sewn from
 3. We are hope to still be - lieve in to -
 4. When we face the storms of life we will

man - y dif - f'rent threads, cov - 'ring all in warmth, in wel
 morrow's be - ter day. We are peace in a world
 nev - er be a - lone for our God will be with

- come and in grace. God said, "let there be light,"
 that's torn on a - part. We are joy that will last
 us on the way. Hand in hand, side by side,

cre - at - ed ev - 'ry va - ried - shade. In the
 in all the strug - gles that we face. We are
 we won't be fright - ened an - y - more as the

rain - bow, each of us can find a place. We
 love that blooms and grows in ev - 'ry heart. We
 mourn - ing night of tears breaks in - to day. We

are a rain - bow, sign of cov - e - nant and peace for the

flood of tears will fin - 'lly cease to be. Come shine your rain - bow,

splash your hues a - cross the sky. (Paint the world in col - ors

proud and bold and free.) Repeat (tag) last time.

"Come Just as You Are"

1. Come just as you are; Hear the Spi - rit call.
 2. Come just as you are; Hear the Spi - rit call.

Come just as you are; Come and see, come, re - ceive;
 Come just as you are; Come, re - ceive Christ the King;

1. Come and live for - ev - er. Life ev - er -
 2. Come and live for - ev - er more. *Song Ending*

last - ing, and strength for to - day; Taste the Liv - ing
 Wa - ter, and nev - er thirst a - gain. *(repeat verse 2)*

"His Banner Over Me"

His ban - ner o - ver me is love, His
ban - ner o - ver me is love; And He
takes me to His ta - ble of love
and He takes me to His ban - quet - ing
ta - ble of love. *Song ending.* Sure - ly His
good - ness and mer - cy shall fol - low me,
all of my life I will dwell in the
house of the Lord, of the Lord.

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: Gracious God,

C: you have fed us with Christ's body and blood and called us to live in reconciliation with one another. Give us courage to address conflict with love, humility to seek restoration, and hearts ready to forgive as we have been forgiven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

P: Go in peace, and seek reconciliation with one another. Speak truth with love, forgive as Christ has forgiven you, and be instruments of God's peace.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

"Lead Us Out"

Lead us up. We want to know You bet - ter. Lead us up.
Lead us in. We want to love like You do. Lead us in.
Lead us out. We want to be a bless - ing. Lead us out

- Fill our hearts and make us more like You. Lead us up.
- Make of us one bod - y in Your love. Lead us in.
in - to the world You gave Your life to save. Lead us out

- Ev - er grow - ing an - clo - ser. Oh lead us
- Lov - ing one an - oth - er. Oh lead us
to tell them all a - bout You. Oh lead us

up in - to You, Lord. Lead us up. Lead us in. Lead us out
in Your love, O Lord.
out in - to Your world.

in - to Your world. Lead us now, and we'll fol - low you to -

day. Lead us on - ward by Your grace, un - til we see Your face. Lead us

out in - to Your world. world. Lead us out in - to Your

world. Lead us out in - to Your world.

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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