

Trinity Lutheran Church
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The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6th Grade Bible Sunday

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TRINITY WELCOME

L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

“Comparison is the thief of joy”

-Theodore Roosevelt, 26th US President

“The Gospel takes away our right forever, to discriminate between the deserving and the undeserving poor.” **-Dorothy Day, The Catholic Worker, February 1946**

“Anger, hatred and jealousy never solve problems, only affection, concern and respect can do that.” **Dalai Lama XIV**

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

L: Open your hearts to the goodness of the kingdom of heaven.

C: We come to worship the God who loves us beyond our understanding.

L: When you feel weary, overlooked, or judged,

C: Remember that God sees us and asks us to rest in his abundant grace and love.

L: Let go of comparison, for the math of heaven is purely mercy.

C: The first shall be last, and the last shall be first.

L: There are no outsiders here, only beloved children of God,

All: We are gathered together here, where all are welcome.

PRAISE SONG

"All Are Welcome"

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 eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final double bar line and repeat dots at the end of the eighth staff.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Merciful God,

C: we confess that there are times we want to be first, recognized, and rewarded. We sometimes resent those who receive, especially when we believe they have done less than we have. We forget that everything we have is a gift from your generous hand. Forgive our pride and resentment, renew our hearts, and teach us to rejoice in the abundance of your grace.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

L: Through Jesus Christ, God does not give us what we have earned, but what we need: mercy, forgiveness, and new life. Your past does not disqualify you, and another person's blessing does not diminish God's love for you. Go in peace, knowing that you are forgiven and embraced by God's everlasting love.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE

"Your Love is Everlasting"

1. Since time be - gan, through cen - tu - ries, God's
2. A moth - er's womb, a brand new life. God's
3. Signs of hope, a voice of peace. God's

love is ev - er - last - ing. To dis - tant un - known
love is ev - er - last - ing. An emp - ty tomb, the
love is ev - er - last - ing. The pro - phet's cry for

gal - ax - ies God's love is ev - er - last - ing.
ris - en Christ. God's love is ev - er - last - ing.
war to cease, God's love is ev - er - last - ing. For the

Splen - dor springs forth 'cross the land. God's love is ev - er - last
Weep - ing may last for the night. God's love is ev - er - last
down and out and high and proud, God's love is ev - er - last

- ing. A - bun - dance, shar - ing hand in hand. God's
- ing. But joy breaks forth with morn - ing light. God's
- ing. Come, all you peo - ple, shout out loud God's

love is ev - er - last - ing. Your
love is ev - er - last - ing.
love is ev - er - last - ing.

love is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - ing. Your
love is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - ing.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky

WORD

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

First Reading

The first reading is Exodus 16:2-15

² In the desert the whole community told Moses and Aaron they weren't happy with them. ³ The Israelites said to them, "We wish the Lord had put us to death in Egypt. There we sat around pots of meat. We ate all the food we wanted. But you have brought us out into this desert. You must want this entire community to die of hunger."

⁴ Then the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people must go out each day. Have them gather enough bread for that day. Here is how I will test them. I will see if they will follow my directions. ⁵ On the sixth day they must prepare what they bring in. On that day they must gather twice as much as on the other days."

⁶ So Moses and Aaron spoke to all the people of Israel. They said, "In the evening you will know that the Lord brought you out of Egypt. ⁷ And in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord. He has heard you say you aren't happy with him. Who are we? Why are you telling us you aren't happy with us?" ⁸ Moses also said, "You will know that the Lord has heard you speak against him. He will give you meat to eat in the evening. He'll give you all the bread you want in the morning. But who are we? You aren't speaking against us. You are speaking against the Lord."

⁹ Then Moses told Aaron, "Talk to the whole community of Israel. Say to them, 'Come to the Lord. He has heard you speak against him.'"

¹⁰ While Aaron was talking to the whole community of Israel, they looked toward the desert. There was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud!

¹¹ The Lord said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the people of Israel talking about how unhappy they are. Tell them, 'When the sun goes down, you will eat meat. In the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp. In the morning the ground around the camp was covered with dew. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes appeared on the desert floor. They looked like frost on the ground. ¹⁵ The people of Israel saw the flakes. They asked each other, "What's that?" They didn't know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It's the bread the Lord has given you to eat."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

The second reading is Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For me, life finds all its meaning in Christ. Death also has its benefits. ²² Suppose I go on living in my body. Then I will be able to carry on my work. It will bear a lot of fruit. But what should I choose? I don't know! ²³ I can't decide between the two. I long to leave this world and be with Christ. That is better by far. ²⁴ But it is more important for you that I stay alive. ²⁵ I'm sure of this. So I know I will remain with you. And I will continue with all of you to help you grow in your faith. I will also continue to help you be joyful in what you have been taught. ²⁶ I'm sure I will be with you again. Then you will be able to boast in Christ Jesus even more because of me.

²⁷ No matter what happens, live in a way that brings honor to the good news about Christ. Then I will know that you remain strong together in the one Spirit. I will know this if I come and see you or only hear about you. I will know that you work together as one person. I will know that you work to spread the teachings about the good news. ²⁸ So don't be afraid in any way of those who oppose you. This will show them that they will be destroyed and that you will be saved. That's what God will do. ²⁹ Here is what he has given you to do for Christ. You must not only believe in him. You must also suffer for him. ³⁰ You are going through the same struggle you saw me go through. As you have heard, I am still struggling.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who owned land. He went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to give them the usual pay for a day's work. Then he sent them into his vineyard.

³ "About nine o'clock in the morning he went out again. He saw others standing in the market doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard. I'll pay you what is right.' ⁵ So they went.

"He went out again about noon and at three o'clock and did the same thing. ⁶ About five o'clock he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

⁷ " 'Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard spoke to the person who was in charge of the workers. He said, 'Call the workers and give them their pay. Begin with the last ones I hired. Then go on to the first ones.'

9 “The workers who were hired about five o’clock came. Each received the usual day’s pay. 10 So when those who were hired first came, they expected to receive more. But each of them also received the usual day’s pay. 11 When they received it, they began to complain about the owner. 12 ‘These people who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said. ‘You have paid them the same as us. We have done most of the work and have been in the hot sun all day.’

13 “The owner answered one of them. ‘Friend,’ he said, ‘I’m being fair to you. Didn’t you agree to work for the usual day’s pay? 14 Take your money and go. I want to give the one I hired last the same pay I gave you. 15 Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Do you feel cheated because I gave so freely to the others?’

16 “So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last.”

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)

“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

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 for our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

P: The table is ready, and God's grace is given freely.

C: We come, not because we have earned our place, but because Christ welcomes us.

P: The first and the last, the weary and the joyful, are gathered as one.

C: In this bread and wine, we receive the generous love of God.

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

"For All"

The musical notation is written on five staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The song concludes with the word "Fine" at the end of the fourth line of music.

Your love, your love has no bor - ders, Your love, your
love has no walls. Your love, your love has no lim - its.
You love the world. Your love is here for all. *Fine*

1. For all	who are wand - 'ring,	for all	who are weak,
2. For all	who are strug - gling,	for all	who have dreams,
3. For all	who have plen - ty,	for all	who have need,
4. For all	who are suff - 'ring,	for all	who seek change,

for all	who seek shel - ter,	for all	who seek peace.
for all	who are cap - tive,	for all	who are free.
for all	who are doubt - ing,	for all	who be - lieve.
for all	who are sin - ners,	for all	who are saints.

"You Set Us Free"

The musical score is written on ten staves in 4/4 time, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with occasional rests. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the corresponding notes. The text is as follows:

In the dark - ness, you bring light. In our blind - ness,
In our thirst, you sat - is - fy. In our loss, our
Gift of hope, a liv - ing faith. Gift of peace, for
you give sight. In our strug - gles you give life.
tears you dry. In our pain, you hear our cry.
ev' - ry place. Gift of love for ev' - ry race.

For our debts, you paid the price. You set us free to
Through the cross, you pur - i - fy.
Je - sus is our sav - ing grace.

love al - ways. Your love has set us free. You set us free. You
call us to be. Your love has set us free to be your hands, to
change the world, to work for jus - tice and peace. You set us free. Your love has
set us free. You set us free. Your love has set us free.

“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 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.

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. Look for those who have been passed over or unnoticed and be the hands that welcome them. Speak truth with love, forgive as Christ has forgiven you, and be instruments of God's peace and hope.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

"People of Hope"

The musical score for "People of Hope" is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning, a "Fine" marking, a "3rd time to Coda" instruction, and a "Coda" section marked with a cross symbol. 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"

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
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saved by grace. We are

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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