

Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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The 18th 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

"The way you get meaning in your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning." **-Mitch Albom, from Tuesdays With Morrie**

"It's about loving something—not just oneself or one's family or one's neighbor. It's about loving life—about loving this world—and seeing this world as our living room."

-Robert Fulgrim- All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten

"When Jesus said love your neighbor, He knew your neighbor would act, look, believe and love differently than you. It's kind of the whole point."

-Toby Mac, Christian Singer, Songwriter, Producer

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;

C: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

L: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

C: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love.

L: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

C: He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

PRAISE SONG

"Great Is Your Love"

4

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

7

Ran-som for sin, — how great is Your love — that You would — call — me Your child

11

Lord a-bove — all — the King that has come —

14

Hope for the na-tions You're God's on - ly Son — How great is Your love — that

18

You would call — me Your child — So deep — So wide .

22

is the love that you lav - ish on me — So long — so high .

26

oh, great is your Love — great is Your Love — for me —

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

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a praise song titled "Great Is Your Love". The score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 4/4. The music is divided into eight measures, each containing a line of lyrics. The lyrics are: "Giv-er of life, Be - gin-ning and End. Light of the world — the", "Ran-som for sin, — how great is Your love — that You would — call — me Your child", "Lord a-bove — all — the King that has come —", "Hope for the na-tions You're God's on - ly Son — How great is Your love — that", "You would call — me Your child — So deep — So wide .", "is the love that you lav - ish on me — So long — so high .", "oh, great is your Love — great is Your Love — for me —", and "Giv-er of life, Be - gin-ning and End. Light of the world — the". The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests, as well as phrasing slurs and breath marks. The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font, with hyphens used to indicate syllables that span across measures.

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 _

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: The royal law is found in Scripture. It says, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself."

If you really keep this law, you are doing what is right.

C: But you sin if you don't treat everyone the same. The law judges you because you have broken it.

L: Suppose a person claims to have faith but doesn't act on their faith. They say, "You have faith. I do good deeds."

C: Show me your faith that doesn't cause you to do good deeds. And I will show you my faith by the goods deeds I do.

L: Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has become a child of God and knows God.

C: Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

L: Here is how God showed his love among us. He sent his one and only Son into the world. He sent him so we could receive life through him. Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that God loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we should also love one another.

RESPONSE

"Grace Alone"

1. Ev - 'ry pro - mise we can make, ev - 'ry prayer and step of faith,
2. Ev - 'ry soul we long to reach, ev - 'ry heart we hope to teach,
Ev - 'ry dif - f'rence we will make is on - ly by His grace.
Ev - 'ry - where we share His peace is on - ly by His grace.
Ev - 'ry moun - tain we will climb, ev - 'ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev - 'ry lov - ing word we say, ev - 'ry tear we wipe a - way,
Ev - 'ry bless - ing left be - hind is on - ly by His
Ev - 'ry sor - row turned to praise is on - ly by His
grace. Grace a - lone which God sup - plies, strength un - known He will pro
vide. Christ in us, our Cor - ner - stone, we will go forth in grace a
1. lone. 2. lone. We will go forth in grace a - lone.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Kennedy Butzler, Ellis Martin, and Katie Martin

MESSAGE AND READINGS Amanda Hull, Lexi George, and Kaitlin Sparks

First Reading

The first reading is John 21:15-17

¹⁵ When Jesus and the disciples had finished eating, Jesus spoke to Simon Peter. He asked, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these others do?” “Yes, Lord,” he answered. “You know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”¹⁶ Again Jesus asked, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord. You know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”¹⁷ Jesus spoke to him a third time. He asked, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt bad because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He answered, “Lord, you know all things. You know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.

Second Reading

The second reading is Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴ The Pharisees heard that the Sadducees weren’t able to answer Jesus. So the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them was an authority on the law. So he tested Jesus with a question. ³⁶ “Teacher,” he asked, “which is the most important commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ Jesus replied, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and most important commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it. ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’ ⁴⁰ Everything that is written in the Law and the Prophets is based on these two commandments.”

Third Reading

The third reading is John 13:4-10a; 12-17

⁴ So [Jesus] got up from the meal and took off his outer clothes. He wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a large bowl. Then he began to wash his disciples’ feet. He dried them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter. “Lord,” Peter said to him, “are you going to wash my feet?”

⁷ Jesus replied, “You don’t realize now what I am doing. But later you will understand.”

⁸ “No,” said Peter. “You will never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you can’t share life with me.”

⁹ “Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet! Wash my hands and my head too!”

¹⁰ Jesus answered, “People who have had a bath need to wash only their feet. The rest of their body is clean...”

¹² When Jesus finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes. Then he returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord.’ You are right. That is what I am. ¹⁴ I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet. So you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example. You should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ What I’m about to tell you is true. A slave is not more important than his master. And a messenger is not more important than the one who sends him. ¹⁷ Now you know these things. So you will be blessed if you do them.

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.

Special Music

“What Are We To Do?”

CTP singers

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: Christ has gathered us as one body, bound by holy love.

C: May the love we taste here heal our divisions.

P: Do not keep this grace hidden within these church walls.

C: We will carry Christ's light into every corner of our neighborhood.

P: Love your neighbors as Christ has loved you.

C: We go in peace to serve the Lord.

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

"Your Love Is Here"

Verse 1

D A Bm G D A G

I feel emp-ty, I am worn out. There is

7 Bm Bm/A G D A/C#

so much I can - not see. But your love, they say, has o - pen arms. And your

11 Bm Bm/A G *Pre-Chorus* G

grace is wait-ing for me. Oh I want to rest in those strong arms, yes I

14 A Bm Bm/A G

want to trust in my heart of hearts that your love, you love is here. Oh I

17 G A

want to rest in those strong arms, yes I want to trust in my heart of hearts that your

19 Bm Bm/A G *Chorus* D A sus

love, you love is here. So I will sing, your love is here and it's

22 Bm G D A sus G

great-er than our doubts. Your love is great-er than our fear. Yes, I will sing,

25 D A sus Bm G Bm G *2nd time to Bridge* D Bm

your love is here and it sees our brok-en hearts. Some-how it can heal. Your love is here.

29 G *Verse 2* D A Bm Bm/A

I am scared. I am scared. There is so much I can-not be-lieve.

34 G D A/C# Bm Bm/A
 — But your love, they say, is like — a ri-ver. And mer-cy will just wash o-ver

38 G Em D Bm G Em 3
 me. Oh I We don't have to be

42 D A Bm 3
 strong. We don't have to be sure. — We don't have to be right. — We don't have to see

45 G D 3
 an - y blind - ing lights. We don't have to be strong. — We don't have to be

48 A Bm G 3
 sure. — We don't have to be right. — We don't have to see an-y blind-ing lights.

52 G Bm A Chorus D A sus
 We can — just — be. — So I will sing, — your love is here and it's

55 Bm G D A sus G
 great-er than our doubts. Your love is great-er than our fear. — Yes, I will sing,

58 D A Bm G Bm G
 your love is here and it sees our brok-en hearts. Some-how it can heal. Your love is here.

61 1. D Bm G Em D Bm G Em D
 Your love is here and it's (here) Your love is here. —

"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.

“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.

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

"Ubuntu"

Chorus

U - bun- tul U - bun- tul
 shar- ing our vi - sions and dreams. U - bun- tul where
 jus- tice flows like a life giv - ing stream. The
 peo- ple to - geth- er join - ing our hearts and our
 hands to wel - come the strang - er and cher - ish the friend and to
 work for the peace of the land and so we do life

Verses (echo song leader)

1. ... Sisters and brothers ... made for communion ... bound to each other ... one holy union
 ... Drawn by a vision ... drawn by desire ... drawn to the circle ... round God's holy fire,
2. ... Called now we follow ... Jesus our brother ... Who gathers his children ... just like a mother
 ... Tenderly holding ... this new creation ... Making and molding ... a new holy nation,
3. ... This is our vision ... life's in the sharing ... Holding back nothing ... dreaming and daring,
 ... To live this communion ... that breaks us and binds us
 ... Holds us and heals us ... frees us and finds us

Bridge

1. Made by God's po - wer to live as God's own;
 2. Marked by the wa - ter and giv - en our name,
 3. God, give us cour - age to do what we say,
 made to be seen and be heard and to be known,
 moved by God's Spir - it, be re - lived by hol - y flame,
 Christ, give us strength for the liv - ing of these days.

THE DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stay for a coffee hour following the worship service.

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