

Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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The 19th 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

"There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self."
-Earnest Hemmingway

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."
-Native American Proverb

"Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them."
- The Dalai Lama

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

L: God calls us to be faithful stewards of every gift.

C: We come with grateful and open hearts.

L: God calls us to hear the voices we might rather ignore.

C: Give us humility to listen.

L: Christ, once rejected, has become our cornerstone.

C: Let Christ shape how we live and love.

L: May we go from this worship ready to serve.

C: May our lives reveal God's compassion.

PRAISE SONG

"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

bles - 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Holy Maker,

C: you have trusted us to care for this world and to cultivate life-giving relationships with everyone we meet. Yet, we confess that we often hoard your blessings for ourselves and mistreat the people you send to guide us toward goodness. We let greed and defensiveness close our hearts, choosing protection over the transformative power of generous love.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

L: God's mercy remains wide open to us. With God's grace you are completely released from your past missteps and welcomed back as vital caretakers of this beautiful world. Receive this gift of forgiveness and let it spark a dedication to choosing love, care, and kindness every single day.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

"Choose Love"

1. It's your world. It's your life. You can
2. If you search for what's right and your

make it what-ev-er you like. It's your time - right
quest for peace be-comes a fight, don't lose faith, don't lose

now; put your foot down, stand tall and be proud. And your
hope; those are two things you tru - ly own.

days can be shaped with hands of love or of rage; choose love.

1. 2. Fro - zen in this mo - ment, some -
times it's so hard to move. Fro - zen in these
mo - ments, some- times it's so hard to choose. When it
comes to you, choose love.

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 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

20 Here are all the words God spoke. He said,

² “I am the Lord your God. I brought you out of Egypt. That is the land where you were slaves. ³ “Do not put any other gods in place of me. ⁴ “Do not make for yourself statues of gods that look like anything in the sky. They may not look like anything on the earth or in the waters either.

⁷ “Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will find guilty anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ “Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy. ⁹ Do all your work in six days.

¹² “Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long time in the land the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ “Do not murder. ¹⁴ “Do not commit adultery. ¹⁵ “Do not steal.

¹⁶ “Do not be a false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷ “Do not want to have anything your neighbor owns. Do not want to have your neighbor’s house, wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey.” ¹⁸ The people saw the thunder and lightning. They heard the trumpet. They saw the mountain covered with smoke. They trembled with fear and stayed a long way off.

¹⁹ They said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself. Then we’ll listen. But don’t let God speak to us. If he does, we’ll die.” ²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Don’t be afraid. God has come to test you. He wants you to have respect for him. That will keep you from sinning.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

The second reading is Philippians 3:4-14

⁴ I have many reasons to trust in who I am and what I have done. Someone else may think they have reasons to trust in these things. But I have even more. ⁵ I was circumcised on the eighth day. I am part of the people of Israel. I am from the tribe of Benjamin. I am a pure Hebrew. As far as the law is concerned, I am a Pharisee. ⁶ As far as being committed is concerned, I opposed and attacked the church. As far as keeping the law is concerned, I kept it perfectly. ⁷ I thought things like that were really something great. But now I consider them to be nothing because of Christ. ⁸ Even more, I consider everything to be nothing compared to knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. To know him is worth much more than anything else. Because of him I have lost everything. But I consider all of it to be garbage so I can know Christ better. ⁹ I want to be joined to him. Being right with God does not come from my obeying the law. It comes because I believe in Christ. It comes from God because of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ better. Yes, I want to know the power that raised him from the dead. I want to join him in his sufferings. I want to become like him by sharing in his death. ¹¹ Then by God’s grace I will rise from the dead.

¹² I have not yet received all these things. I have not yet reached my goal. Christ Jesus took hold of me so that I could reach that goal. So I keep pushing myself forward to reach it. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I don’t consider that I have taken hold of it yet. But here is the one thing I do. I forget what is behind me. I push hard toward what is ahead of me. ¹⁴ I push myself forward toward the goal to win the prize. God has appointed me to win it. The heavenly prize is Christ Jesus himself.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ “Listen to another story. A man who owned some land planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it. He dug a pit for a winepress in it. He also built a lookout tower. He rented the vineyard out to some farmers. Then he moved to another place. ³⁴ When harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the renters. He told the slaves to collect his share of the fruit. ³⁵ “But the renters grabbed his slaves. They beat one of them. They killed another. They threw stones at the third to kill him. ³⁶ Then the man sent other slaves to the renters. He sent more than he did the first time. The renters treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. ³⁸ “But the renters saw the son coming. They said to one another, ‘This is the one who will receive all the owner’s property someday. Come, let’s kill him. Then everything will be ours.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard. Then they killed him. ⁴⁰ “When the owner of the vineyard comes back, what will he do to those renters?” ⁴¹ “He will destroy those evil people,” they replied. “Then he will rent the vineyard out to other renters. They will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Haven’t you ever read what the Scriptures say,

“The stone the builders didn’t accept
has become the most important stone of all.
The Lord has done it.

It is wonderful in our eyes’?

⁴³ “So here is what I tell you. The kingdom of God will be taken away from you. It will be given to people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces. But the stone will crush anyone it falls on.”

⁴⁵ The chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ stories. They knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ So they looked for a way to arrest him. But they were afraid of the crowd. The people believed that Jesus was a prophet.

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)

"No Hands But Yours"

Christ has no bod - y now but yours,
no hands but yours, no feet but yours.

Christ has no bod - y now but yours,
no hands but yours, no feet but yours. *Fine*

Verse 1
Yours are the eyes through which Christ's com - pas - sion
must look out on the world, must look out on the world. *D.C.*

Verse 2
Yours are the feet with which to go a - bout do - ing good. *D.C.*
Yours are the hands with which to bless us now.

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

“In God’s Hands”

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

C: We enter with devotion to meet and care for each other.

P: Here we always find new beginnings.

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

"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;

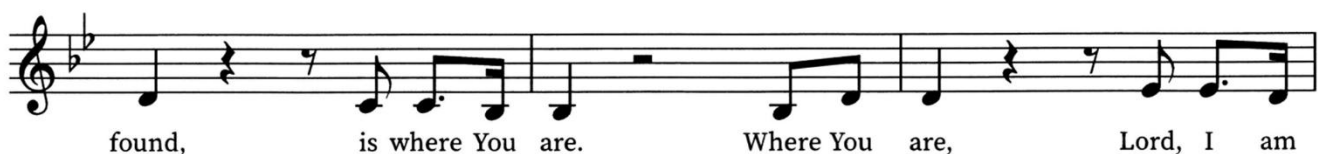
1. Come and live for - ev - er. Life ev - er -
 2. Come and live for - ev - er more. *Song Ending*

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

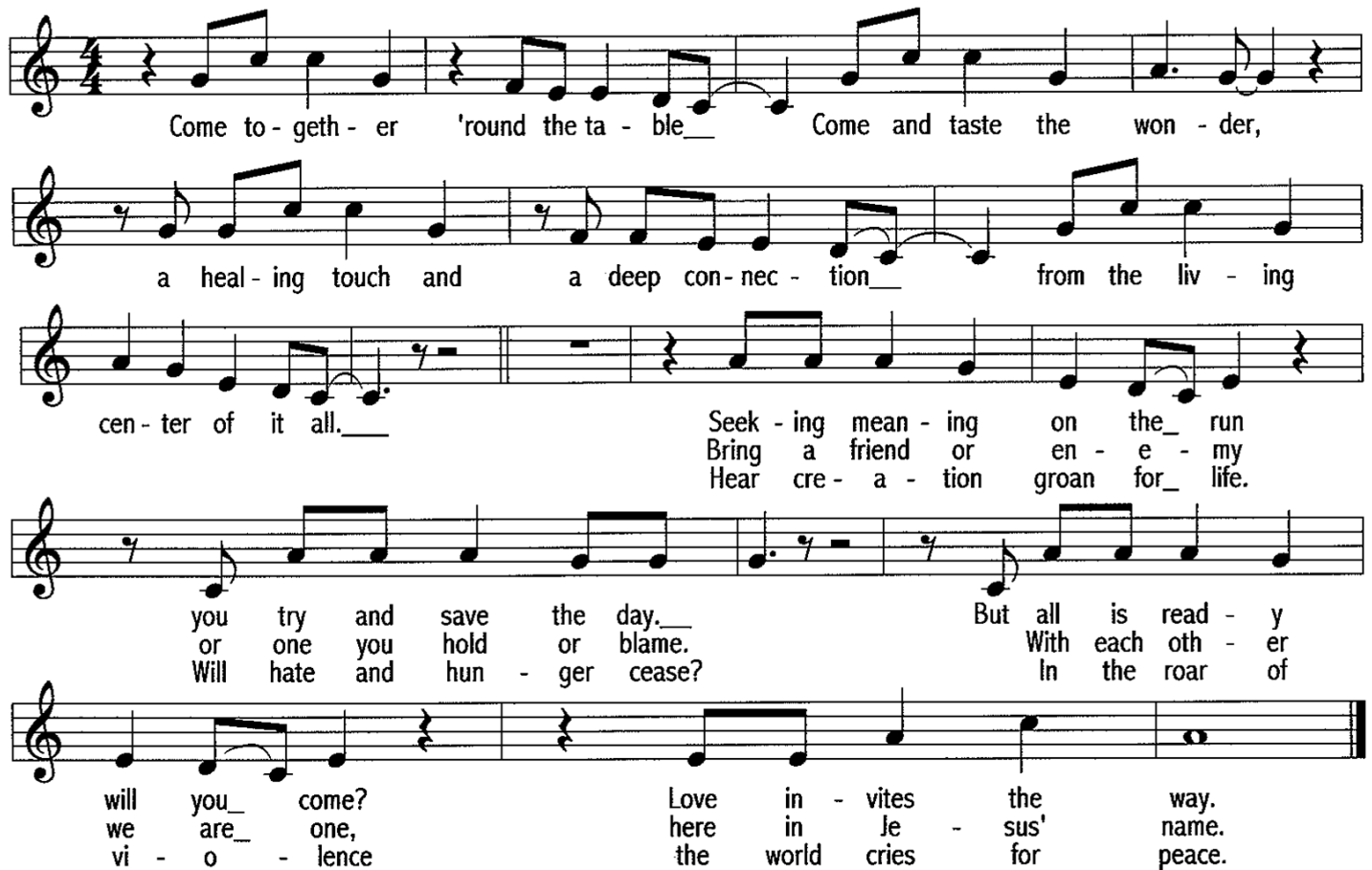
"Lord, I Need You"



CHORUS



“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.

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

"Send Us Out"

1. We have been called by the Lord.
2. We who were bound by our shame,
We ruled have by been our saved fears by the with Word. in.
Now Stand let and the de - Word clare be by re - stored. name,
Now let the Gos - pel of be heard. Send us out to teach what
free - dom from all of our sin.
God has done. Send us out to reach ev' - ry
sin - gle one. Send us out. Send us out.
Teach what God has done. Reach ev' - ry sin - gle one.
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sin - gle one. Send us out. Send us out.

THE DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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