

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

“Waste no more time arguing about what a good [person] should be. Be one”

-Marcus Aurelius

“We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.”

- Fred Rogers

“We were born to unite with our fellow men, and to join in community with the human race.”

-Marcus Cicero

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

L: We give thanks to God for the faith, love, and hope we share in Christ.

C: We rejoice in God's love that calls us into community.

L: Through the Holy Spirit, we find joy even in times of challenge.

C: We seek to live as examples of Christ's grace and peace.

L: Let our words and actions reflect God's love to all.

C: May our faith grow, our love deepen, and our hope shine brightly.

L: Come, let us worship God with grateful hearts and open spirits.

C: 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 seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. The final measure of the seventh staff has a double bar line with repeat dots.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Living and true God,

C: We confess that we are captive to the idols of our age. We bow down before wealth, safety, popularity, and control, trusting them more than we trust you. We confess our lack of integrity; we wear the mask of faith on Sundays, but serve the demands of the world throughout the week. We have preferred comfort to truth and compromise to righteousness. Grant us the Holy Spirit's power to live as genuine examples of your love, speaking and acting with undivided hearts.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

L: God's rich mercy and Christ's love bring you complete forgiveness and a fresh start. Your past compromises are over; your new life of steadfast integrity begins right now. Go out into the world as a living example of faith and love, knowing that you are fully accepted and completely free.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

"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.

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 33:12-23

¹² Moses said to the Lord, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people.’ But you haven’t let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know your name. I know all about you. And I am pleased with you.’” ¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me more about yourself. Then I can know you. And I can continue to please you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

¹⁴ The Lord replied, “I will go with you. And I will give you rest.”

¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, “If you don’t go with us, don’t send us up from here. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and your people? You must go with us. How else will we be different from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷ The Lord said to Moses, “I will do exactly what you have asked. I am pleased with you. And I know your name. I know all about you.”

¹⁸ Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

¹⁹ The Lord said, “I will make all my goodness pass in front of you. And I will announce my name, the Lord, in front of you. I will have mercy on whom I have mercy. And I will show love to those I love. ²⁰ But you can’t see my face,” he said. “No one can see me and stay alive.”

²¹ The Lord continued, “There is a place near me where you can stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in an opening in the rock. I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand. You will see my back. But my face must not be seen.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

The second reading is 1 Thessalonians 1

¹ I, Paul, am writing this letter. Silas and Timothy join me in writing.

We are sending this letter to you, the members of the church in Thessalonica. You belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. May grace and peace be given to you.

² We always thank God for all of you. We keep on praying for you. ³ We remember you when we pray to our God and Father. Your work is produced by your faith. Your service is the result of your love. Your strength to continue comes from your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ Brothers and sisters, you are loved by God. We know that he has chosen you. ⁵ Our good news didn’t come to you only in words. It came with power. It came with the Holy Spirit’s help. He gave us complete faith in what we were preaching. You know how we lived among you for your good. ⁶ We and the Lord were your examples. You followed us. You welcomed our message even when you were suffering terribly. You welcomed it with the joy the Holy Spirit gives. ⁷ So you became a model to all the believers in the lands of Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The Lord’s message rang out from you. That was true not only in Macedonia and Achaia. Your faith in God has also become known everywhere. So we don’t have to say anything about it. ⁹ The believers themselves report the kind of welcome you gave us. They tell about how you turned away from statues of gods. And you turned to serve the living and true God. ¹⁰ They tell about how you are waiting for his Son to come from heaven. God raised him from the dead. He is Jesus. He saves us from God’s anger, and his anger is sure to come. 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 22:15-22

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went out. They made plans to trap Jesus with his own words. ¹⁶ They sent their followers to him. They sent the Herodians with them. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of honor. You teach the way of God truthfully. You don’t let others tell you what to do or say. You don’t care how important they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what do you think? Is it right to pay the royal tax to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸ But Jesus knew their evil plans. He said, “You pretenders! Why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin people use for paying the tax.” They brought him a silver coin.

²⁰ He asked them, “Whose picture is this? And whose words?”

²¹ “Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. And give back to God what belongs to God.”

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

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 of My Life"

My heart is hop - in' and my eyes are o - pen.
Some say I've got to have all of the an - swers.
Help out my neigh - bor, wel - come a strang - er.

There is a hun - ger in - side me. I want to do right,
Some say I need all this mon - ey. I hear the world is just
Of - fer my shirt to an en - e-my. Dance in the moon - light

walk in the ho - ly light, to live my days a - bun - dant - ly.
mine for the tak - ing, oh, how I long to be re -
cry by the fire - light, to live my days a - bun - dant -

leased. All of my life, I want to
ly.

lose my - self and be faith - ful. All of my life,

I want to live for - giv - en and grate - ful, all of my

life. Oh, God, you know me, my D.S.
ev - 'ry heart - beat is a word of grace from you.

1. Fine 2.

THE PRAYERS

P: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

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

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through 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

"Go To the World"

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

"Break These Chains"

Wrapped in con - fu - sion, trapped in life's cage,
I hear you call - ing, call - in my name.

tied to the cra - dle and grave.
Why do I turn from you?

Cap - tive to ques - tions, shack - led by fear,
I keep on run - ning, run - ning a - way,

touch - ing the edge of faith. On - ly
far from your grace and truth.

Refrain
love can break these chains. On - ly love can break these chains. In this

1.,3. 2.
whole world on - ly love can break these chains. chains.

To Refrain
Break these chains. Break these chains. Break these chains. On - ly

“Bread of Life”

*3rd time to Bridge.
Last time fine.*

Repeat chorus

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: Sustaining God,

C: with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

P: As you go in the world, love your neighbors, speak truth, and stand up for what is right. Let your faith be active, your love be genuine, and your hope be steadfast. In all you do, be a witness to the living and true God.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

"Do Justice"

Rac - ing a - round chas - ing i - dols
Peo - ple bro - ken fall - ing piec - es
Dead - ly hun - ger des - p'rate cry - ing

un - ful - filled emp - ty ves - sels.
dig - ni - ty lost, lov - ing ceas - es
wound - ed liv - ing chil - dren dy - ing.

World on the edge, out of con - trol
Hope - less eyes lone - ly fa - ces
Nails in the flesh, pierc - ing fear,

will we sur - vive, God on - ly knows
yearn - ing hearts, hurt - ing plac - es.
why can't we see, Christ hang - ing here?

Do jus - tice, love mer - cy,

walk hum - bly with our God, with our God.

THE DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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