

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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Reformation Sunday**

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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

"You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say"
-Martin Luther

"The whole being of any Christian is faith and love; faith brings the person to God, love brings the person to people"
-Martin Luther

"God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does."
-Martin Luther

"Pray like it all depends on God, then when you are done, go work like it all depends on you"
-Martin Luther

"The church that preaches the gospel in all of its fullness, except as it applies to the great social ills of the day, is failing to preach the gospel."
-Martin Luther

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

L: We gather to celebrate the grace of God, freely given to all.

C: By faith, we are made new through Jesus Christ.

L: We remember the Reformation and the call to renew our faith.

C: God's Word continues to guide, challenge, and inspire us.

L: We are freed by grace to love and serve our neighbors.

C: Together, we grow in faith and share God's love.

L: Come as you are, for God's love has no boundaries.

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 and 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 and 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 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: Loving God,

C: you call us to live in the freedom of your grace, yet we are often bound by guilt, worry, pride, and fear. We forget that our worth rests not in what we accomplish but in your steadfast love for us. Forgive us when we withhold forgiveness, when we turn away from those in need, and when we fail to trust your promises. Renew our spirits, and lead us to live with grateful hearts, generous hands, and love for all our neighbors. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

L: Rejoice in the promise of the gospel: By grace through faith, we are forgiven and reconciled to God, not because we are perfect, but because God is merciful. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In that promise, receive the forgiveness of your sins and the assurance of new life. Go in peace, strengthened by grace, and share the freedom, grace, and love of Christ with the world.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION 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

Pastor Robb Kosky

WORD

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

First Reading

The first reading is Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ “The days are coming,” announces the Lord. “I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel. I will also make it with the people of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their people of long ago. That was when I took them by the hand. I led them out of Egypt. But they broke my covenant. They did it even though I was like a husband to them,” announces the Lord. ³³ “This is the covenant I will make with Israel after that time,” announces the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds. I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God. And they will be my people. ³⁴ They will not need to teach their neighbor anymore. And they will not need to teach one another anymore. They will not need to say, ‘Know the Lord.’ That’s because everyone will know me. From the least important of them to the most important, all of them will know me,” announces the Lord. “I will forgive their evil ways. I will not remember their sins anymore.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

The second reading is Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ What the law says, it says to those who are ruled by the law. Its purpose is to shut every mouth and make the whole world accountable to God. ²⁰ So no one will be considered right with God by obeying the law. Instead, the law makes us more aware of our sin. ²¹ But now God has shown us his saving power without the help of the law. But the Law and the Prophets tell us about this. ²² We are made right with God by putting our faith in Jesus Christ. This happens to all who believe. It is no different for the Jews than for the Gentiles. ²³ Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God’s glory. ²⁴ The free gift of God’s grace makes us right with him. Christ Jesus paid the price to set us free. ²⁵ God gave Christ as a sacrifice to pay for sins through the spilling of his blood. So God forgives the sins of those who have faith. God did all this to prove that he does what is right. He is a God of mercy. So he did not punish for their sins the people who lived before Jesus lived. ²⁶ God did all this to prove in our own time that he does what is right. He also makes right with himself those who believe in Jesus. ²⁷ So who can brag? No one! Are people saved by the law that requires them to obey? Not at all! They are saved because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸ We firmly believe that a person is made right with God because of their faith. They are not saved by obeying the law.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

The Gospel

John 8:31-36

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus spoke to the Jews who had believed him. "If you obey my teaching," he said, "you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth. And the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are Abraham's children. We have never been slaves of anyone. So how can you say that we will be set free?" ³⁴ Jesus replied, "What I'm about to tell you is true. Everyone who sins is a slave of sin. ³⁵ A slave has no lasting place in the family. But a son belongs to the family forever. ³⁶ So if the Son of Man sets you free, you will really be free.

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)

"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.

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.

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: God's Word continues to renew the church and our lives.

C: Reform us, O God, and renew our faith.

P: Come to the table where Christ offers forgiveness, mercy, and hope.

C: We come to receive your grace and share your love.

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

"God So Loved"

CTP Singers

"Round the Table"

The musical score for "Round the Table" is written in 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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."

“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 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: Go forth in the good news of Reformation Sunday: God's grace is sufficient, Christ's love is steadfast, and the Spirit is always making us new. Freed from the burden of earning God's love, go serve your neighbor, seek justice, show mercy, and work for the good of all.

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. Let your faith be active in love, your hands ready for service, and your lives a witness to the good news of Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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