

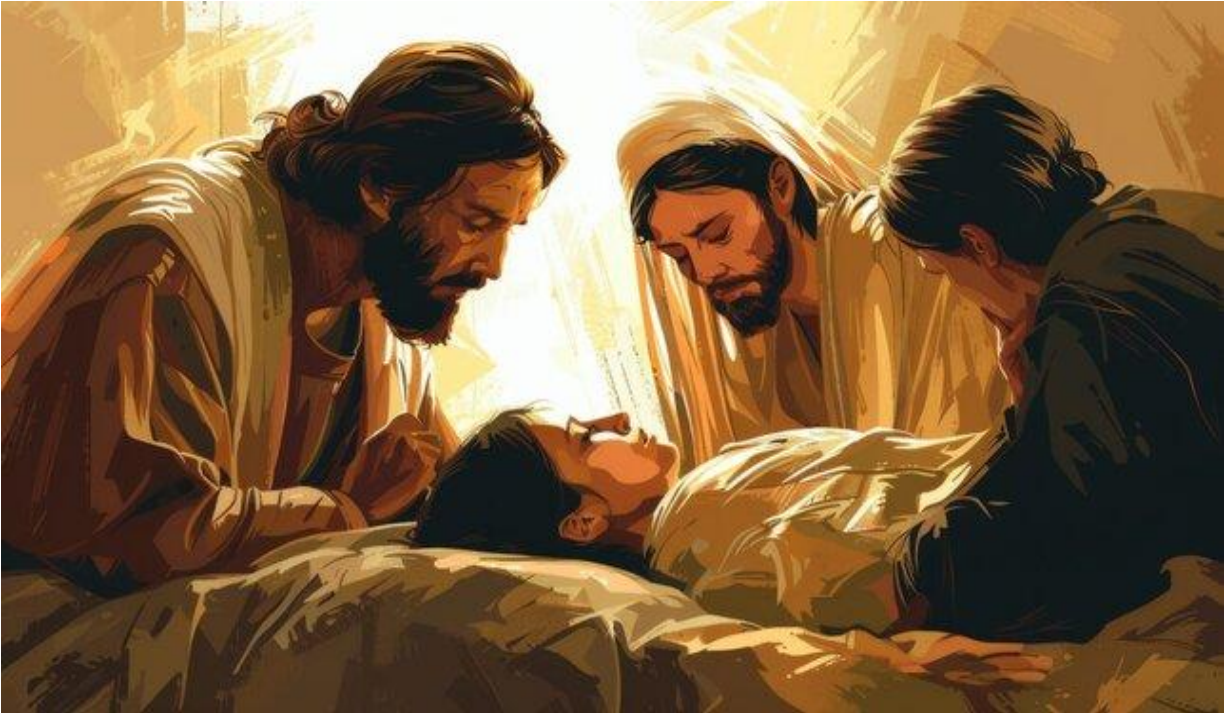
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TRINITY'S MISSION

Bringing God's love to the world in worship, witness, and service.

TRINITY'S VISION

A Christ and Scripture centered congregation.

- Mission centered congregation constantly evaluating its vision to accomplish its mission.
- A congregation whose members sense that they belong to the body of Christ and, in turn want to provide for the needs of others.

2ND SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

ELW HOLY COMMUNION SETTING 8

Introduction to the Day

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

GATHERING

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

**Indicates stand*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Come, let us return to the Lord.

God's steadfast love never fails.

Jesus welcomes those the world pushes aside.

At Christ's table, all are beloved.

God calls people of every nation, story, and identity.

We are one body in Christ.

Come and worship the God of mercy and grace.

We come to worship with open hearts. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Trusting in God's mercy and not in our own righteousness, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Silence for reflection.

Merciful God,

you desire steadfast love, yet we confess how often we choose comfort over compassion. We draw lines that you do not draw. We cling to fear, assumptions, and judgment. We have failed to honor the fullness of your image shining in every person. We have turned away from neighbors who longed to be seen and welcomed. We have remained silent when others were excluded or harmed. We have trusted in our own understanding rather than your expansive grace. Forgive us. Heal us. Teach us again the way of mercy. Create in us communities where all your children may know dignity, safety, and love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ did not come for the righteous, but for all who long for mercy. Jesus ate with the excluded, touched the untouchable, and called beloved those whom the world cast aside. In † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are seen.

You are loved. You belong to God. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to live as people of radical welcome, courageous compassion, and steadfast love. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: Morning Has Broken

ELW 556

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie


Refrain




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

First Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6

A reading from Hosea.

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

¹⁵ I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: ^{6:1} "Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³ Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

Psalm 50:7-15

"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.

I will not accept a calf | from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know every bird | of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High. Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me. O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.
You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Children's Message

*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping."

And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon:

Pastor Bruce Thorsen

***Hymn of the Day: There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy**
(sung to ELW 445 Beach Spring)

ELW 587

Sacrament of Baptism: James Vincent Santangelo

ELW Pg. 227

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

God of Grace,
hear our prayer.

Peace: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

***Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. God of mercy and steadfast love, you gather people of every nation, identity, and story into your beloved community. Receive these gifts and our lives alongside them, that through your Spirit they may bring healing, welcome, justice, and hope to all your children; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

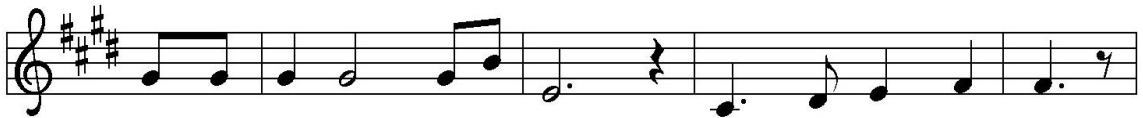
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...and join their unending hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

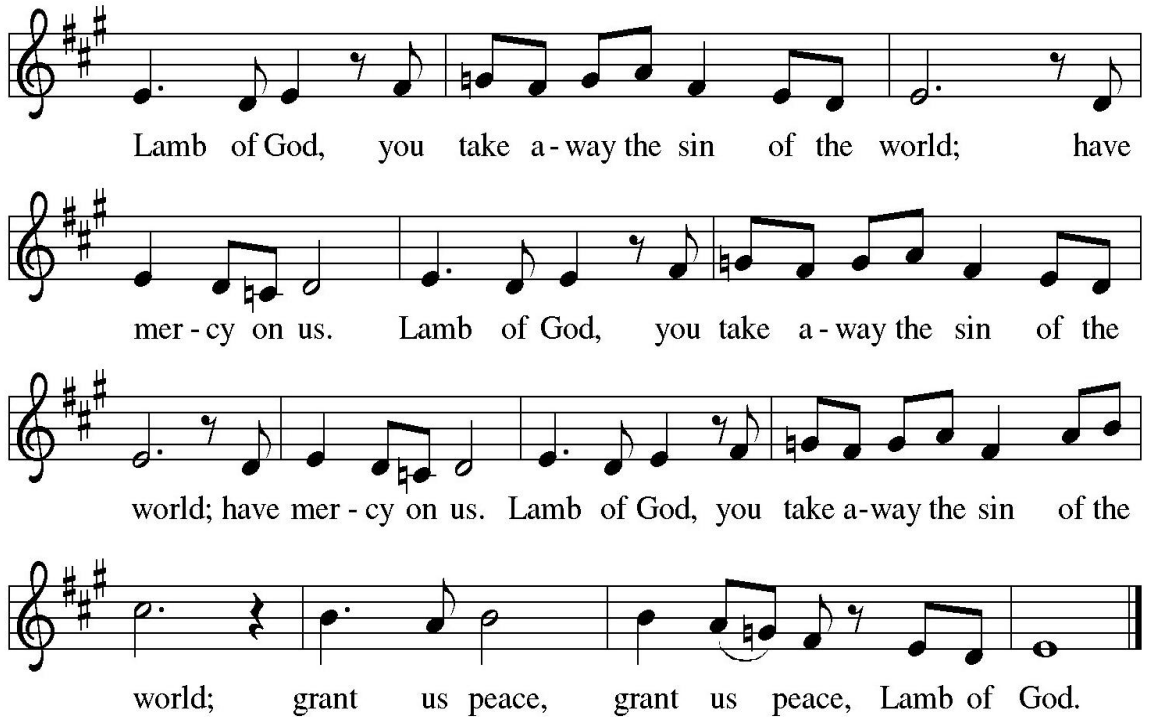
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Come, for this is Christ's table, where all are welcomed, all are fed, and all are loved.

Communion Song



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymns: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

ELW 470

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

ELW 617

*Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God of grace, at this table you have welcomed us, nourished us, and made us one in the body of Christ. Send us now to share your steadfast love with the world, to welcome our neighbors with compassion, and to bear witness to your mercy for all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
Amen.

Sending Song: I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW 860

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share God's steadfast love, welcome all people, and serve the world in Christ's name. Thanks be to God. **Thanks be to God.**

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