

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.

3RD SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

ELW HOLY COMMUNION SETTING 8

Introduction to the Day

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross - as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

GATHERING

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

**Indicates stand*

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: All Are Welcome

ELW 641

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God of Beauty, you gather your beloved children into your care, each one a unique image of you. You claim us as your own and call us to follow in the ways of mercy, justice, and joy. Strengthen our changing hearts and minds to continue the work of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Nonetheless, those who were in distress won't be exhausted. At an earlier time, God cursed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but later God glorified the way of the sea, the far side of the Jordan, and the Galilee of the nations. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. You have made the nation great; you have increased its joy. They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest, as those who divide plunder rejoice. As on the day of Midian, you've shattered the yoke that burdened them, the staff on their shoulders, and the rod of their oppressor.

Word of God, word of freedom. **Praise be to God**

Psalm 27:1,4-9

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone?

The Lord is a fortress protecting my life. Should I be frightened of anything?

I have asked one thing from the Lord— it's all I seek: to live in the Lord's house all the days of my life, seeing your beauty and constantly adoring your temple.

Because you will shelter me in your own dwelling during troubling times; you will hide me in a secret place in your own tent; you will set me up high, safe on a rock.

Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me, and I will offer sacrifices in God's tent— sacrifices with shouts of joy!

I will sing and praise the Lord.

Lord, listen to my voice when I cry out— have mercy on me and answer me!

Come, my heart says, seek God's face.

Lord, I do seek your face!

Please don't hide it from me!

Don't push your servant aside angrily— you have been my help!

God who saves me, don't neglect me!

Don't leave me all alone!

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-25

See what kind of love the Creator has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world did not recognize God, it does not recognize us. Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when God appears we will be like God because we'll see God as God is.

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Children's Message

***Gospel Acclamation**

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

The Word made flesh dwells among us. **Full of grace and truth.**

Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light, and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in the shadow of death. From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!"

As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." Right away, they left their nets and followed him. Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee, their father, repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

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

Sermon:

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*Hymn of the Day: Jesus, You Have Truly Called Us

Unison F Dm B \flat B \flat /C

1 Je - sus, you have tru - ly called us. Still, to - day, we hear your
 2 Je - sus, save us from poor choic - es. Ha - tred, run - ning like a
 3 Je - sus, save us from our weak - ness, from de - ceit and from de -

F F F/E Dm Dm/C B \flat B \flat /C

voice. Lead us on - ward, lead us up - ward, till all peo - ple can re -
 thread through the fab - ric of our his - t'ry, mars our faith and leaves us
 spair. Move us on to new cre - a - tion in a world that's free and

F *Refrain* Am Am/C Dm Dm/C B \flat

joice.
 dead. Meet us in our time of tri - al, fill us with your Spir - it's
 fair.

B \flat /C C Dm Am/C B \flat F/A Gm7 B \flat /C F

power. As we stand be - fore op - pres - sion, give us cour - age for this hour.

Creed

Let us join together in proclaiming our faith:

We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.

We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.

We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love. All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Creator in prayer.

A brief silence.

We pray for our pastors, deacons, bishops, and church leaders, that they may guide us well as we become a loving, welcoming, and resilient community in Jesus Christ. We pray that the whole church may someday become a blessed community where all people are celebrated. Spirit, intercede for us,

Send wholeness to our church.

We pray for the sustainability of our planet. Guide us to care for creation, be mindful of how much we throw away, reduce how much carbon dioxide our lifestyles add to the air we breathe, and remember how much our choices impact the lives of people in poor and marginalized communities. Spirit, intercede for us,

Send wholeness to our Earth.

We pray for our siblings all around the world. We pray that leaders everywhere recognize and respond to the suffering of the poor, marginalized, and persecuted. We pray that governments enact laws that protect and defend the poor, marginalized, and persecuted. We pray that your hand of justice intercede for us. Spirit, intercede for us,

Send wholeness to the nations.

We pray for people who have chaos swirling around and within them. We pray for those that have been told they are less than, wrong, or an outcast for who they are. We pray that all of us find true peace, joy, and wholeness in you. We pray for people who are victims of violence because of queerphobia [or homophobia, transphobia, biphobia], racism, sexism, and ableism. We pray for your mercy, love, and healing to care for them. Spirit, intercede for us,
Send wholeness to your children.

We pray that our congregation and its ministries uplift and care for all living things in our world. We pray that we work towards justice and peace in our own family and community. Spirit, intercede for us,
Send wholeness to us.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy wisdom.
Amen.

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering: We Are A Rainbow

1. We're the light of all the world,
 coat of ma - ny co -
 hope to still be - lieve
 face the storms of life,

we are a cit - y on a hill, We're a can - dle on a stand
 lors, sewn from in - ma - ny dif - frent threads, co - v'ring all in warmth, in wel -
 in to - mor - row's bet - ter day, We are peace in a world
 we will ne - ver be a - lone, For our God will be with

pro - claim - ing light, We will not hide our lamp
 come and in grace, God said "Let there be light",
 that's torn a - part, We are in joy that will last
 us on the way, Hand in hand, side by side,

be - neath a bush - el an - y more, We will shine a ray of hope
 cre - a - ted e - v'ry va - ried shade, In the rain - bow each of us
 in all the strug - gles that we face We are the love that blooms and grows
 we won't be fright - ened* a - ny more, As the mourn - ing night of tears

that's burn - ing bright. Chorus: We are a rain - bow,
 can find a place. in e - v'ry heart. breaks in - to day.

sign of co - ve - nant and peace For the flood of tears will

fin - 'ly cease to be, Come shine your rain - bow,

splash your hues a-cross the sky, Paint the world in co-lors
 proud and bold and free.
 1. 2. 3. *slower* Paint the world in co-lors proud and bold and
 2. We're a
 3. We are
 4. When we
 free.

*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

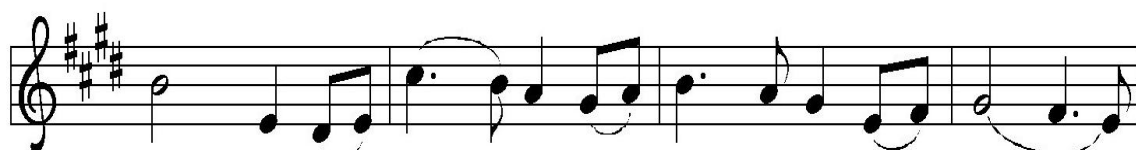
Holy, Holy, Holy



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



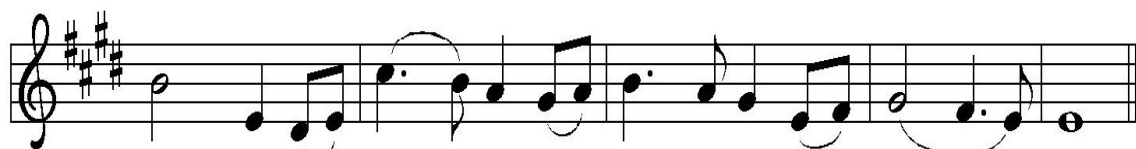
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



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.

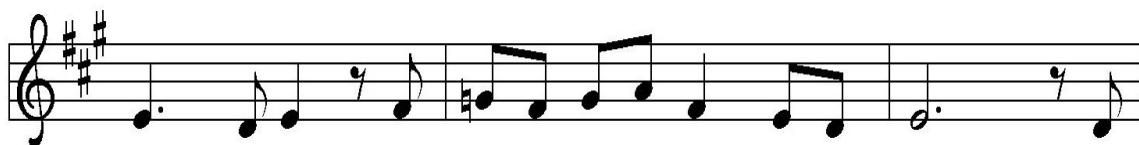
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**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



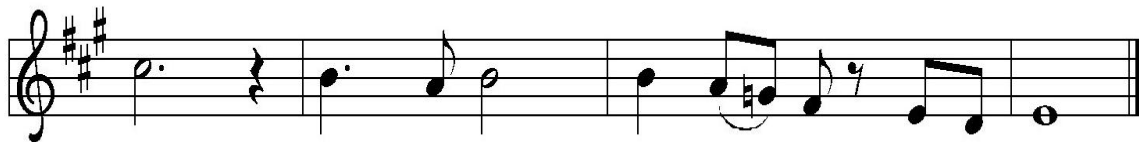
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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 Hymn: At the Table, All Are Equal

♩ = 70



1. At the ta-ble, all are e - qual, all ap - proach the feast as guest.
 2. At the ta-ble, none go hun - gry, none must steal or beg for bread;
 3. At the ta-ble, all are cher - ished, all are sought at an - y cost,
 4. At the ta-ble, none are fin - ished, none sit self - ish - ly con - tent;



None sit in the seat of hon - or: at the ta-ble, none are best.
 all re - ceive from God's a - bun - dance: at the ta-ble, all are fed.
 none a - ban - doned or for - sak - en, at the ta-ble, none are lost.
 all are called to love in ser - vice: from the ta-ble, all are sent.

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(2.) At the ta - ble, none go hun - gry,
 (4.) At the ta - ble, all are cher - ished,

D.C.



at the ta - ble all are fed.
 at the ta - ble all are sent.

Final Ending



At the ta - ble, all are e - qual, at the ta-ble, all are fed.

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

As we leave this space may God's face shine upon us, God's love sustain us, and God's peace inspire us and grant us peace. May God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer - fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may live in hope of a blessed community where humanity's diversity is celebrated. **Amen.**

Sending Song: May the God of Hope Go With Us**ACS 984**

¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.
faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1921–1988, alt.
Music: ARGENTINA, Argentine folk melody

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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BEACH SPRING

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