

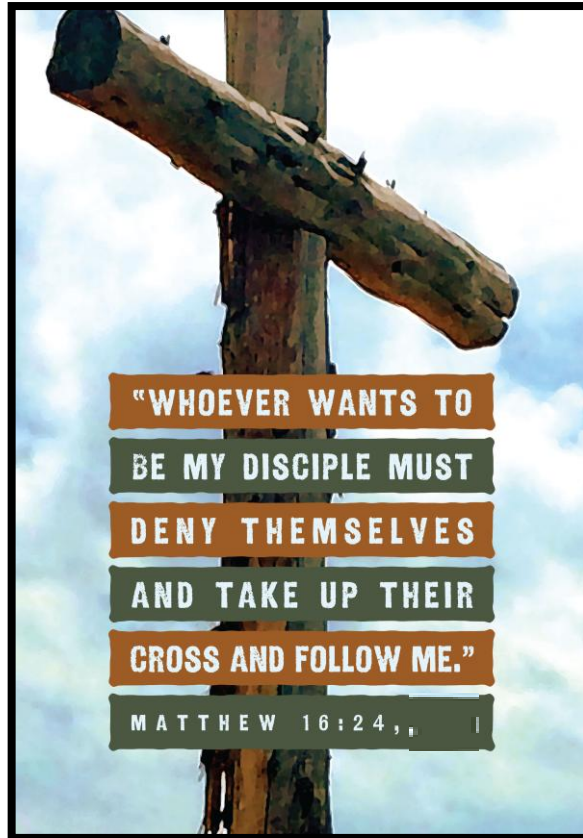
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ELW HOLY COMMUNION SETTING 10

Introduction to the Day

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

GATHERING

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

**Indicates stand*

Prelude: Jesus You Have Called Us (I Will Follow)

Joel Payne

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose mercy is new each day. **All: Amen.**

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

We confess that we often set our minds on human things rather than your ways. We seek comfort without sacrifice, victory without love, and justice without mercy. When we are hurt, we are tempted to repay evil with evil. When the path of discipleship is difficult, we turn away rather than take up our cross and follow you. Forgive us when our love is not genuine, when we overlook the lowly, and when we fail to trust your presence in our suffering. Turn our hearts again toward you, and teach us to overcome evil with good. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ did not turn away from suffering or from us. He gave himself for us, was raised from death, and calls us into new life. By the grace of God, our sins are forgiven, our wounds are met with mercy, and we are freed to live as people of genuine love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Gathering Song: Come, Now is the Time to Worship

D **Dsus** **D** **A**

J=98

Come, now is the time to wor - ship. Come,

Em **G** **D**

now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to wor-

Dsus **D** **A** **Em** **G** *Last time to Coda* **⌘**

- ship. Come, just as you are be-fore your God.

VERSE

D **G** **D**

Come. 1. One day ev-'ry tongue will con-fess You are God.
2. Will ing - ly we choose to sur - ren - der our lives,

G **D** **G**

One day ev-'ry knee will bow. Still, the great - est treas - ure re - mains
will - ing - ly our knees will bow. With all our heart, soul, mind

D.C. al Coda **⌘**

for those who glad - ly choose You now. Come.
and strength, we glad - ly choose You now.

D

Come. Come, just as you are, come.

Come.

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. O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from Jeremiah.

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

¹⁵ O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Psalm: Psalm 26:1-8 (read responsively)

Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,

singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

Second Reading: Romans 12: 9-21

A reading from Romans.

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

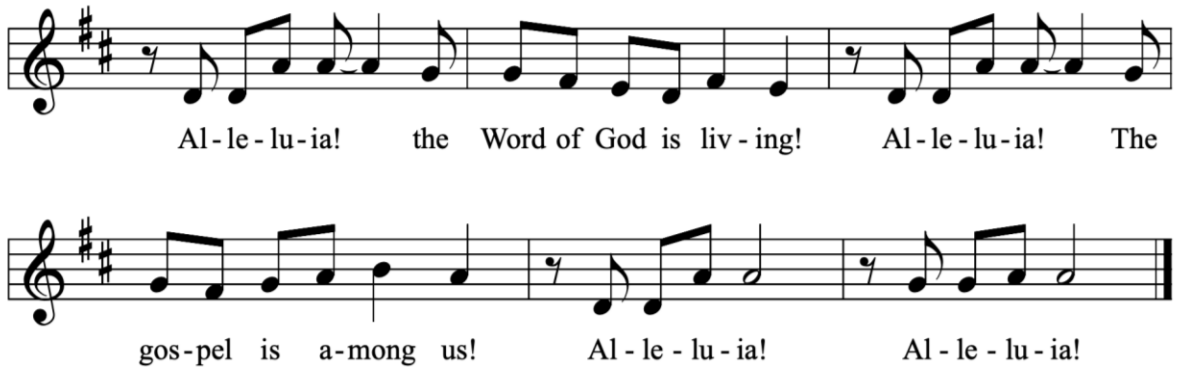
⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Children's Message

*Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

Sermon:

Todd Lewis

*Hymn of the Day: You Are My All In All

$\text{♩} = 80$



1. You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treas-ure that I
 2. Tak ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your



seek. You are my all in all. Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
 name; You are my all in all. When I fall down, You pick me

CHORUS



jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all. Je - sus,
 up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.



Lamb of God, wor-thy is Your name! Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor-thy is Your



name!

Creed

Let us join together in proclaiming our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: He Is Among Us (The Least Of These)

(based on the recording by The Porter's Gate) Words and Music by Andy Piercy, Isaac Wardell, John Swinton, Orlando Palmer and Paul Zach

***Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

SENDING

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

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song: Shout Hallelujah

CHORUS 1

♩ = 108 F B $\flat$ /F C/F F B $\flat$

Shout hal - le - lu - jah! Shout hal - le - lu - jah! Shout hal - le - lu - jah un -

4 C F F B $\flat$ F C F B $\flat$ F

to the Lord! Sing a - loud to God let the peo - ple shout be - fore His

8 C/E C F B $\flat$ F C F Am7 B $\flat$ C

throne! Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing a - loud to God make a joy - ful noise un - to the

CHORUS 1

12 F F B $\flat$ /F C/F F B $\flat$

Lord! Shout hal - le - lu - jah! Shout hal - le - lu - jah! Shout hal - le - lu - jah un -

BRIDGE

1 2

C F C F B $\flat$

16

to the Lord! to the Lord! From the ends of the earth, from the
(From the ends of the earth,)

20 I

F/A B♭ Gm7 Csus C

depths of the sea, let all cre - a - tion praise His name! From the
(from the depths of the sea,)

25 CHORUS 1

C F B♭/F C/F F B♭

name! Shout hal - le - lu - jah! Shout hal - le - lu - jah! Shout hal - le - lu - jah un -

CHORUS 2

29 C F F B♭ C F B♭ C F

to the Lord! Shout hal - le - lu - jah! Shout hal - le - lu - jah!

34 B♭ C F B♭ C F

Shout hal - le - lu - jah! Shout hal - le - lu - jah un - to the Lord!_

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

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