

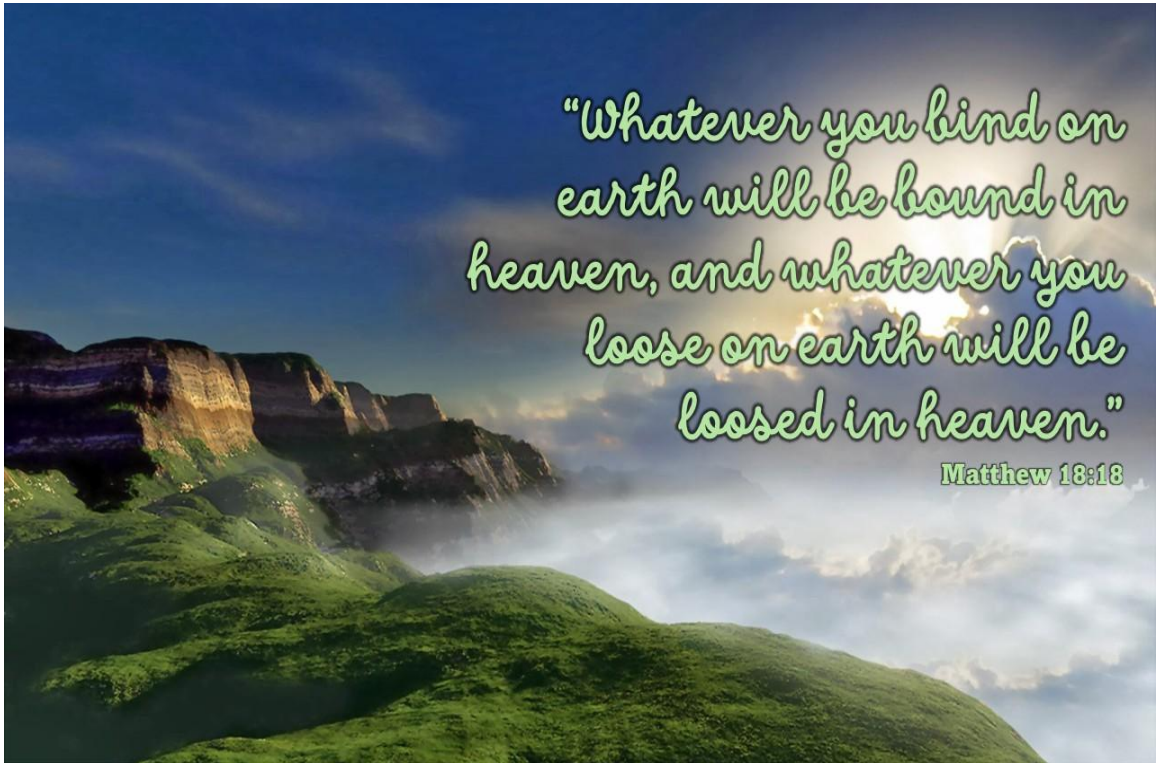
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TRINITY'S MISSION

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

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ELW HOLY COMMUNION SETTING 8

Introduction to the Day

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

GATHERING

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

**Indicates stand*

Prelude: Come Let's Sing

by Joel Payne

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

(on screen) we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*Gathering Song: Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

ELW 807



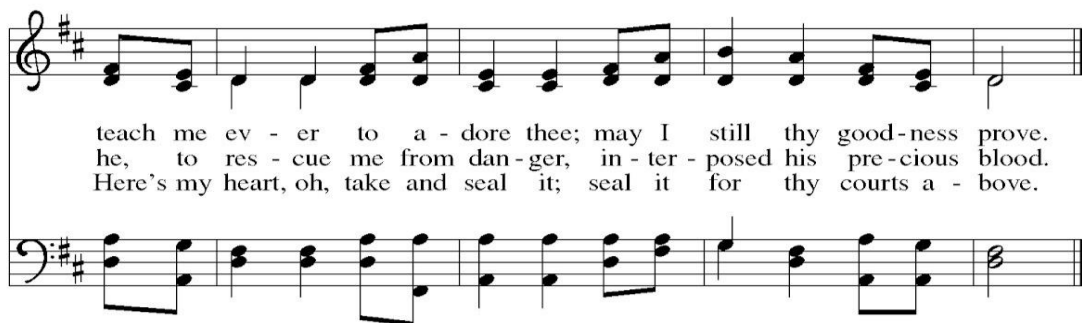
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

***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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

First Reading: Ezekial 33:7-11

A reading from Ezekial.

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?”

¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

Psalms: Psalm 119:33-40 (read in unison) The Message

GOD, teach me lessons for living so I can stay the course. Give me insight so I can do what you tell me— my whole life one long, obedient response.

Guide me down the road of your commandments; I love traveling this freeway!

Give me an appetite for your words of wisdom, and not for piling up loot.

Divert my eyes from toys and trinkets, invigorate me on the pilgrim way.

Affirm your promises to me— promises made to all who fear you.

Deflect the harsh words of my critics— but what you say is always so good. See how hungry I am for your counsel; preserve my life through your righteous ways!

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Romans.

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Children’s Message

*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! the Word of God is liv - ing! Al - le - lu - ia! The



gos - pel is a - mong us! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

***Sermon:**

Pastor Bruce Thorsen

***Hymn of the Day: God is Found in Teeming Jungles**

by David Bjorlin

Verses



1. God is found in teem-ing jun-gles, God is found in gap-ing caves,
2. God is felt in chil-dren play-ing, God is felt in friends' em-brace,
3. God is known in dead-end path-ways, God is known in grief's great loss,
4. God is here in peo-ple gath-ered, God is here in bread and wine,

God is found in stretch-ing prai-ries, God is found in surg-ing waves.
God is felt in stran-gers' kind-ness, God is felt in com-mon grace.
God is known in burnt-out ash-es, God is known up-on the cross.
God is here in heal-ing wa-ters, God is here in gift and sign.



***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**

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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

*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.**

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

ACS 1089



San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . .
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

***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.**

***Invitation to Communion**

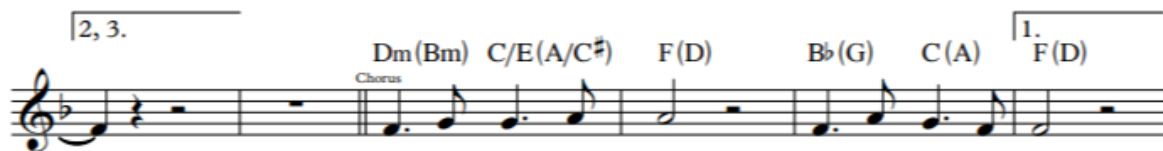
Communion Song: God Our Father



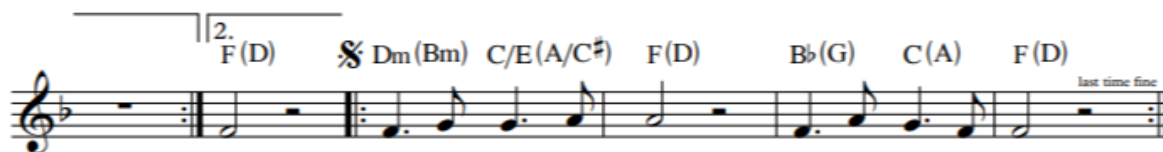
1. God our Fa-ther, King of hea-ven, let your King dom_ come._
 2. E - v'ry-thing we need you've gi - ven; bread for e - v'ry_ day._
 3. Lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, help us walk your_ ways._



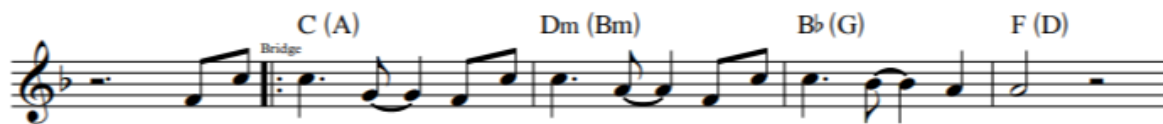
On the earth as in your hea-ven, let your will be_ done._
 In your mer - cy we're for - gi - ven, may we show your grace._
 Lord, de - li - ver us from e - vil, hear us as we_ pray:_



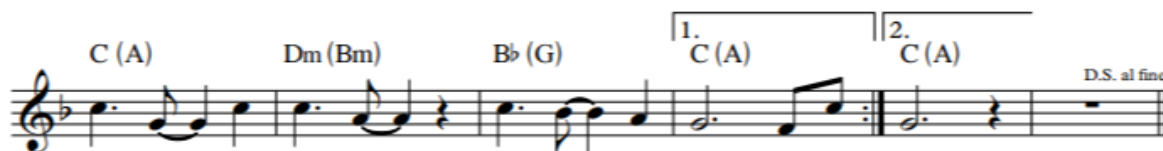
Let your King-dom come, let your will be done.



done. Let your King-dom come, let your will be done.



For the king dom, and the po - wer_ and the glo - ry_ are yours,



now and_ for - e - ver,_ for - e - ver-more. For the more.

D.S. al fine

Communion Song: Come to God's Table

D A/C#

Come to God's ta - ble, for all is pre - pared, the
 Come to God's ta - ble, and drink of the wine, the
 Come to God's ta - ble, we come as we are, we
 Come to God's ta - ble! then go in God's grace to

G/B D/A G A

bread that we of - fer is bro - ken and shared, Christ's
 blood of the Sa - viour in my - st'ry di - vine, the
 bring all the bur - dens we've car - ried so far, in
 hold all the earth in a heav'n - ly em - brace, sent

A/G D/F# Am G/B D7 G

pre - sence a - mong us is food for the soul, re -
 cup of sal - va - tion both price - less and free, trans -
 bo - dy, in spi - rit, in soul, mind and heart, to
 out in the Spi - rit to tend and to care in

G D/F# Em A7

vi - ving, re - ne - wing, and ma - king us
 for - ming God's peo - ple to all we can
 feed on the grace on - ly God can im -
 thought, word and ac - tion, our life is our

1-3. 4.

D G/D D A Bm7 E9 Bm7 E9

whole.
 be.
 part. prayer.

Bm7 E7 Bm E7

Come to the ta - ble, come to the ta -

Gmaj7 Gm6 D F#7#9 last time fine

ble, come to the ta - ble of God.

*Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

*Blessing

May God bless you and keep you! May God's face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May God look kindly upon you, and give you peace!
Amen.

Sending Song: Send Us Out

A D A D A E A

Send us out in the pow'r of your Spi-rit to shine your light in the way we live.
Send us out in the pow'r of your Spi-rit to show your love e-v'rywhere we go.

A D A D A

Send us out in the pow'r of your Spi-rit; as we've re-ceived may we
Send us out in the pow'r of your Spi-rit; Lord, fill us up so we

E A A E F#m D

free-ly__ give. Send us__ out, send us__ out, send us__ out__ for your
o - ver - flow.

A E A E F#m D 1. E A

glo - ry. Let all we__ do__ be praise to__ you; send us__ out for your glo - ry

D A E F#m D A E (F#m)
 Intro
 2.
 E A Bridge D A E F#m
 glo - ry. We're la-ying down our lives, a li-ving sac - ri fice, we're
 D A E D
 li-ving for your glo - ry and your praise. We're ta-king up our cross,
 A E F#m
 we've coun - ted up the cost, we're
 D A E
 li - ving for your glo - ry and your praise. to chorus D.S.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

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