



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.*

*Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.*

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**Laborers in the Vineyard**

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We hear a simple tale about a just employer paying honest wages to his workers.  
How could such a thing cause such outrage?  
One might ask the same of God's kingdom.

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***WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.*** You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .

- just as you are, created by God.
- whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.
- wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.
- whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.

You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us.

**You are welcome here!**

*The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing.  
Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parents*

# ✠ THE SERVICE ✠

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** *Special Music* Ross Thompson, Guitar

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

*(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)*

### ↑ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Faithful Lord,

**You were obedient in every way, even when that obedience led to death. As we walk this penitent season with you, fill us with remorse at all the ways we have fallen short of being faithful, loving servants. Forgive us our shortsightedness, our waste, and our criticism of ourselves and others. We long for your grace and rely on your loving kindness. Amen.**

Our God is indeed slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You have been forgiven and granted another chance to turn away from all which does not give life. Be assured and be made whole again.

Through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### ↑ **GATHERING**

*Plow the Fields and Scatter*

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### ↑ **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**

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*In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

***Lord, have mercy.***

*For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

***Lord, have mercy.***

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**A-men.**

## ↑ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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**(Refrain) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

- 1. Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. (Refrain)**
- 2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. (Refrain)**
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. A-men, a-men.**

## ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O Lord, you are merciful, just, and gracious. Make us grateful recipients of your generosity and joyful dispensers of the same lavish benefits to those who depend upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## ↓ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Following the Children's Message, parents of children who are six or younger are welcome to take their children to child-care and retrieve them for communion. (10:30 worship service only)*

## ✠ WORD ✠

## ↓ PSALM

Psalm 16:5-8

<sup>5</sup>The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.

<sup>7</sup>I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup>I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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*Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.*

*Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.*

**↑ GOSPEL**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**↓ SERMON**

## ↑APOSTLES' CREED

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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

*(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)*

Prayer Leader: Generous God,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

## ✠ MEAL ✠

## ↑SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:*

**Peace be with you.**

## ↓OFFERING

Special Music

Ross Thompson, guitar

## ↑PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn *Take My Life that it May Be*

#685 vs. 1 &amp; 2

**1** *Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

**2** *Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.*

## ↑OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance,  
**we have all that we need, and yet so often we feel that we deserve more. May these gifts that we offer be given in gratitude for your many blessings, for the sake of furthering your justice toward all people. For the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ↑GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*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 FOR THE DAY

*It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## ↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

## ↑JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### ↑LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.*

**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

In your kingdom the last are first and the first are last. Gather us now around your table with all our brothers and sisters, regardless of rank, age, background, or disposition. Feed us all on the same food, that we may be one in our desire to follow and serve you all our days. Come to the feast that our Lord has prepared for all!

**Thanks be to God!**

## ↓ DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. Dip the bread into the cup (intinction).*

***Gluten-free wafers and a gluten free common cup are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host. If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.***

## ↓ LAMB OF GOD

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***Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.***

## ↓ Distribution Music

*Instrumental*

Ross Thompson, Guitar

## ↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## ↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We thank you, O God,

**that you have fed us at your banqueting table**

**with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send**

**your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts**

**to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in**

**Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

## ↑ BLESSING

May God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, and the Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, ✝  
bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

**Amen.**

↑HYMN *Lord whose Love in Humble Service* #712

↑DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

↓POSTLUDE

*Fughetta in D*    Josef Rheinberger 1839-1901

*Many worshippers choose to stay in the sanctuary  
to listen to the musical postlude (3-4 minutes).*