



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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Rev. Ned O'Donnell, Pastor: Lutheran Ministry to Nursing Homes

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today.
Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table.
Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Tune: *Sweet Hour* by William Bradbury 1816-1868
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✠ GATHERING ✠

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

↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*

ACS #1078 vs.1-2

Refrain

*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.*

*There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.*

- 1 For justice, for freedom,
for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief:
be near; hear our prayer, O God. Refrain**
- 2 For wisdom, for courage,
for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear:
be near; hear our prayer, O God. Refrain**

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↑ GREETING

The joy of our Lord Jesus Christ, the compassion of God and the creative power of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, **you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

↓ FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↓ Psalm 121

(read responsively)

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you;

the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

6the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

7The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

8The LORD will watch over your going out and your
coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

↓**SECOND READING** **2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

14But as for you, continue in what you have learned
and firmly believed, knowing from whom you
learned it, **15**and how from childhood you have
known the sacred writings that are able to instruct
you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16**All
scripture is inspired by God and is useful for
teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training
in righteousness, **17**so that everyone who belongs to
God may be proficient, equipped for every good
work.

4:1In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who
is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his
appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:

2proclaim the message; be persistent whether the
time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke,
and encourage, with the utmost patience in
teaching. **3**For the time is coming when people will
not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching
ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers
to suit their own desires, **4**and will turn away from
listening to the truth and wander away to myths. **5**As
for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the
work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

↑**GOSPEL** **Luke 18:1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th
chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to
pray always and not to lose heart. **2**He said, "In a
certain city there was a judge who neither feared
God nor had respect for people. **3**In that city there
was a widow who kept coming to him and saying,
'Grant me justice against my opponent.' **4**For a while
he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I
have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, **5**yet
because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant
her justice, so that she may not wear me out by
continually coming.'" **6**And the Lord said, "Listen to
what the unjust judge says. **7**And will not God grant
justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and
night? Will he delay long in helping them? **8**I tell you,

he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when
the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓**SERMON**

↓**CHOIR** *He Watching Over Israel* from *Elijah*
by Felix Mendelssohn Arr. Hal H. Hopson
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↑**APOSTLES' CREED** **page 105**

Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles'
Creed.

**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.)*

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in
prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For all the baptized, that they become skilled in
compassion and grace and equipped to share the
good news with all. Grant your followers persistence
in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God. **Your
mercy is great.**

For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide
rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground.
Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and
empower us to be worthy stewards of creation.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. Today we pray especially for *Brad Wentz, Vincent Maloney, George Lyon, Sandra Schleske, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Ann Kenyon, Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna Madarasz, Craig Anderson, Pastor Craig, Marilyn, Michael Rasmussen, Hilke de Arce, Jackson Bohm, Buddy and Sherri Scott, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow, Geoff Kline, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, Willie Prewitt, Christine Winberg and Dorothy Wingire.* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the priesthood of all believers; the Islamic Center of Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda, the Lutheran Ministry to Nursing Homes, our Sunday School, and the East Bay Lutheran Youth Program. We give thanks for the fullness of the lives of Joyce Blamire and Sophia Hofmann as they celebrate their birthdays this week. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work, that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

At this time, you are invited to pray the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

A moment is offered for prayers from the congregation

For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace, that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

✠ **MEAL** ✠

↑ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

The offering baskets will not be passed through the congregation at this time. Please place your offering in the basket placed on the stand in the middle aisle of the sanctuary.

↑ 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 on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 (spoken)

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, in the highest. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-sanna in the high-est.

↑ 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.

↓DISTRIBUTION

↑POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.
Amen.

↑PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

↑BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

↑HYMN *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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- 1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on,
let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on
to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*
- 2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord,
linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

↑DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

↓POSTLUDE *3 Settings of St. Anne*

(O God, Our Help in Ages Past)

arr. Charles Callahan b. 1951

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