



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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Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us.
All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith.
God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners.
For this we worship and glorify God forever.

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

Erin Downey

✠ 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's a Wideness in God's Mercy* #588 vs. 1,2,4

- 1 *There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.*
- 2 *There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.*

- 4 *'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.*

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

↑ 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. Holy God, our righteous judge, **daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

↓ FIRST READING **Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22**

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

⁸O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?
⁹Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;

for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant
with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

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

↓ **Psalm 84:1-7** (read responsively)

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of
the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the
living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the
swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by
the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king
and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell in your house!
They will always be praising you.**

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley will
find it a place of springs, for the early rains
have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

↓ **SECOND READING** **2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18**

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a
libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I
have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is
reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which
the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that
day, and not only to me but also to all who have
longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support,
but all deserted me. May it not be counted against
them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me
strength, so that through me the message might be
fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.
So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord
will rescue me from every evil attack and save me

for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

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

↑ **GOSPEL**

Luke 18:9-14

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

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted
in themselves that they were righteous and
regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up
to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other
a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself,
was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not
like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or
even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I
give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax
collector, standing far off, would not even look up to
heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God,
be merciful to me, a sinner!’

¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home
justified rather than the other; for all who exalt
themselves will be humbled, but all who humble
themselves will be exalted.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ **SERMON**

↓ **HYMN** *Change My Heart, O God* **#801**

*Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true.*

*Change my heart, O God;
may I be like you.*

You are the potter;

I am the clay.

*Mold me and make me;
this is what I pray.*

*Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true.*

*Change my heart, O God;
may I be like you.*

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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.

God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare. Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially *the Lebrez family, Alan Petersen, 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; Lutheran Church of the Cross in Berkeley, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda, the Lutheran Ministry to Nursing Homes, our Sunday School, and the East Bay Lutheran Youth Program. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. 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

God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for *(James of Jerusalem and)* all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. 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) Page 207

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 *Praise to You, O God of Mercy* #208

- 1 Praise to you, O God of mercy:
thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
thanks be to you forever!**
- 2 From of old you loved and sought us:
thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us:
thanks be to you forever!**

Bridge

***Strong is your faithfulness,
strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.***

- 3 Praise to you, O God of mercy:
thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
thanks be to you forever!
Thanks be to you forever!**

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↑ DISMISSAL

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

↓ POSTLUDE *Fugue in D Major* by William Selby

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