



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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Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

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 ✠

PRELUDE

Lamb of God

(Tune: *Your Only Son*, Twila Paris)

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✠ GATHERING ✠

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

↑ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN *In Christ There Is No East or West*

#650 vs. 1 & 3

- 1 *In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.*
- 3 *Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.*

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, 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.**

↑ CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Glory to God* p. 204

**Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;
in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!**

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, **by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

Please find today's texts in the announcement insert of the bulletin.

↓ FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

↓ **Psalm 40:1-11** (read responsively)

- ¹ I waited patiently upon the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- ² **The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of
the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff,
making my footing sure.**
- ³ The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of
praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in
awe, and put their trust in the LORD.
- ⁴ **Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not
turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**
- ⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my
God! In your plans for us, none can be compared
with you! Oh, that I could make them known and
tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- ⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have
opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have not required.**
- ⁷ And so I said, "Here I am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
⁸ **'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.'**"
- ⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.
- ¹⁰ **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your
deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast
love and truth from the great assembly.**
- ¹¹ You are the LORD; do not withhold your
compassion from me; may your steadfast love
and your truth continually keep me safe.

↓ **SECOND READING** **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

↑ **GOSPEL** **John 1:29-42**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st
chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ **SERMON**

↓ **CHOIR** *The Only Son from Heaven*

Tune: anonymous, harmonized by J. S. Bach 1685-1750

Text: Elizabeth Kruezigler, 1524

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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.)*

You may choose to sit or stand as you are comfortable.

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting local waterways and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need. Today we pray especially

for *Wes & Marla Anderson, Mike Bonifield, Anne Winberg, Elena Sweet, Tim Bangert, Constance & Stephen Mann, Barry Toomajian, Richard Roth, David Johnson, 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.* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the priesthood of all believers; St. Paul Lutheran Church in Oakland, 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 Susi Battaglia, Kaye Fitzsimons, and Anita Burnaford as they celebrate their birthdays this week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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, 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.

↓ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

Thanks be to God!

↓ DISTRIBUTION

↓ 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.*

↑ 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. **Holy One, we thank you for the
healing that springs forth abundantly from this
table. Renew our strength to do justice, love
kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

↑ BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and
breaks the oppressor's rod ✠ bless, strengthen, and
uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* #841 v.1&3

- 1** *Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven
ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past
has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has
brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.*

- 3** *God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the
light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.*

*Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the
world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever
stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.*

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938

↑ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

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