



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.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 2023

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The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

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 ✠

CHOIR PRELUDE Welcome Table
African American spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953
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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 greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,
we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN *Morning Has Broken* #556

- Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!***
- Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.***

**3 *Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!***

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↑ GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

↑ HYMN OF PRAISE Page 4-5 (hymnal insert)

***Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom:
praise and glory forevermore!***

***1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. (refrain)***

***2. Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. (refrain)***

***3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us
people of God; to make all things new. (refrain)***

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, **you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

↓ FIRST READING **Jeremiah 28:5-9**

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true,

then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

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

↓ **Psalm 89:1-4,15-18**

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³“I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴**I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶**They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

↓ **SECOND READING** **Romans 6:12-23**

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But

now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** **Page 8 (hymnal insert)**

Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

↑ **GOSPEL** **Matthew 10:40-42**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ **SERMON**

↓ **HYMN** *Amazing Grace* #779 vs. 1, 3, 5

1 *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.*

3 *Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

5 *When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

↑ APOSTLES' CREED

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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.

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. For all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation and all nations. For presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill, especially *the family of Randi Strom, Don Sherratt, Jason Hayes, Bernadette Hunsaker, Maria Bonino, Chuck LaBel, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Wes & Marla Anderson, Elena Sweet,*

Constance Farber, Barry Toomajian, Alan Petersen, Vincent Maloney, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Ann Kenyon, Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna Madarasz, Craig Anderson, Pastor Craig, Michael Rasmussen, Jackson Bohm, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, Willie Prewitt, Christine Winberg and Dorothy Wingire. For any near death and for all who grieve. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the Strategic Exploration Team, the priesthood of all believers, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We give thanks for the fullness of the life of Diane Alexander as she celebrates her birthday this week. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy, **hear 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

We give thanks for all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

✠ MEAL ✠

↑ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

↓ OFFERING

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING Page 11 (hymnal insert)

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 God thanks and praise.

↑PREFACE FOR THE DAY

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Page 11-12 (hymnal insert)

***Holy, holy, holy are you. God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!***

↑EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Page 12 (hymnal insert)

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

*Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

*Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.*

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST...

Page 13 (hymnal insert)

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. A - men.

Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our father as we pray:

↑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

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good. **Thanks be to God**

↓DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. **Gluten-free wafers 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 Page 14 (hymnal insert)

1 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

2 Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear; have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

3 Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us

4 Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love; have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us

5 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, 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. We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received at your
banquet table. Send us now to spread your
generosity into all the world, through the one who
is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

↑BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in
the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age. Amen.

↓ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑HYMN *To You Sweetheart, Aloha, with Aloha'oe* Ukuleles

*To you sweetheart, aloha
Aloha from the bottom of my heart,
keep the smile on your lips,
brush the tears from your eyes,
one more aloha, then it's time for goodbye,
to you sweetheart, aloha,
in dreams, I'll be with you dear tonight...
and I'll pray for that day when,
we two will meet again,
until then sweetheart, aloha...*

*Aloha'oe aloha'oe
eke onaona noho I ka lipo
one fond embrace, a ho'i a'e au...
until we meet again. (Repeat)*

To You Sweetheart: Composed by Harry Owen, 1935,
musical director at Royal Hawaiian Hotel
Aloha'oe: (Farewell to Thee) by Queen Lil'Uokalani

↑DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Fantasia on "America, the Beautiful"*

Rex Koury, ASCAP
(Based on the tune "Materna," by Samuel A. Ward)
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THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 45

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 7/3 9:30am Craft Group
Tues 7/4 *Parade watching in front of Trinity followed by BBQ*
Wed 7/5 10:00am Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)

ALL HANDS ON THE DECK We need your help! Tomorrow, Monday, July 3rd, Ken Gutleben will lead deck demolition of the upper deck on the Education building. Demo'ing the deck ourselves saves us a bunch of money, and we like to save money! The project will begin at 9:30am. All tools and equipment will be provided along with lunch. Please bring your gloves. Chat with Ken with any questions or to let him know you can make it.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE WATCHING AND BBQ After a three-year hiatus, we are excited to bring back our annual parade watching followed by backyard BBQ (open to the community). You are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Trinity will provide the sausages and hot dogs and drinks. You are welcome to join us for just the parade watching or just the BBQ or both! Please take a flyer on the table in the entryway and invite a friend, everyone is welcome!

RELAY FOR LIFE Join Trinity's Terrific Trekker's on Saturday, July 22nd beginning at 10am at Leydecker Park in Alameda for this year's Relay for Life event. You may contribute to raising money for cancer by donating to American Cancer Society- please give your checks made out to American Cancer Society to Joanne Robinson in order for it to be counted towards our team goal of \$1,000. To dedicate a luminaria and for any questions, please see Joanne.

Farewells for Pastor Craig As many of you know, back in December 2020, Pastor Craig was deeply affected by COVID. He has been in a long process of recovery since and still has far to go. As a result, he is on disability and, although still a pastor, he can no longer serve the East Bay Lutheran Youth Program. For Pastor Craig this means it's time for him to say goodbye to us, and for us to say goodbye to him and his partner, Bruce. We are asking all who have been a part of Pastor Craig's ministry to send a video message wishing Pastor Craig Minich and Bruce farewell. To help focus this video, here are a few ideas: Share a favorite memory of Pastor Craig; Share how your life has been impacted by Pastor Craig; Share an important lesson Pastor Craig has taught you. The message can be as creative as you'd like, can involve more than one person, and should be no longer than 2 minutes. With your help, Pastor Craig will never forget this farewell video. If you'd like to be included in this "farewell project", please email Jessica and she will send you a link to the site where you can upload your video.

If you prefer, we are also gathering cards, letters, photos and mementos. They should be sent in Pastor Craig's name to Trinity or dropped in the mail slot in Jessica's office, or in the offering plate on Sunday morning. ***The deadline for submissions has been extended to July 7th.*** Please feel free to send this information to any families who have also been touched by Pastor Craig but who may not currently still be a part of Trinity. Please see Jessica with any questions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Diane Alexander (7/4)

Visits from Pastor Stephanie

If you would appreciate a visit from Pastor Stephanie, she is available by phone, text or email to make an appointment. She is happy to visit with you in your home, at her office, or a location of your convenience.

Pastor's Office Hours

Mon-10:00-Noon; Tues. 9am-Noon; Thurs.-10:00-Noon

You can reach Pastor Stephanie on her cell phone at (510) 846-0883