



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.*

Second Sunday after Pentecost June 11, 2023

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Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

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 *When We Must Bear Persistent Pain*

Tune: Prospect, W. Walker, Southern Harmony 1835
Arr. Aaron David Miller b. 1972 ©2005 Augsburg Fortress

***that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain
as though it were our own.***

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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 *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate* #722 vs. 1, 2

- O Christ, your heart, compassionate,
bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God;
its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ
combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds,
eternity in time.***
- As once you welcomed those cast down
and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives
through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep***

↑ 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 are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

↓ FIRST READING Hosea 5:15-6:6

- ¹⁵I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:
- ^{6:1}"Come, let us return to the LORD;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
- ²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
- ³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."
- ⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,

like the dew that goes away early.

⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

↓Psalm 50:7-15

⁷“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel I will
bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

⁸**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats
from your pens;

¹⁰**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹²**If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the
whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the
blood of goats?

¹⁴**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make
good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

↓SECOND READING **Romans 4:13-25**

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did
not come to Abraham or to his descendants through
the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it
is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs,
faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law
brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is
there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that
the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed
to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of
the law but also to those who share the faith of
Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is
written, “I have made you the father of many
nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he
believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into
existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping
against hope, he believed that he would become
“the father of many nations,” according to what was
said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He
did not weaken in faith when he considered his own
body, which was already as good as dead (for he
was about a hundred years old), or when he

considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No
distrust made him waver concerning the promise of
God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory
to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to
do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was
reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the
words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not
for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be
reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus
our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to
death for our trespasses and was raised for our
justification.

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 9:9-13, 18-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 9th
chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called
Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to
him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax
collectors and sinners came and were sitting with
him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this,
they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher
eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he
heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no
need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go
and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not
sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous
but sinners.”

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them,
suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and
knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just
died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she
will live.” ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with
his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had
been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years
came up behind him and touched the fringe of his
cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, “If I only touch his
cloak, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and
seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith
has made you well.” And instantly the woman was
made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader’s house
and saw the flute players and the crowd making a
commotion, ²⁴he said, “Go away; for the girl is not
dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵But
when the crowd had been put outside, he went in

and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓SERMON

↓HYMN *When We Must Bear Persistent Pain* ACS #1014 vs. 1, 4

1 *When we must bear persistent pain
and suffer with no cure in sight,
come, Holy Presence, breathe your peace
with gifts of warmth and healing light.*

4 *In ease or pain, in life and death,
to you our fragile lives belong,
and so we trust you in all things.
You are our hope, our health, our song.*

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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.

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

A brief silence.

We pray, O God, for the church. Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for creation. Tend forests and fields and safeguard all cattle, birds, and wild animals. Preserve lakes, rivers, and oceans and send rains to water the earth. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for the nations. Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often felt forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for all who are in need. Accompany anyone enduring chronic illness, any who suffer in secret, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send healing for all who plead for relief from sickness or pain, especially *the family of David Johnson, the family and loved ones of George Lyon, the family of Myron Petersen, Chuck Bangert, 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.* 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, Christ Episcopol Church in Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We give thanks for the fullness of the life of Chuck Bangert as he celebrates his birthday this week. 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, O God, for Barnabas and all the saints. Renew our faith that you can do what you have promised and raise us, with all our beloved dead, to new life. 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 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 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!***

↑ EUCHARISTIC 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,***

✠ 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 *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* #860

- 1 *I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*
- 2 *Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*
- 3 *When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*

Text: African American spiritual

↑ DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *God of Grace*

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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.**

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 36

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 6/12 *Dine & Connect hosted at Trinity*

Tues 6/13 7:30am Bible Study (meets on Zoom)

Wed 6/14 10:00am Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UPS There is a new sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour. This morning you can find it in the church entryway where Coffee Hour is set-up. If you had a date picked out already, please let us know which date you chose by signing up again. If you are willing to host a simple coffee hour, please choose an open date and sign-up. A reminder with general instructions will be emailed to you the week of your chosen date.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. PROJECT AT TRINITY This year for God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, we will be compiling kits for Lutheran World Relief. The list of items for kits is very specific. Mission and Service Committee will be collecting the items for the kits from now until the end of August. We are hoping to complete at least 50 kits. Please take a look at the following list and bring any items you would like to contribute to Trinity and place them in the designated area in the church entryway. We'll keep you updated with the completion of the collection of each item as they come in. Please contact Jessica or Kathy Booker with any questions.

We need 50 of each of these items:

*light weight bath-size towel- brand new

*adult size toothbrush in its original packaging

*sturdy comb, (you can donate a package of them and we will remove packaging when we compile kits)

*metal nail clippers

and 100 bath size bars of soap-in packaging (2 will go in each kit)

All items must be brand new

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.

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. Please watch for more information later this month.

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