



# 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.*

## Third Sunday after Pentecost June 18, 2023

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Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

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**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 *Dios de la esperanza*

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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 *Rise Up, O Saints of God* #669 vs. 1, 2, 5

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God!  
From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
with nobler zeal might burn.**
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God!  
Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
the word of hope proclaim.**
- 5 Commit your hearts to seek  
the paths which Christ has trod;  
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,  
rise up, O saints of God!**

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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. God of compassion, **you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### ↓ FIRST READING

Exodus 19:2-8a

<sup>2</sup>[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup>The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

↓Psalm 100 (read in unison)

- <sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!**
- <sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**
- <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**
- <sup>4</sup>Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.**
- <sup>5</sup>Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

↓SECOND READING Romans 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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 9:35-10:8  
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

↓SERMON

↓HYMN *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*  
#579 vs. 1, 5

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission:  
"Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity:**

*Refrain*

*With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.*

- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity: Refrain**

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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.*

For the church here and around the world, we pray. Seek out disciples and send them out with authority to proclaim good news, bring healing where there is pain, and counter the forces of evil. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth and all its creatures, we pray. Equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labor on the land to produce a harvest. Nourish crops with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Restore lands ruined by pollution or misuse. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who govern, we pray. Empower those who seek peaceful solutions to conflict and embolden those who advocate for all who are oppressed. Work through systems of government to establish justice throughout the world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we mark Juneteenth, call us into a deeper relationship to be your church for the sake of the world. Help us to see with new eyes the injustices within church and society. Call us to have loving hearts that respect and uplift the humanity and dignity of every person; open our ears to listen to and learn from the experiences of people of color. Open our mouths to speak up and about injustices. Join us with others to work for racial equity and inclusion for all people. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer, we pray. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. Heal those who

are sick, 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 Lutheran Church in El Cerrito, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We give thanks for the fullness of the lives of Torii Rodriguez, Saemi LaDue, Anna Sreissguth, Shawn Alexander and Barbara Williams as they celebrate their birthdays this week. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For fathers and father figures, we pray. Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers, anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child. Draw near to all for whom this day stirs up difficult emotions. 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 you thanks, Holy God, for the faithful life and witness of Clementa, Cynthia, Daniel, DePayne, Ethel, Myra, Sharonda, Susie, and Tywanza, the Emanuel Nine. May their faith and witness to your forgiving love in Jesus Christ inspire all people to pursue paths of justice, courage, and self-giving love. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all the saints, we give thanks. Receive into your eternal care all those who have died and fill us with hope that does not disappoint. 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!***

#### ↑ 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, 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 *May the God of Hope Go With Us*  
ACS #984 (2 times)**

***May the God of hope go with us ev'ry day,  
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.***

Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1921–1988, alt.

**↑DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***  
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# THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 45

## IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 6/19 *Trinity Offices closed in honor of Juneteenth holiday*

9:30am Craft Group

Tues 6/20 7:30am Bible Study (meets on Zoom)

Wed 6/21 10:00am Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)

**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!

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 at [trinitylutheran94610@gmail.com](mailto:trinitylutheran94610@gmail.com) 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 is June 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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