



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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God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in 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

In Thee Is Gladness

Tune: *IN DIR IST FREUDE* Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi (1556-1622)

Setting by Kevin Hildebrand

prone to leave the God I love.

*Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.*

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

✠ 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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

#807 vs. 1, 3

- Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.***
- Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;***

↑ 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 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering:

“Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
“Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.”
¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

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

↓ **Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18**

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.
⁸**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother’s children.**
⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of
those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
¹⁰**I humbled myself with fasting, but that was
turned to my reproach.**
¹⁶**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.**
¹⁷Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
¹⁸**Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.**

↓ **SECOND READING** **Romans 6:1b-11**

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may
abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin
go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us
who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were
baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been
buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just
as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of
the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
⁵For if we have been united with him in a death
like his, we will certainly be united with him in a
resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was

crucified with him so that the body of sin might be
destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to
sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if
we have died with Christ, we believe that we will
also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being
raised from the dead, will never die again; death no
longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died,
he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he
lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves
dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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 10:24-39**
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10th
chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above
the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is
enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and
the slave like the master. If they have called the
master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will
they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered
up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret
that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in
the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear
whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not
fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul;
rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body
in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet
not one of them will fall to the ground apart from
your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are
all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more
value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me
before others, I also will acknowledge before my
Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before
others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to
the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a
sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own
household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is
not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or

daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓SERMON

↓HYMN *My Life Flows On in Endless Songs* #763 vs. 1, 2

1 *My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.*

Refrain

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

2 *Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

↑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.

You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle. Today we pray especially for *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.* Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. 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 Christ in Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We give thanks for the fullness of the life of Mike Lamb as he celebrates his birthday this week. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any

other human distinction. Make your people one.
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

All who have died with Christ also live with him. We
give thanks for all the saints whose faithful
confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise
us, with them, to eternal 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 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 *How Firm a Foundation* #796 vs. 1, 2, 3

- 1 *How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?*
- 2 *"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."*
- 3 *"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."*

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

↑DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Prelude in G Major, BWV 557*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 45

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 6/26 9:30am Craft Group
Tues 6/27 7:30am Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Wed 6/28 10:00am Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Thurs 6/29 7:30pm Council Meeting (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 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 at 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 28th. 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