



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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In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

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 *Who Is Like Our God*
Tune: *Quién como Jehová*, anonymous

Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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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 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* #461 vs. 1 & 2

- All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.***
- All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.***

↑ 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. Glorious God, **your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

↓ FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

- ¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
- ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to
you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One
of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

↓ **Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21**

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**
¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**
¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of
every living thing.
¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**
¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.
¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**
²⁰You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.
²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let
all flesh bless God's holy name forever and
ever.**

↓ **SECOND READING** **Romans 9:1-5**

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying;
my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have
great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.
³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut
off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my
kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites,
and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the
covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and
the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and
from them, according to the flesh, comes the
Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever.
Amen.

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 14:13-21**
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 14th
chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of
John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat
to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds
heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.
¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and
he had compassion for them and cured their sick.
¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him
and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is
now late; send the crowds away so that they may go
into the villages and buy food for themselves."
¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you
give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We
have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."
¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he
ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking
the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to
heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to
the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they
took up what was left over of the broken pieces,
twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about
five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ **SERMON**

↓ **DEDICATION OF ALL CREATION SINGS HYMNALS**

Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Today in our gathering we thank God for All
Creation Sings, and we pray for God's blessing upon
its use in our midst.
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
praise is fitting for the upright.
Sing for the Lord a new song;
play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.
For your word, O Lord, is right,
and faithful are all your works.
Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.
Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God;
you rule the universe with mercy and might.
You have enriched our lives with every good and
perfect gift, and you call us to praise you with lives
of love, justice, and joy.
Accept these worship books which we offer in
thanksgiving. May all who use them be united in joy,
sustained in sorrow, and enlivened for service,

and bring us at last to the perfect worship of your heavenly banquet, where you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

↓HYMN *Heaven Opened to Isaiah*

ACS #1090 vs. 1 & 3

1 *Heaven opened to Isaiah, showing him God's glorious throne:
Lord of might, high and exalted, temple flowing with his robe.
Seraphim flew all around him, humbled at the holy sight.
As they circled they were singing, calling out with all their might.*

Refrain

*"Holy, holy, you are holy," ev'ry angel voice proclaims;
"All the earth reflects your glory; ev'ry tongue sings out your praise!"*

3 *One day heaven will be opened and before the Savior's throne,
saints from ev'ry time and nation will begin their endless song:
"To our God of all salvation, to the high and holy Lamb,
to the blessed Holy Spirit be forever praise.
Amen!" 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.

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you, especially *Judy Lamb, Chris Laine, Jason Hayes, Bernadette Hunsaker, Lacy Wentz, Jack Garcia, Carmen Hernandez, Maria Bonino, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Wes & Marla Anderson, Elena Sweet, Constance Farber, Barry Toomajian, Alan Petersen, 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, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Oakland, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We give thanks for the fullness of the lives of Stan Booker, Marcy Pearce and William Norboe as they celebrate their birthdays this week. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. 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

You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.

✠ 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 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

#551 vs. 1-3

1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

2 We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

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↑ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

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THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 34

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 8/7	9:30am	Craft Group
Tues 8/8	7:30am	Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Wed 8/9	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Sat 8/12	5:00pm	Families with Young Children Movie Night
Sun 8/13	9:30am	Pop-Up and Popcron Sunday Worship!

COMING UP FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN Our next event for families with young children will be a Movie Night in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday August 12th. Families with young children are welcome to join us for dinner and a showing of Pixar's "Luca". Please contact Jessica in the office to RSVP for dinner planning. If you know a family with children that you'd like to give an invitation to, please grab a flyer from the narthex.

POP-UP SUNDAY In the spirit of summer fun, August 13th our worship will be somewhat impromptu. You are asked to come to church with favorite hymns from our hymnal to request and favorite bible stories or passages to request for our scripture readings.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS We will bless the backpacks of students before they return to school at worship August 13th. If you have a student in your family or your neighborhood, make sure to invite them to bring their backpacks for a back to school blessing!

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- **we are in most need of this item!**

*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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Stan Booker (8/7)

Marcy Pearce (8/8)

William Norboe (8/13)

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