



# 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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A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

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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 ✠

## ↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ↓ PRELUDE

*Abide with Me*

Tune: *Eventide*, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

In the style of *Gymnopedie* by E. Satie

Arr. Starr Brown

## ✠ 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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

### ↑ HYMN *Ten Thousand Reasons* ACS #1097

*Due to copyright requirements, the words for this hymn are not available to be printed in our bulletin. Please use our All Creation Sings hymnals.*

### ↑ 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.**

### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. All-powerful God, **in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### ↓ FIRST READING

**Genesis 3:8-15**

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ↓ Psalm 130

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

**<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**<sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**↓SECOND READING                      2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

**↑GOSPEL    Mark 3:20-35**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his

property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.

<sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**↓HYMN    *Lead Me, Guide Me*                      #768 vs. 1-3**  
**Refrain**

***Lead me, guide me, along the way;  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.***

***1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
to help me over my weakest hour.***

***Help me through the darkness thy face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain***

***2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.***

***I am putting all my trust in thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain***

***3. I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
I am blind without...thy light to see.***

***Lord, just always let me thy servant be.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain***

**↑APOSTLES' CREED    p. 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.

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

#### *A brief silence.*

You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness. Today we pray especially for *Ann Kenyon, Betty Ann Haskins, Matt Fleischman, Ginny Parsons, Lou and Stevie O'Connell, JoAnn Lee, Eva Fields, Ryan Simpson, Elizabeth Madaras, RuthAnne Ladue, Jerry Stich, Sister Pat Nagle, Bernadette Hunsaker, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Wes & Marla Anderson, Constance Farber, Alan Petersen, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna Madarasz, Craig Anderson, Pastor Craig, Jackson Bohm, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Michael Rasmussen, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, Christine Winberg and Dorothy Wingire.* With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless

organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the Strategic Exploration Team, the priesthood of all believers, First Congregational Church in Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God, **receive 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*

Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### ↑SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### ↓OFFERING

### ↑LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.*

**Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### ✠ SENDING ✠

### ↑BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

↑HYMN *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* #860 vs. 1-3

- 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.*  
*I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah  
singing glory, hallelujah  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*

Text: African American spiritual

↑DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Precious Lord* and  
*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

Tunes: *Precious Lord*, George N. Allen, and  
*Showalter*, Anthony J. Showalter  
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# THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 41

## IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 6/10     *Dine and Connect hosted at Trinity*  
                  9:30am     Craft Group  
Tues 6/11     7:30am     Bible Study (meets on Zoom)  
Wed            *Women's Bible Study on Summer break*  
Thurs 6/13    12:30pm    Ukuleles with Ozzy's Music Academy (fellowship hall)

**STRATEGIC SPIRITUAL JOURNEY** On Sunday, June 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., following the church service we plan to have our first Strategic Spiritual Journey session. A small lunch will be provided by the SET. During this meeting, we will divide into groups of 4 for a time of conversation, directed by the Strategic Exploration Team (SET). If you missed the opportunity to sign-up to participate on this date, you are still very welcome to attend- and we really need your voice and your thoughts. Please contact Jessica if you would like to attend so that we can be sure to have enough food.

**SAVE THE DATE** Pastor Ned is retiring from the East Bay Lutheran Parish upon its closure at the end of this month. Trinity will host a retirement luncheon in his honor on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> after worship. Pastor Ned will be with us for Worship that morning. Please plan to attend this event as we celebrate all that Pastor Ned has done for the Lutheran Ministry to Nursing Homes over the last 10 years. You are invited to bring a card expressing your well wishes upon his retirement from EBLP. The Council will present him with a monetary gift on behalf of the congregation.

## 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

