



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.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Pop-Up Sunday July 21, 2024

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The word "Liturgy" directly translated means "the work of the people."
Today our service will be "composed" on-the-spot using hymn and song requests and favorite scripture. Our worship today will truly come from our hearts in this moment.

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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Tune: *Converse*, Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

Arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

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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, 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 REQUEST

↓ 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.**

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↓ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, powerful and compassionate, **you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

↓ SCRIPTURE READINGS

↓ SERMON

↑ HYMN REQUEST

↑ APOSTLES' CREED

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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.

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes: Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick, especially *Saemi Ladue, Brian Schoenrock, Ginny Ostergren, Chuck Bangert, Ann Kenyon, Betty Ann Haskins, Matt Fleischman, Ginny Parsons, Lou and Stevie O'Connell, JoAnn Lee, Ryan Simpson, Elizabeth Madaras, Jerry Stich, Sister Pat Nagle, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Marla Anderson, Constance Farber, Alan Petersen, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna Madarasz, Jackson Bohm, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Michael Rasmussen, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, Christine Winberg and Dorothy Wingire.* Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. 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, the Islamic Center of Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We pray for the fullness of the lives of Bob Kenyon and Pastor Ned as they celebrate their birthdays this week. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. 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

In thanksgiving for those who have died: Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we

pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

✠ MEAL ✠

↑ SHARING THE PEACE

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

↓ OFFERING

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 our thanks and praise.

↑ PREFACE

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

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

↑ 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.

↓ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come! **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

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; 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. Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. 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 REQUEST

↑DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

Tune: *Haleluya! Pelo tso rona*, South African

Arr. Mark Sedio

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THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 30

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 7/22 9:30am Craft Group
Tues Bible Study on break until August
Wed Women's Bible Study on Summer break
Thurs 7/25 12:30pm Ukuleles with Ozzy
7:30pm Council Meeting (in-person this month)

JULY'S MIDWAY SHELTER MEAL NEEDS SOME VOLUNTEERS! We still need salad, dessert and drinks for the meal on July 28th. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hall (on the desk) to see if there is a spot you might be willing to fill!

ALAMEDA EDUCATION FOUNDATION Special Offering for School Supplies. Every student should start each year with a new backpack and fresh school supplies. Alameda Education Foundation (AEF) is committed to making sure that all AUSD students have the supplies they need. The school district anticipates 2,000 Title I (extremely low-income, unhoused and formerly unhoused) students will need AEF's support this year. For more than 10 years Trinity has participated in a school supply drive to benefit AEF's Equipped 4 Success program. By donating monetarily AEF is able to order in bulk and specify the most essential items.

A \$40 donation will provide a brand new backpack filled with needed school supplies for an Elementary School Student.

A \$50 donation will provide a brand new backpack filled with needed school supplies for a middle school or high school student.

Offerings of any amount are welcome for this important project. Checks may be made out to Trinity with "School Supplies" on the memo and placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning. We will collect donations through July 21st. Please connect with Jessica with any questions about this project. The Mission & Service Committee thanks you for helping our community's children start off the school year with supplies to help them be successful!

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. PROJECT AT TRINITY Last year, Trinity's service project for God's Work. Our Hands (GWOH) Sunday was to compile kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The Mission and Service Committee hoped to complete 50 kits, and thanks to so many of you, we were easily able to complete that goal and then some! This year, we will be again collecting and compiling kits for LWR with a goal to make 100 kits. We'll be collecting the following items from now until September 1st. We will gather after worship on September 8th to compile the kits together.

The list of items for kits is very specific. 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 100 of each of these items:

*light weight bath-size towel- brand new- in dark colors (NO WHITE), sized from 20-40" x 52-72"

*adult size toothbrush in its original packaging (can not get a multiple pack of these unless they are individually packaged)

*sturdy comb- medium to wide-tooth so that members of all communities can utilize them, (you can donate a package of them and we will remove packaging when we compile kits)

*metal nail clippers

and 200 bath size bars of soap-in packaging (2 will go in each kit)

All items must be brand new

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