



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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The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him.

Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life:

sell all you own and give it to the poor.

Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

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 *Lord, Be Glorified*

In the style of Canon in D, Johann Pachelbel, 1653-1706
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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN *Take My Life, that I May Be* * #583

Refrain

***Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

**1 *Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain***

**2 *Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Refrain***

**3 *Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Refrain***

**4 *Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne. Refrain***

↑ 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.**

↑ KYRIE

ACS p. 12

***O Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy.
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy.
Have mercy, O Lord. Have mercy, O Lord.***

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, **increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

↓ FIRST READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,

and push aside the needy in the gate.
¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

↓Psalm 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be
upon us; prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.**

↓SECOND READING Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it
divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able
to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are
naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom
we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has
passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let
us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a
high priest who is unable to sympathize with our
weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect
has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us
therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in
time of need.

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

↑GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS p. 14

*Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, ris'n indeed.*

↑GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 10th
chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up
and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher,
what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to
him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but
God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall
not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall
not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall
not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He
said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my
youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said,
"You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give
the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in
heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this,
he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had
many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,
"How hard it will be for those who have wealth to
enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were
perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them
again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom
of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye
of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the
kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and
said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus
looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible,
but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left
everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell
you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or
sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my
sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not
receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses,
brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields,
with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal
life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last
will be first."

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

↓SERMON

↓CHOIR *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

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↑APOSTLES' CREED ACS p. 17

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.

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely, especially *the family of JoAnn Lee, Mary Waller, Gary Ward, Sally Petersen, Jeremiah Jacob Schultz, Nevi Zabilski, Saemi Ladue, Ginny Ostergren, Chuck Bangert, Ann Kenyon, Betty Ann Haskins, Matt Fleischman, Ginny Parsons, Lou and Stevie O'Connell, 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. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the Strategic Exploration Team, the priesthood of all believers, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace, **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

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **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 God 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 ACS p. 20-21

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

Jesus welcomes you to this table.
Come, here is your God. **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 ACS p. 25

***O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us.***

***O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us.***

***O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
Grant us your peace. Amen.***

↑ 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. Holy God,
**you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with
dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome
others and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

↑ BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you,
keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN *O God of Every Nation* #713 vs. 1,2,4

- 1 O God of ev'ry nation,
of ev'ry race and land,
redeem your whole creation
with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.***
- 2 From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver ev'ry nation,
eternal God, we pray.***
- 3 Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and love shall reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.***

↑DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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* Denotes a selection from the 2024 favorite hymns list.

POSTLUDE *Marching to Zion*

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THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 52 human and 5 dogs

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 10/14 *Dine & Connect hosted at Trinity*

9:30am Craft Group

Tues 10/15 7:30am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (meets on Zoom)

Wed 10/16 10:00am Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)

Thurs 10/17 1:00pm Ukuleles with Ozzy

Fridays *Pastor Stephanie's Weekly Sabbath (day-off)*

COMING UP:

2nd Annual Oktoberfest Fellowship Dinner. Saturday, November 2nd. 4:00pm. ***Now taking reservations!***

Menu: brats, red cabbage, German potato salad, Gunther's homemade pretzels, German apple cake. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Enjoy some German muzik led by Gunther and Geoff. Cost is \$25 per person. Please email or call the office with the number of people in your group that will attend. RSVP deadline is Sunday, October 27th. Please contact Jessica with any questions. Invite your friends!

THIS MORNING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP, we will have an informational meeting about the Alameda Warming Shelter and Trinity Council's decision to participate as a partner Church for two weeks of hosting the Warming Shelter this winter season. On the back page of this bulletin is an overview provided to us by Rev. Stephen McHale at Christ Episcopal. Please read it over and stay in the sanctuary after worship this morning to hear all about it.

Have you read our online newsletter (Builder) this week? Here's a look at some information that you will find there that isn't in the bulletin announcements: (please be sure to click the link that says "view entire message")

- An Important Message from Pastor Stephanie
- Hosting the Alameda Warming Shelter
- Ways the ELCA can help us faithfully engage in civic life during an election year
- How to help victims of Hurricane Helené
- Upcoming Events at Trinity and around the Synod
- And much more!

If you aren't receiving the email newsletter in your email inbox and would like to be, please see Jessica to get that taken care of. Visitors who would like to receive our weekly email may sign-up by going to our website-trinityalameda.org, clicking the tab "About Trinity" and then clicking on "Newsletter" to submit your email address to begin receiving it. You may unsubscribe at any time.

Assisting in Worship:

This morning:

Assisting Minister: Meg Brogan
Reader: Margie Sherratt
Greeters: Chuck & Sherri Bangert
Children's Attendant: Mary James
Coffee Hour: Margie Sherratt
Altar Guild: Joanne Robinson

Next Sunday, 10/20

Assisting Minister: Kaye Fitzsimons
Reader: Mark Schoenrock
Greeters: Kathy & Stan Booker
Children's Attendant: Candace Gutleben
Coffee Hour: Marvera Kline
Altar Guild: Joanne Robinson

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

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

ALAMEDA WARMING SHELTER

Overview

- The 2024/25 Alameda Homeless Warming Shelter will commence on the afternoon of Sunday, December 1, 2024, and wrap up on the morning of Monday, March 31, 2025. That's one month longer than last season. Last December and January, Saint Joseph's Basilica hosted the shelter during Christmas vacation, and in February the shelter had a two-week sojourn at Twin Towers United Methodist. Christ Church hosted for the rest of the run.
- We'd love to continue with our partners from last season and include more churches in this ministry too. I can't emphasize enough how positive this work has been for Christ Church in two ways:
 1. It's provoked a healthy conversation within the parish about the nature of Christianity and the challenge of sharing,
 2. It is by far the best evangelism we've ever done. Volunteers and money and good press have poured in from the wider community.

Operations

- Episcopal Community Services provides the staff and structure for overnight operation. They have an excellent track record as San Francisco's largest homeless shelter provider. They provide professional staff, clear protocols and a well-run program that helps homeless folks start the transition to more stable housing. Last year we moved at least eight people out of the shelter into permanent housing, which makes a huge difference in people's lives.
- The City of Alameda covers almost 2/3s of the cost, while Christ Church raises over 1/3 of the funding.
- Lay people at Christ Church organize and source breakfast and dinner for the program from volunteers throughout the community.
- Lay people at Christ Church organize a shower program that operates year-round, and which supports the shelter. Volunteers come from all over the community.
- The shelter hosts up to 25 folks per night, though numbers are generally in the teens.
- The shelter opens at 6:00 PM and all guests are off campus by 7:00 AM. ECS staff come a little early and stay to 8:00 AM doing setup/cleanup.
- ECS uses thorough background checks and safety protocols, including a scan of the sexual-offender database. Last year there were no major incidents.
- Smoking is very limited at the shelter. Because many of the guests smoke, the ECS staff organizes chaperoned smoke-breaks, to keep things quiet and clean. These cease at 10:00 PM.
- We are currently working with the City and The Village of Love to provide transportation between the shelter and the day program which operates on Alameda Point.

Communication and Outreach

- We realize that welcoming homeless folks onto our campuses can be daunting. Overall, however, Christ Church has found it to be a very good way of engaging the wider community, focusing the ministry of the congregation, and getting to know people who are different than we are. Prior to opening the shelter, we walk the neighborhood, walk on doors and hand out flyers. This has created some really fruitful conversations about homeless people in our midst.