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welcome to trinity

We're glad you are here! You've come to a place where you can experience a real God with real grace for your real life, a place where you can connect with our Savior and His people! If you're a guest with us today, we consider it a privilege to have you with us and hope you'll come again. Please share your name with us by signing the Connect Card in the Trinity Today in your bulletin. Please include your address, phone number, and email. If you have any questions about the service or need assistance with anything, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers for help!

DEAR PARENTS: Out of all the responsibilities parents have in raising their children, leading them to know and connect with Jesus for life is the most important. We know it can sometimes be a challenge, but we commend and thank you for what you do when you bring your kids to church. Your family is a vital part of our community gathered in worship. If you need it, we have "busy" bags to help keep your young children occupied during the service. The bags are located near both entrances to the sanctuary. We also have a staffed nursery for children *ages 4 and under* if there is a need to take your child out of the sanctuary. It is located on the front left-hand side of the sanctuary.

WIRELESS HEARING ASSIST HEADSETS are available in the back of the sanctuary if you need assistance with hearing during worship. Feel free to ask an usher for one at any time.

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Our vision: experience : connect : reflect

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR (HOLY COMMUNION)

In Holy Communion (Lord's Supper), we believe and joyfully confess that, as Jesus Himself says, He gives us His true body and blood to eat and drink with the bread and wine! We call this the "Real Presence." Jesus gives this gift of Himself to us to forgive our sins, strengthen our faith and our union with Him, and strengthen our unity with one another as His Church (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Our Lord invites to His table baptized Christians who trust in Him alone for forgiveness and salvation, who trust His Words that He is present and offering forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament, who repent of all sin, who forgive others as He forgives us, and who are able to "examine" themselves (1 Corinthians 11:28) regarding these things.

As we share in Christ's body and blood together, the Bible says we also confess the Gospel and our unity in it (1 Corinthians 11:26). Because of this, we practice "Close Communion." This means that those who commune together do so with the intent of being united in the faith we confess and in our life together. We want everyone to partake of the Lord's Supper. Because we desire everyone who communes at Trinity to do so in the unity that our Lord intends and to receive the fullness of the gifts He offers (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), we lovingly ask anyone who is not currently a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS), yet desires to receive the Sacrament, to first speak with the pastor about communing.

If you are a Christian but are not receiving Communion, we invite and welcome you to the Lord's altar for a blessing. Please cross your arms to indicate you have come for a blessing.

We offer both individual and common cup. If you are unable to come to the front easily, please let the pastor or one of the ushers know. The pastor will bring the Sacrament to you at your seat. We encourage parents to bring your non-communing children for a blessing.

For Good Health – We ask everyone to please observe social distancing in accordance with your own comfort level as well as that of the people around you. Please wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer regularly.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

(Food for the Poor Sunday)

Divine Service, Setting Four

As We Gather

Food For The Poor, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, is one of the largest international relief organization in the United States. Since its inception, FFP has provided more than \$10 billion in aid and has built more than 117,000 homes for the destitute. Food For the Poor does much more than feed two million individuals six days a week. They drill life-giving water for those who otherwise wouldn't have clean drinking water; they provide lifesaving medical care; they build homes for families without adequate shelter; they provide skills training and micro-enterprise opportunities that enable the poor to work; and they give children an education that will enable them to break free from the cycle of poverty that has ensnared generations. Today, you will be invited to participate in this ministry through a special offering.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Please note that during portions of the service where there are responsive speaking parts, P=Pastor, A=Assistant, and C=Congregation.

LSB = Lutheran Service Book (burgundy hymnal)

Prelude

Please stand

Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Almighty King*

LSB 905

Invocation

Invocation comes from the Latin "to call upon." The words "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" are spoken at the beginning of the service and remind us of our baptism.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Psalm 130:3-4

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

[John 20:19-23]

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

The Kyrie is Greek for "Kyrie eleison" which means "Lord, have mercy".



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

The Gloria in Excelsis is Latin for "glory in the highest," words joyfully spoken by angels at the announcement of Jesus' birth.



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Collect is a brief prayer that is connected to a theme in the Scripture readings for the day.

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

⁹*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!*

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰*I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim*

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹*As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,*

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²*Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;*

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 7:14-25

¹⁴*We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.* ¹⁵*I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.* ¹⁶*Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.* ¹⁷*So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.* ¹⁸*For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.* ¹⁹*For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.* ²⁰*Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.*

²¹*So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.* ²²*For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,* ²³*but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.* ²⁴*Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?* ²⁵*Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

The Verse is a portion, or portions, of scripture sung or spoken before the Holy Gospel, usually with "Alleluias" at the beginning and end.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer,

saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

This is one of the Christian Church's ancient statements of faith. The faith we confess in the Creed connects us to one another and Christians past and present.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day *A Time to Serve* *Sung to the Tune of LSB 725*

Jesus hears his children crying.
Sees them hungry, lost, and dying;
Who will comfort all their sorrows?
Who will brighten their tomorrows?

When we aid the poor and lonely,
We're not caring for them only;
When our love some suffering eases,
We have done the same for Jesus.

When we join our Savior's service,
He will strengthen and preserve us;
He will guide our daily living,
And He'll bless the love we're giving.

Jesus pleads with us to reach them
With our gifts of love, and teach them
That the kindness we are giving
Is the Christian's way of living.

Rise and follow! He will lead us;
Heed the cries of those who need us!
And when life has ended for us.
Heaven's glories lie before us.

Sermon

Rev. Gerry Kovac

"Being the Hands, The Feet, and The Heart of Jesus in Today's World"

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Kindle in us, Holy Father, the gifts of Your Spirit, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Ruler of the nations, until You at last cut off the war horse and the chariot forever, give our nation's leaders wisdom and integrity to preserve peace, promote what is good, and defend against violence and wickedness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of mercy, You set free those imprisoned on account of their sin to bear their sentence as a joyful custody of hope. Remember the incarcerated. Preserve them from greater evil, and foster in them repentance and trust in Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, be with all who are weary and heavy-laden with the tribulations of this life. Give comfort to all who suffer illness [*especially...*]. Console them with the knowledge that Your yoke is easy and Your burden light, and that in You they will find rest for their souls. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of grace and power, you call your people to life in Christ crucified and Christ risen.

- C** We are called to share the Gospel in word and deed, so we ask that you would move us to give tangible expression to your love.
- P** Thank you for the ministry of Food For The Poor in providing food for the body and nourishment for the soul.
- C** As Dr. Albert Schweitzer liked to say, “It is difficult to hear the word of the Bread of Life when the stomach is empty.”
- P** Thank you, Lord, for Food For the Poor in providing food, housing, and potable water for the poor in the Caribbean and Latin America.
- C** And we thank you that this ministry cares enough to provide not only fish for the hungry but also teaches them how to fish, or build houses so that they might know the dignity of work.
- P** Thank you God, for opening our hearts and our wallets in the offering this morning in order that a “goodly share may be found on tables everywhere.”
- C** In Jesus’ Name - alleluia, amen!

Sharing of the Peace

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

- P** Peace be with you.
- C** And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord saying, “Peace be with you,” or “The peace of the Lord be with you,” as a testimony to our oneness in Christ.

Please be seated

Tithes and Offerings

A Stewardship thought from LCMS: Matthew 11:28 – “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose — His light yoke is not a burden to bear, but a joy! Please stand

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to read the statement regarding the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion) on page two of this bulletin and in Spanish on page sixteen.

Preface and Proper Preface

The Preface and Proper Preface are the opening words to the Communion portion of the service. They express greeting in the Lord and great thanksgiving and praise to God.

- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C** And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

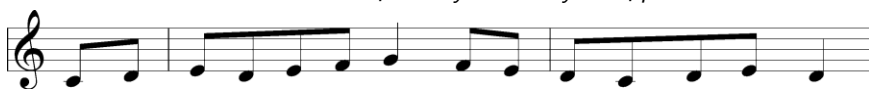
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

The Sanctus is Latin for "holy." It is a hymn of praise.



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

Pax Domini is Latin for "the peace of the Lord."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

Agnus Dei is Latin for "Lamb of God," the words used by John the Baptist to describe Jesus as the sacrifice for our sins.

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Please be seated

Communion Distribution

All who desire to commune at the rail will commune first. Those communing in the "continuous" format will follow.

Distribution Hymns

<i>Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service</i>	<i>LSB 848</i>
<i>Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness</i>	<i>LSB 849</i>
<i>Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing</i>	<i>LSB 847</i>
<i>Son of God, Eternal Savior</i>	<i>LSB 842</i>

Please stand

Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

The Nunc Dimittis is Latin for "now (let your servant) depart," the words of Simeon when he encountered the Savior as a baby at the temple in Jerusalem.

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy

You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]

Benedicamus is Latin for "bless we [the Lord]."

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The Benediction is a blessing from the Lord, spoken by the pastor at the end of the service.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn *Take My Life and Let It Be*

LSB 783

The Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

✠ Go in Peace, Serve the Lord ✠

The altar flowers for today are given by the Zambrano family to the glory of God.

Readings for Sunday, July 16, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Epistle: Romans 8:12-17

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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EL SACRAMENTO DEL ALTAR (SANTA COMUNIÓN)

Amorosamente le invitamos, a que hablen primero con el pastor acerca de la comunión antes de pasar. Si deseas recibir la bendición puedes pasar con tus brazos cruzados sobre el pecho en señal de bendición, es una alegría para nosotros compartir la bendición contigo e invitarte a estudiar para participar de este don celestial.

En la Santa Cena (Cena del Señor), creemos y confesamos con alegría que, como Jesús mismo dice, ¡Él nos da Su verdadero cuerpo y sangre para comer y beber con el pan y el vino! Llamamos a esto la "Presencia Real." Jesús nos da este don de sí mismo para perdonar nuestros pecados, fortalecer nuestra fe y nuestra unión con Él, y fortalecer nuestra unidad unos con otros como Su Iglesia (Mateo 26:26-28; Marcos 14:22-24; Lucas 22:19-20; 1 Corintios 11:17-34; 1 Corintios 10:16-17). Nuestro Señor invita a Su mesa a los cristianos bautizados que confían sólo en Él para el perdón y la salvación, que confían en Sus Palabras, que Él está presente y ofrece perdón y gracia en el Sacramento, que se arrepienten de todo pecado, que perdonan a los demás como Él nos perdona, y que son capaces de "examinarse" ellos mismos (1 Corintios 11:28) con respecto a estas cosas.

Al compartir el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo juntos, la Biblia dice que también confesamos el Evangelio y nuestra unidad en él (1 Corintios 11:26). Debido a esto, practicamos la "Comunión Cerrada." Esto significa que aquellos que comulgan juntos lo hacen con la intención de estar unidos en la fe que confesamos y en nuestra vida, juntos. Queremos que todos compartamos de la Cena del Señor. Porque deseamos que todos los que comulgan en la iglesia Trinity lo hagan en la unidad que nuestro Señor enseña y reciban la plenitud de los dones que Él ofrece (1 Corintios 11:27-30), amorosamente le pedimos a cualquiera que actualmente no es un miembro de una congregación de la Iglesia Luterana-Sínodo de Missouri (LCMS), que hable primero con el pastor acerca de la comunión.

Ofrecemos tanto copa común como copas individuales. Si usted es cristiano pero no está recibiendo la Comunión, lo invitamos y le damos la bienvenida al altar del Señor para una bendición. Por favor, crucen los brazos sobre su pecho para indicar que han venido para una bendición.

Actualmente, sólo ofrecemos una copa individual. Si no puede ir hasta el frente fácilmente, por favor hágaselo saber al pastor o a uno de los ujieres. El pastor les traerá el Sacramento a usted en su asiento. Animamos a los padres a traer a sus hijos no comulgantes para una bendición.

Para Una Buena Salud - les pedimos a todos que mantengan distanciamiento social de acuerdo con su propio nivel de comodidad y el de las personas que lo rodean. Lávese las manos y/o use desinfectante para manos regularmente.