

**TRINITY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

5:00 PM

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HYMN SING

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Jesus calls us to a love that is genuine—
a love that holds fast to what is good.

Christ calls us to a life beyond ourselves—
a life of compassion, courage, and costly grace.

The Spirit calls us to rejoice in hope,
to persevere in suffering,
and to remain faithful in prayer.

Come, take up the cross and follow.
Come, let us worship God.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #879

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of costly and courageous love, your Son calls us to deny ourselves, take up the cross, and follow. Free us from the fear that clings to comfort and the pride that seeks its own way. Make our love genuine, our hope resilient, and our compassion generous. Give us grace to bless those who wound us, stand beside those who suffer, and overcome evil with good, so that our lives may bear witness to Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

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Jeremiah’s delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God’s hand upon him and God’s seeming unfaithfulness. God’s tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, “I am with you.”

The reading is concluded:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1-8

- ¹ Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- ² **Test me, O Lord, and try me;**
examine my heart and my mind.
- ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.
- ⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- ⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- ⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,**
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- ⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- ⁸ **Lord, I love the house in which you dwell**
and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

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Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

The reading is concluded:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21-28

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After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

After the reading:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Jeff Gramza

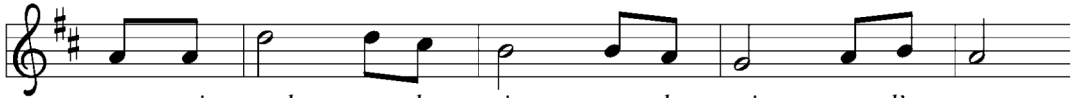
Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose mercy meets us in our weakness, whose love transforms our lives, and whose grace leads us in the way of the cross. Let us confess the ways we resist the life to which Christ calls us.

Merciful God,
we confess that we often seek comfort without commitment,
and faith without the cross.
Our love is not always genuine.
We hold tightly to resentment,
return harm for harm,
and turn away from the suffering of our neighbors.
We cling to the life we know
and resist the new life you offer.
Forgive us.
Set our hearts on the things of God.
Lead us again in the way of Jesus Christ.

Hear the good news: Christ does not abandon us in our weakness. Through the cross, every power of sin and death has been overcome. By the grace of God, your sins are forgiven, your life is restored, and you are set free to love genuinely, serve courageously, and follow Christ wherever love may lead.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

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GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, receive these gifts and receive our lives. Use them to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, comfort the grieving, and strengthen the weary. Shape us into a community of genuine love, joyful hope, patient endurance, and generous hospitality, until your mercy is made visible throughout the world.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
**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

LAMB OF GOD

ELW Setting 10



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMNS

<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	ELW #471
<i>Blest Be the Tie that Binds</i>	ELW #656
<i>Will You Let Me Be Your Servant</i>	ELW #659

BENEDICTION

Go now with genuine love.
Hold fast to what is good.
Rejoice in hope,
persevere in suffering,
remain faithful in prayer,
and make room for the stranger.

And may the God who creates and sustains you,
Jesus Christ who leads you in the way of the cross,
and the Holy Spirit who strengthens you in love
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW #710

Let Streams of Living Justice
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DISMISSAL

Take up the cross.
Follow Christ.
Love without pretending,
serve without fear,
and overcome evil with good.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Let Streams of Living Justice

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934
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