



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

A SERVICE OF PRIDE: Affirming and Celebrating the LGBTQIA+ Community

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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Trinity's commitment to being a Reconciling in Christ congregation by Richard and Gail Moose.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister & Preaching	Susan Crowell
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GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

What It Means to be Part of a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Patrick Preacher

Stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Called by the Holy Spirit, as people of Christ, we gather together in the endless diversity of God's creation.

In the name of the Holy Parent,
And of the + Child,
And of the Holy Spirit, whom we invite into this space.

Amen.

As a church, we believe all are welcome.

Let us name the ways we have fallen short in justice-making for our LGBTQIA+ siblings, Black, Indigenous, People of Color, women-identified people, immigrants, elderly, and those who do not have access to basic human needs.

And let us accept the challenges that stand before us.

To those who have been excluded by the church because of who they are and who they love

We ask forgiveness and we welcome you

To those who have systems created against them due to the color of their skin

We ask forgiveness and we welcome you

To those who do not have equal access to thrive due to government systems

We ask forgiveness and we welcome you

To those who do not see their identities represented in this church

We ask forgiveness and we welcome you

To those who we, the church, have called "those people"

We ask forgiveness and we welcome you

The Church is a place where we boldly proclaim and model welcome to each and every child of God. We confess that we have not always made that statement true, and as a result, have pushed away God's Beloveds from our spaces. So we share today, proudly: that people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions matter; that Black, indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) matter; and that we as a church stand firmly against racism, homophobia, and transphobia. We seek forgiveness and commit to actions that will bring justice, equity, and healing to those harmed. We do all these things through God's guidance and grace trusting that God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier ✝ forgives all our sins.

AMEN

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

#641

**Let us build a house where love can swell and all can safely
live, a place where saints and children tell how
hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and
visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and
true, where all God's children dare to seek to
dream God's reign a new. Here the cross shall stand as
witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we
claim the faith of Jesus: Refrain**

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and
wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground here
peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through
Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in
Christ the feast that frees us: Refrain**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and
stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and
live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the
stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an
end to fear and danger: Refrain**

**Let us build a house where all the named, their songs and visions
heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as
words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and
laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house
proclaim from floor to rafter: Refrain**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. God of Boundless love, you require each of us to love justice. May we follow Christ's example to see, name, and care for all whom we encounter. May your love and grace fill our words and actions, turning us away from the sins of homophobia, transphobia, sexism, and racism, to live for you and serve our neighbor. Soften our hearts and expand our awareness today to share in the spirit of the Kin-dom of God, making the church a place where community is built to experience your grace. In your name, we pray,
Amen

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from Isaiah

¹But now, Leah and Rachel and Jacob,

Hear the word of God—

the One who created you,

the One who fashioned you, Israel:

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.

²When you pass through the seas, I will be with you;

when you pass over the rivers, you will not drown.

Walk through fire, and you will not be singed;

walk through flames and you will not be burned.

³I am God, your God

the Holy One of Israel, your deliverer.

I give Egypt as ransom for you,

Nubia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴You are more precious to me than Assyria;

you are honored, and I love you.

I will give people in exchange for you,

whole nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Have no fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your descendants from the east,

and gather them from the west.

⁶To the north I will say, "Give them up!"
and to the south, "Do not hold them back!
Bring my children from afar,
return them from the ends of the earth—
⁷everyone who is called by my Name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 118:5-9, 24

A reading from Psalm 118

⁵Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.
⁶With the LORD on my side I do not fear.
What can mortals do to me?
⁷The LORD is on my side to help me;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
⁸It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to put confidence in mortals.
⁹It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to put confidence in princes.
²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

I John 4:7-12

A reading from First John

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten of God and has knowledge of God. ⁸Those who do not love have known nothing of God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: by sending the Only Begotten into the world, that we might have faith through the Anointed One. ¹⁰Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us and has sent the Only Begotten to be an offering for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another, God dwells in us, and God's love is brought to perfection in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand as able

GOSPEL

John 13:34-35

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁴Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Choose Love

Pastor Crowell

Stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light

#715

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
your holy people, light for the world to see.**

Refrain

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for
hope, many despair. Your word alone
has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**Longing for good, many are hungry. Longing for
water, many still thirst. Make us your bread,
broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain***

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for
warmth, many are cold. Make us your building,
sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Refrain***

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts
that yearn to belong. Let us be servants
to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the one who names us, claims us, and calls us beloved, we pray for the world, the church, and all in need...

Holy God, You made us in your image, and you call us good. Silence the voices of shame and hatred – including the ones in our own heads – and inspire us to love ourselves and one another the way you so desperately, passionately, and deeply love us. God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

Holy God, Teach us a fondness and delight for our bodies as we are called to live in them, in all of their holy, messy, fabulous glory.
God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

Holy God, Teach us to love our neighbors who live in different skin and to love intelligences and abilities of all kinds, and to practice loving-kindness toward all.
God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

Holy God, Make us bold in our proclamation that the lives, loves, and gifts of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Ace, Queer, Intersex, Native, Black, Brown, Incarcerated, Disabled, and Migrant people matter to you, and so therefore matter to us. God of grace,
Hear our Prayer.

Holy God, we pray for those who need hope. For those who feel excluded. For all to know that they have value and are worthy of love, acceptance, and celebration. We pray for all those we name on our lips or silently in our hearts.... God of grace,
Hear our Prayer.

Holy God, We pray for our LGBTQIA+ siblings who have lost their lives to hateful and fearful acts. We pray for those who work to make our neighborhoods safer and more peaceful places. End violence. Restore communities. We pray for peace and comfort for the families and friends of queer siblings who have lost their lives. Strengthen us and keep us until that day when we meet you face to face. God of grace,
Hear our Prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those desires too deep for words, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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.

It is indeed our right, our duty, and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
God of justice and accompaniment,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You made us all in your image;
in the spirit of abounding love and creativity,
you formed us. You sent us your advocate
so that we can know how to advocate for our
beloveds as you strengthen us to love and uphold one another.
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...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
 gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people
 for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Amen.

At this table make us your body.
Form us to be a people of justice and peace.
Fill us with gratitude and generosity
that we may bear the fruit of love in word and
deed.
Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Nourish our bodies so that we may be fed.
Teach us to see You, Christ, in those around us.
As we prepare this table for you, we prepare our
hearts for your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

COMMUNION

*Worshipers will wear their masks as they come forward to receive the bread and
wine and then return to their seats to consume the elements.*

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's love and grace.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

The image shows a musical score for a piece titled "Lamb of God". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God." The music ends with a double bar line.

**I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear
you will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.**

**I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all you long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in me.**

Refrain

***Do not be afraid I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow
me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.***

**I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name. *Refrain***

**I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live! *Refrain***

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

#708

Refrain

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.***

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
mast who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain***

**These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

**Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain***

Refrain

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of
blessing which we bless, and we though many
through-out the earth, we are one body in this one Lord**

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain***

**Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain***

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. *Refrain***

Stand as able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

BLESSING

Siblings in Christ, let us go out into the world in peace;
love boldly; proclaim loudly;
welcome, include, and celebrate our Black, Brown, Indigenous,
People of Color and LGBTQIA+ siblings; and enter back
into this space knowing that welcome is a priority in this congregation.

Stand strong against injustices of this world;
and let this faith community be a safe and brave space of care and renewal
for ALL of God's children.

May the Holy Parent surround and fill you with the knowledge that you are loved,
affirmed, cherished, and celebrated.

May the Son walk with you as you march with your queer and trans siblings.

May the Spirit ignite the fires of justice in your heart.

The blessing of God, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, ✚
bless, strengthen, and comfort you this day and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go out into the world and shout from the rooftops that God's love is for ALL – No Exceptions!

Thanks be to God.

Everyone is invited to gather on the front lawn for refreshments and fellowship.

Postlude

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