

“And also with you”

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,” the presiding minister greets the assembly gathered for worship. “And also with you,” the assembly responds.

After the prayers of intercession and before the offering, the presiding minister says, “The peace of Christ be with you always,” and the assembly responds, “And also with you.” Then worshipers physically (handshakes, kisses, peace signs, waves, nods, hugs, fist bumps) and verbally share the peace of Christ with each other. “Peace be with you!” “And also with you!” “The Lord be with you!” “And with you!”

After the offering is gathered and the table is set for communion, thanksgiving is offered. This includes the minister chanting or saying, “The Lord be with you,” and the assembly once again responding, “And also with you.”

These three opportunities for mutual blessing remind us we cannot be right with God without being right with our neighbor. These greetings, built into worship, offer Spirit-spaces where we are nudged to “be reconciled to your brother or sister” (Matt. 5:24).

It can be downright difficult to share God’s peace in worship. Just as in families, as brothers and sisters in Christian community we know each other well enough to inflict pain. The resulting anger and hurt can cause the words of God’s peace to stick in our throats.

Fortunately, as Christian community, all saints and sinners, we know that when exchanging God’s peace is difficult, it is then that the exchange is most important. We remember the exhortation of Jesus to reconcile. We remember the command to love one another. God’s Spirit troubles our conscience, pushing us past hurt and anger and pushing us toward forgiveness and reconciliation.

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Sunday, February 12, 2017 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

8:15AM



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In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We, too, are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

Worship Participants

Every Member Ministers
 Elizabeth Hess Pastor
 Ralph Grove..... Saturday 6:30 PM Organist
 Cindy Finnegan..... Sunday 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Organist

Lectors

Marty Jo Stellabotte.....6:30 PM
 Todd Wilkins8:15 AM
 Steve Ketcham.....10:45 AM

Acolytes

Parker Tennis.....6:30 PM
 Josh Gutshall8:15 AM
 Henry Lohsl.....10:45 AM
 Debbie Simpson.....Flowers

Ushers

Jim Frederick, Jonnie Frederick.....(Saturday 6:30PM)
 Ron Eamigh, Russ Burda.....(Sunday 8:15AM)
 Joe Luciano, Ted Williams.....(Sunday 10:45AM)

Weekly Offering – February 5, 2017

\$3473.00

Attendance:144

Mark your calendars!

The next Sunderman Memorial Concert will be on Sunday, April 30, at 3:00 in the sanctuary. The concert will feature the following quartet:

Genaro Medina and Lela Tsinadze serve as concertmaster and principal viola, respectively, of the Altoona Symphony. In addition, they each concertize extensively and maintain a private teaching studio. Jeremy Klapper, violin, is a member of the Altoona Symphony, a former member of the Houston Symphony, and is currently a practicing pathologist at UPMC Altoona. Kim Cook is professor of cello at Penn State University, and is recognized as an international concert artist.

As always, the concert will be free, and refreshments will follow. The public is very welcome to attend. Invite your friends!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church. We are grateful that you are joining us today for worship. All who are baptized and receive communion in their home church are welcome to commune with us. In Christ's name we welcome our visitors and ask you to please introduce yourselves to Pastor Hess.

Sequanota Lutheran Camp has announced its 2017 summer schedule, so it's time for Trinity members, including our young people, to start thinking about which sessions they'd like to attend.

Parents and youth can go online at www.sequanota.com to learn what's being offered this year. We also have some schedules on the table by the cry room.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:15AM

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-WORSHIP MEDITATION:

PASTOR: Let us read together Mark 12:28-31 (the Jesus Rule)

ALL: **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.**

PASTOR: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

PRELUDE

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Loving God,

C: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen

*ENTRANCE HYMN #433 "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

*GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE SHINE, JESUS, SHINE WOV #651**

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with love and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

To vltimas
E/A D A

End
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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY!

Sunday	8:15 AM	Worship
Feb 12	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:20 AM	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 AM	Worship
	11:45 AM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Monday	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Sewing Class
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Healthy You Program
	6:00 PM	Crochet Group
Wednesday		
Thursday	9:00 AM	Prayer Breakfast
Friday	10:00 AM	Healthy You Program
Saturday	6:30 PM	Worship

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS

M 7:30-8:30 PM
T 9-10 AM, 7-8 PM
W 7-8 PM

***Call 943-7488 for more info.**

Please also continue to keep the service men and women who are serving our country, Trinity, and our council, and Pastor Hess in your prayers.

Trinity Member

Jim Aungst
 Judy Baird
 Tyler Bennett
 Amy Bush & Baby Zoe
 Russ Burda
 Carol Callis
 Craig Cameron
 Tina Chestney
 Debbie Conway
 Paul Hamilton
 Kathy Hatch
 Kristina Henderson
 Bob Hofmann
 Jarod Kutz
 John Kutz
 Arlene Leonard
 Jaden Rhode
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 Lynette Latchford
 Janelle Lehr
 Rose Marlett
 Matthew Martz
 Kirin McCaulley
 Dylan McGilvary
 Mike McGraw
 Nick Merritts
 Benjamin Metzger
 Charles Miller
 Kate Mimmich
 Brenda Murray
 Sharon Myers & Family
 Caydan Noel
 Beth Noye
 David Oswalt
 Bill Peterman
 Joe Pacifico
 Bess Patton

Ann Pryfogle
 Lucille Rodell
 Joe Roub
 Nancy Roessing
 Carl Ruckinger
 Jim Settlemyer
 Jessie & Justin Shackelford
 Patricia Stone
 Connie Sooy
 Elaine Stetser
 Gayle Streckland
 Darlene Sterner
 Becky Thompson
 Ann Van
 Nina Wallis & Children
 Joy Woodring
 Ben Yohn

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown
 Jason Buck
 Nathan Frank
 Justin Patz
 Peter Quinn
 Jason Smith
 Eric Sweet

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us, Shine on
 mir - rored here, may our lives, tell your sto - ry. Shine on

me, shine on me;
 me, shine on me;

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray....

C: Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The Lord sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

L: A reading from Deuteronomy

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM: 119:1-8

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!
²Happy are they who observe his decrees
and seek him with all their hearts!
³Who never do any wrong,
but always walk in his ways.
⁴You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.
⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!
⁶Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: Amen

***BENEDICTION**

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:



***CLOSING HYMN #429** “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

***DISMISSAL**

P: Mark 12:28-31

C: Love God, Love others.

***POSTLUDE**

***Congregation Stands**

THE FLOWERS on the altar this week are presented by Marla & Tom Hammond in loving memory of their Parents, Verna & Lawrence Whitfield, & Ruth & Roy Hammond.

THE BULLETINS are presented by Vickie & Jake Knisely in loving memory of Parents, Walter & Sara Koller.

***THE 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 DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

☞ 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.

***THE BLESSING**

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

C: Amen

⁷I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are fellow workers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

***VERSE**

Gospel Acclamation
Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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***GOSPEL** Matthew 5:21-37

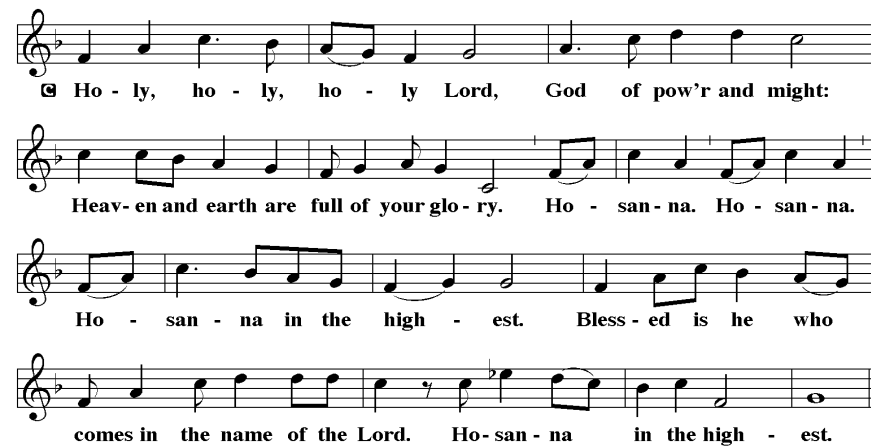
In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the Fifth Chapter



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

***EUSHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Blessed are you, O holy God:
you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.
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.
Remembering, therefore,
his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

C: **Amen**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: Let us pray Merciful God,

**C: receive the gifts we bring,
our selves, our time, and our possessions.**

**Through this meal unite us as your body,
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving**

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

P: It is in deed right and salutary...(Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

FOR THE CHILDREN

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY #480 “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”**

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

***THE PRAYERS**

A: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God’s justice, peace, and healing.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: Lord in your mercy

C: **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

***PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

“Each of you shall bring such a gift as he can in proportion to the blessing which the Lord your God has given you” Deuteronomy 16:17

OFFERING (PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE PEW REGISTER)

***OFFERTORY** *(THE USHERS BRING THE GIFTS FORWARD AS WE SING)*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561