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*BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE*

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**FOCUS** Lord God, You are the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity; Your name is Holy. Yet You have promised to dwell with him who is of contrite and humble spirit. We pray to You on this first day of the week to let all who hear Your holy word experience the fulfillment of this promise. Through Your Holy Gospel, enter into our hearts, and make us dwelling places of Your grace. Visit, we pray You, those with anxious cares and troubles, helping them to trust in Your holy word and to believe Your promise. Enable us by Your grace to rise above all our suffering to praise You, whose will is wiser than our own. Abide with us, Lord and Savior, that we may continue in Your presence until life's journey is ended and we come into Your presence to praise and glorify You. Amen.

## WELCOME

### OPENING SONG

“Sing and Shout”

*Mhondera/Redman/Weeks*

Your cross, Your cross, It draws me to Your heart  
It makes my spirit sing, It makes my spirit sing

Your grace, Your grace, Oh I hear it call my name  
I'm waking up to sing, I'm waking up to sing. Oh...

Your cross, Your cross, It draws me to Your heart  
It makes my spirit sing, It makes my spirit sing

Your grace, Your grace, Oh I hear it call my name  
I'm waking up to sing, I'm waking up to sing

*Chorus:* We will sing and shout yeah, Sing and shout  
Open up our hearts and, Pour Your praises out *(Repeat)* Oh...

Because, because, Because Your love came down  
It makes me want to sing, It makes me want to sing

Because, because, Because You call my name  
I'm waking up to sing, Yeah I'm waking up to sing *(Chorus)*

What could be better than a grace, That washes all our shame away  
What could be better than Your great love,  
What could be better than a grace That leads us home and makes a way,  
What could be better than Your great love *(Repeat) (Chorus x2)*

What could be better than a grace, Washes all our shame away  
What could be better than Your grace, Shout!

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## INVOCATION

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

- L** O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house,
- C** **and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Lord, restore the fortunes of Your people.
- C** **Let all Your people rejoice and be glad!**
- L** From generation to generation, You are our God.
- C** **Your Word shall be heard among our children and our children's children.**
- L** Let us ever share the joys of Jesus.
- C** **Let us spread His grace and love to all the nations.**

## PRAYER

### SONG

**"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"**

*Myrin/Redman*

*Chorus:* Bless the Lord, Oh, my soul, Oh, my soul. Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, Oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *(Chorus)*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *(Chorus)*

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come,  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. *(Chorus 2x)*

Yes, I will worship Your holy name. We will worship Your holy name.

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## OLD TESTAMENT

*Genesis 11:31-12:3*

Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. <sup>32</sup> The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran.

*//* Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

## EPISTLE

*1 John 1:5-10*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 7:1-13*

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup> and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) <sup>5</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; <sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'<sup>8</sup> You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."<sup>9</sup> And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, Honor your father and your mother'; and, Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.'<sup>11</sup> But you say, 'If

a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban” (that is, given to God)—<sup>12</sup> then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother,<sup>13</sup> thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

## APOSTLES’ CREED

**G** 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.**

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

### SONG

“Empty Me”

Way/Comer

Holy Fire, burn away my desire for anything That is not of You and is of me;  
I want more of You and less of me (yeah) *(Repeat)*

*Chorus:* Empty me, empty me (yeah)  
Fill, won't You fill me with You, With You (yeah)

Holy Fire, burn away my desire for anything That is not of You and is of me;  
I want more of You and less of me (yeah) *(Chorus x3)*

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## Confession and Forgiveness

**L** Indeed, it is good to be here, worshiping the Lord and receiving His gifts for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Yet, we must admit that there have been times when we have taken God for granted. There have been times when we have created our own religious, political, and social traditions and given those human-made traditions more attention than Jesus. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness. Heavenly Father,

**C** we confess that we have not always looked to You for all good. We have created idols for ourselves. We confess our sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, Father, for these weak failures. Renew us and lead us, so that we follow You and look to You for all good, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

**L** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for You and because of Jesus 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. We are forgiven in Christ. He is our true inheritance forever. Amen.

## **PRAYERS of the CHURCH**

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

Hear us, Father, when we pray,

**C** for needed help from day to day.

**L** Heavenly Father, give us courage to speak to those family members and friends who have ceased to follow You or who have never followed You. Strengthen us for hard conversations so that we pass on the most important thing we have ever been given: Jesus Christ. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

**C** for needed help from day to day.

**L** Heavenly Father, we pray for our pastors, teachers, DCE's, youth leaders, missionaries, and all who lead and teach Your people. Protect and bless them as they minister to us and proclaim Your Word. Today we lift up before Your throne of grace the Holdorf family as they transition to their new calling in Michigan. Bless them and fill them with Your peace. Prepare the hearts of the people at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jackson, MI to receive them. Be with us here at Trinity – open our hearts and minds to where You are leading and give us strength to boldly follow You. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

**C** for needed help from day to day.

**L** Heavenly Father, You sent Your Spirit and Your Son to be our comfort in times of mourning and grief. Bring comfort to all those who are suffering at the death of loved ones, [*especially* . . .]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection and eternal life. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

**C** for needed help from day to day.

**L** Heavenly Father, we pray for all families, for husbands and wives, for

children and grandchildren, for brothers and sisters, and every relationship. Help our earthly families to reflect the love, honor, and sacrifice of our eternal family to come. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

**C** **for needed help from day to day.**

**L** Heavenly Father, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

**C** **for needed help from day to day.**

**L** Heavenly Father, we commend all these prayers into Your loving hands, for You live and reign with the Spirit and the Son, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## 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.**

## SONG

**"Take My Life"** Tomlin/Havergal/Malan/Giglio

Take my life and let it be, Consecrated Lord to Thee.

Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

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.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use Ev'ry power as You choose.

Here am I. All of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee.

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.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store.

Take myself and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee. *(Repeat)*

Take my life and let it be Ever, only, all for Thee.

# SERMON

## “Looking Backward and Forward”

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Genesis 11:1-3

Do you have any \_\_\_\_\_ ?

I. Most of us know about \_\_\_\_\_, but few of us know about his \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Harah was not their \_\_\_\_\_, but what happened?

III. So what do you and I do with our daily God-given \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_?

A. We take them \_\_\_\_\_! (*1 Peter 5:8-9*)

B. We are called to \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s caring and forgiving \_\_\_\_\_.  
(*1 John 1:5-7 & Ephesians 5:8-9*)

## CLOSING PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

## DISMISSAL

**L** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God!

## CLOSING SONG

“What a Friend”

*Maher/Hein/Palmer/Parker*

Everybody has trials and temptations  
Everybody knows heart break, isolation  
But we can lay our burdens down  
Lay our burdens down

*Chorus:* What a friend we have in Jesus  
East to west my sins are gone  
I see grace on every horizon  
And forever and ever His heart is my home

Everybody has fears, everybody got worries  
Everybody knows sorrow, devastation  
But we can lay our burdens down  
Lay our burdens down (*Chorus*)

No more betrayal, for He is faithful  
He fills me up and my cup runneth over  
No more betrayal, for He is faithful  
How He has proven it over and over  
No more betrayal, for He is faithful  
He fills me up and my cup runneth over  
No more betrayal, for He is faithful  
How He has proven it over and over  
Over and over (*Chorus x2*)

Forever and ever His heart is my home

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PRESIDING MINISTER: *Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Pegorsch, Pastor Emeritus*  
LITURGIST: *Rev. Zach J. Holdorf, Senior Pastor*  
ELDERS: *5pm—Skyler Lynn; 11am—Skyler Lynn*



*5th Sunday of the Month is  
Salvation Army Sunday!*

We are accepting donations for the Salvation Army on Sunday, August 29th. Donations can be placed under the coatracks outside the Parlors and will be taken to the Salvation Army. Thank you for helping our community!

# WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

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## BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

**LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 years & 7-12 years old, are available on the table in the Narthex.

**NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery located near the Narthex will be available for parent use on Sunday mornings. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8 School, our Childcare (*infant—13 years*), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.

**RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.

**JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

## MISSION STATEMENT:

*To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.*

## VISION STATEMENT:

*To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*



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