

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

537 Grand Avenue

Billings, Montana

Saturday Evening Worship

June 18, 2022

5:00pm

AS WE GATHER

It has been said, “History is written by the victors.” We can look back on our national and overall world history and the many battles waged, wars fought, conflicts had, and understand the truth of that assessment. In the written, Spirit-inspired Word of God, we have a record and affirmation of the greatest victories and the only Victor the world would ever need. As Jesus shows His power over demons in healing a possessed man, a battle is won. But a greater victory over Satan and destroying all we ever need fear would be fought and won as He laid His life down on the cross, fulfilled in the promised resurrection victory to follow. Scripture is our history but also our present and our future as it was written and continues to be proclaimed as we gather together and as we live each day with the assurance of Christ victorious over death, the grave, and all things.

About Holy Communion

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at Trinity in the confession and glad confidence that, as Jesus says, He gives His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. There is nothing symbolic nor is there any magical transformation in this Supper. Our Lord invites to His table those who are truly repentant and trust Him for salvation. Because those who partake of the Lord’s Supper unworthily do so to their soul’s harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the Christian faith, which is confessed at this altar, any who are not members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with one of the pastors. Visitors who have previously spoken with one of our pastors, and who received permission to commune, need not seek permission for subsequent visits to our altar.

Pre-Service

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God! He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God!

(Repeat)

Our God is an awesome God!

Opening Song **Here I Am to Worship**

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

(Chorus)

***Chorus:* So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God,
And You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.**

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted,

Glorious in heaven above,

Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became
poor. *(Chorus)*

And I'll never know how much it cost, to see my sin upon that cross.

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(Chorus)

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

People: Amen.

We Confess our Sin

People: Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned
against You and our neighbors. We have not been
faithful to Your plan for us. We have lived as if You
did not matter and as if we mattered most. We have
not honored Your name as we should; our worship and
prayers have faltered. We have not let Your love have
its way with us, and so our love for others has failed.
There are those whom we have hurt, and those who we
failed to help. Forgive us for these and all our sins for
the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

We Hear the Good News

Pastor: God hears our cry for His forgiveness and has revealed His will to help us. In love and mercy, He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for us. The Lord Jesus paid the price for our salvation by giving His body and shedding His blood on the cross. Be assured then, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Isaiah 65:1-9

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by my name. ²I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; ⁴who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; ⁵who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. ⁶Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom ⁷both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds."

⁸Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there."

Epistle

Galatians 3:23-4:7

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is

neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and

returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

We Confess our Christian Faith: (The Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Song *Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

***Chorus:* My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.**

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. (*Chorus x 2*)

***Chorus: My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.***

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine.

Message *“Tell Everyone What He Has Done”* *Luke 8:26-39*

We Worship the Lord with our Offerings

Offering Song: Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!

The Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

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 Institution

The Distribution

Lead Me To The Cross

Savior I come, quiet my soul,
remember redemption's hill, where Your blood was spilled,
for my ransom.

Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss. (*Chorus*)

Chorus: Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out.

Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down.

Rid me of myself, I belong to You

Oh lead me, lead me to the cross.

You were as I, tempted and tried, human.

The word became flesh, bore my sin in death.

Now, You're risen.

Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss. (*Chorus 2x*)

The Holy Heart

The holy heart was broken, sent from the Father's side.

The Son of God forsaken, the holy sacrifice. (*Chorus*)

Chorus: For me He was forsaken, for me He died alone.

My sin forever taken, that I might be His own.

The holy Lamb was stricken, abandoned and alone.

He bore the world's affliction. He bore it as His own. (*Chorus*)

And when my heart is broken, torn by my sin and pride,

The Son of God now risen, will draw me to His side. (*Chorus 2x*)

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

(Repeat then sing Chorus)

Chorus: Christ alone, cornerstone,

Weak made strong in the Savior's love.

Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.

In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

My anchor holds within the veil. (*Chorus 2x*)

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.

Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless we stand before the throne.

(Chorus 2x)

Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
 All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
 My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
 Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
 Power and majesty, praise to the King.
 Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
 I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
 Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
 Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

(Repeat whole song)



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Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

<p><i>Empowered by the Holy Spirit through His Word and Sacraments, Trinity Lutheran Church and School is committed to preparing people who are being shaped for service, passionately proclaiming the Father's grace and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.</i></p>
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