



## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

**Pastor:** May God sustain you to the end. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## MONTHLY VERSE Isaiah 60:2-3

**For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

## SONG

### *"We Believe"*

**Vs.1** In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
We believe we believe  
In this broken generation  
When all is dark You help us see  
There is only one salvation  
We believe we believe

**Chorus** We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back again  
(We believe)

**Vs.2** So let our faith be more than anthems  
Greater than the songs we sing  
In our weakness and temptations  
We believe we believe

(Chorus)

**Bridge** Let the lost be found and the dead be raised  
In the here and now let love invade  
Let the church live loud our God will save  
We believe we believe  
And the gates of hell will not prevail  
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil  
Now we know Your love will never fail  
We believe we believe

(Chorus)

**Ending** He's coming back again  
He's coming back again  
We believe we believe

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## NICENE CREED

**People:** 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 shall 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 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.

## FIRST READING

**Genesis 1:26-31a**

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

## CONNECT TIME / OFFERING *"Give Us Clean Hands"* (Instrumental)

During this time please use your mobile device to fill out the Connect Card online at [www.trinitymerrill.com/live](http://www.trinitymerrill.com/live), text any prayer requests to 715-200-4546, and text your giving amount to 833-341-0335. You can also visit [www.trinitymerrill.com/give](http://www.trinitymerrill.com/give) to learn more about other ways to support the ministries at Trinity.

## EPISTLE READING

**Ephesians 1:3-10**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

## GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 5:1-12**

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

## MESSAGE

## SONG OF THE DAY

### *“House of the Lord”*

**Vs.1** We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory yeah

**Chorus** **There’s joy in the house of the Lord  
There’s joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won’t be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There’s joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won’t be quiet  
We shout out Your praise**

**Interlude** Oh oh oh  
We shout out Your praise

**Vs.2** We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
’Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God’s still rolling stones away

### **(Chorus)**

**Bridge** (’Cause) We were the beggars  
Now we’re royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we’re running free  
We are forgiven accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise  
(Repeat)

### **(Chorus sing 2x)**

**Ending** We shout out Your praise  
There is joy in this house  
There is joy in this house today  
We shout out Your praise  
We shout out Your praise

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## PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & 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.**

✠ WELCOME TO THE LORD’S TABLE ✠

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION SONGS

### *“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”*

**Vs.1** 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

**Vs.2** ’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

**Chorus** **My chains are gone I’ve been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace**

**Vs.3** 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)**

**Vs.4** 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

## ***“The Cup Was Removed”*** (Instrumental)

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING SONG**

### ***“Send Me Out”***

**Vs.1** Jesus Lord of my salvation  
Savior of my soul  
Send me out to the world to make You known  
Jesus King of ev'ry nation  
This world's only hope  
Send me out to the world to make You known  
Send me out to the world

**Chorus** I wanna be Your hands and feet  
I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak  
I wanna run to the ones in need  
In the name of Jesus  
I wanna give my life away  
All for Your kingdom's sake  
Shine a light in the darkest place  
In the name of Jesus  
(In the name of Jesus)

**Vs.2** Carry to the broken-hearted  
Mercy You have shown  
Send me out to the world to make You known  
To the ones in need of rescue  
Lead me I will go  
Send me out to the world to make You known  
Send me out to the world

### **(Chorus)**

**Bridge** Here am I  
I will go  
Send me out to make You known  
There is hope for ev'ry soul  
Send me out send me out  
Here am I  
I will go  
Send me out to make You known  
There is hope for ev'ry soul  
So send me out

### **Chorus (Sing Twice)**

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Today's Radio Broadcast is loving memory of the birthday of Wayne Teske by wife Marlene Teske and family, Sheila, Steve & Victoria.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES THEY'RE HERE!** Please pick up your offering envelopes from downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to find them or need envelopes.... Stop in the office and see Robin.

**Mark your Calendar** - The Trinity Men's Club is hosting a **Chili Luncheon** in the church basement following the 8:00 am service on **next Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. The meal will feature 8 varieties of different Chili. We will also have macaroni and cheese for non-chili lovers. Beverages, shredded cheese, raw onions, extra chili powder, crackers, bread and desserts are included in the price. Serving will take place between 9:00-1:00pm. Carry-outs will be available. Ticket prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12 and under 5 are free.

**Altar Flowers** Help to beautify our church. Sign up on the 2023 flower chart in the hall by the office, to put flowers on the altar in memory or in celebration. Flowers must be delivered to church by Friday, at 4:00. Call Robin in the church office the week before to advise her of the occasion for the flowers. There are many dates available. Please sign up.

**Coming soon – our first Lutheran Schools Week Bake Sale! Save the date for March 5, 9:00 – 10:30!**

Dear Trinity Members,

Thank you for your support of our school. We love that at Trinity School we get to learn about Jesus in school and at Chapel. Our teachers are incredible and we love that they teach us so many things. We are also blessed to go on so many field trips throughout the school year. We are especially grateful for our religion classes, our classmates, and the electronics that we are able to use while at school.

We can only be grateful for those things because of your generosity. Thank you for being so supportive of our learning and continuing to give to our school!

With gratitude, Family Group #5

Dear Trinity Member,

Thank you for your support of our school. Trinity would not be the wonderful school it is without you. Trinity is important to us because we learn about Jesus every day. Every week we get to worship together at Chapel. We would love for you to join us. We enjoy singing praises to God as a group. We learn about many different things and subjects. There are opportunities to have fun and learn in our different classes and classrooms. Our teachers give us the opportunity to complete different projects and ways to show our learning. There are lots of different books for us to read. Trinity makes sure we have all the supplies we need to be successful as we learn. The teachers and staff are nice, fun and care about us. Trinity is a place where we feel safe. We get very delicious lunches. We have the opportunity to participate in sports with our classmates. Recess is always fun and we have lots of room and equipment to play on. We have lots of friends at school.

With gratitude from, Family Group #9

Dear Trinity Congregation Members,

Thank you for supporting our school. We LOVE Trinity, and this is why:

We are thankful for our Christian school, where we have religion every day, learn about God, attend chapel, sing in church, read the Bible every day, and celebrate Christmas. We appreciate all of our teachers, our principal, our cooks and delicious school lunches, and everyone who works at our school. Everyone here is kind and caring. We love reading, and our classrooms have so many books! We enjoy special opportunities, including band, pep rallies, VBS in the summer, Jump Rope for Heart, field trips, and class competitions. We have lots of different classes that keep school interesting, and sports to participate in after school. We thank each of you for your generous giving that helps create such a great school for us!

God's Blessings, Family Group #10

