

Welcome

to Trinity Lutheran Church

1010 Sill St, La Crosse, WI

Sunday, September 8, 2019

8:30 am ~ Polka Service

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*Thirteenth Sunday after
Pentecost*

*Love God,
Love Our Neighbors,
Serve the World*

**Please stand if able*

Prelude

Welcome

***Confession & Forgiveness**

✠ All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal,
the builder of the city that is to come. **Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our helper,
we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples.
We have not finished what we began.
We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.
We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.
Put your trust in these promises:
God will never leave you or forsake you.
You who were lost have been found.
For the sake of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice with the angels at this good news.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn** “It’s Time to Praise” *Tune: Pennsylvania Polka*
Lift up your voices the worship begins, It’s time to praise our Savior.
Death is defeated, our sins are forgiv’n. It’s time to praise our Savior.
Thanksgiving, confession, we come as we are; we find a gracious welcome.
Everybody sing together and lift your voices to praise our Savior.

***Greeting**

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

Tune: Edelweiss

Kyrie. Kyrie. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Grant us peace. Hear our prayer. Christ have mercy upon us.

Peace in our hearts and our homes and church. Peace among the nations.

Kyrie. Kyrie. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Song of Praise

“Sing Alleluia!”

Tune: Beer Barrel Polka

1. Sing Alleluia! Come let us worship the Lord.

Sing Alleluia! Come lift your voice to the Lord!

Join hearts together, worship and glorify God.

Celebrate God’s love together and sing Alleluia!

2. Worship the Father, for all His gifts from above.

Worship the Savior, who gave His life out of love.

Worship the Spirit, comfort and peace through it all.

Let us worship God together and sing Alleluia!

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:25-33**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Sermon

Pastor Roger Grow

*Hymn of the Day

“Psalm 27”

Tune: Too Fat Polka

1. You're my light and my salvation, I won't be afraid, for you have been my aid, by you all things were made. Foes attack me, hassle me, but I will never fade. Strength from God fills my need. I won't be afraid!

(Chorus) Oh, do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me.
Do remember me. Do remember me.
Oh do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me.
Promise kept, don't forget, Lord, remember me.

2. Though a host encamp against me I will never fear, when the war is here you are always near. One thing I have asked of you that I will seek for sure, in God's house let me live confident, secure.

(Chorus)

(Bridge) When I'm walking through the valley of death's shadow I will fear no evil.

3. You will hide me in your shelter in the day of strife
Underneath your tent, up upon the height.
Now my head is lifted up above the stormy fight
Shouts of joy I will sing to the Lord my light.

(Chorus)

*Apostles' Creed Song

Tune: Du, Du Liegst Mir im Herzen

1. Do you know God created you and all that exists?
God has given and still preserves all your body and soul.
God provides food and clothing, all we need day to day,
And protects us in danger. We'll thank Him, serve and obey.

Refrain: Yah, Yah, Yah, Yah, this is most certainly true.
Yah, Yah, Yah, Yah, this is most certainly true.

2. Do you know of the Savior? True God, true man is He.
At great cost he redeemed us, from sin and death set us free.
Jesus' paid with his precious blood, his suffering and death.
We are his in his kingdom, serving him in righteousness.

Refrain

3. Do you know of the Spirit helping us to believe?
We are called through the Gospel. Spirit gifts we have received.
Spirit gathers, enlightens, sanctifies the whole church,
Keeping Christians united, saints both in heaven and earth.

Refrain

***Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(Please extend a greeting of peace to those around you.)

(Please be seated.)

Offering

***Offering Song**

“No Fear Today”

Tune: No Beer Today Polka

(Chorus) No fear today! No fear today! The Lord your God is with you!

No fear to-day! No fear to-day! Wherever you may go God is with you.

1. But now thus says the Lord who created you, O child,
do not fear for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by your name, I have told you, you are mine.

Do not fear for I will be with you.

(Chorus)

2. When you pass through waters deep I will hold your hand in mine,
the rivers they shall not overwhelm you.

When you walk through fires' heat know that you shall not be burned,
the fires' flames will never consume you.

(Chorus)

***Words of Institution**

***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.

(Please be seated)

Communion Distribution

All who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal and are baptized are welcome to commune today. Communion today is served by intinction which simply means to come forward to the server to receive the wafer, hold on to it, then dip it into either wine or grape juice and consume the elements.

Communion Songs

“Holy Communion Polka” Tune: In Heaven There is No Beer

1. Communion is sacred sign, Christ comes in bread and wine.
We eat and drink this food, as instituted by Christ for our good.
2. Remission of sins assured, the blessing in the Word,
“Given and shed for you”, there new life and salvation’s promised, too.
3. A person is well prepared who trusts God’s holy Word
with simple belief that’s true; And will not doubt the gift is meant “for you.”
4. In heaven there is much wine and feasting all the time.
Communion makes us one, the foretaste of the feast that is to come.

“God’s Love; Our Love”

Tune: Lilly Marlene Polka

1. God so loved the world He gave His only Son,
so that ev’ryone who believes may have new life.
For God did not send Him to condemn the world but save it through His Son.
For God so loved the world. For God so loved the world.
2. Jesus gave a new commandment for us all:
"Love the Lord your God with your heart and all your soul.
And love one another just as I have loved you, you should also do.
Love neighbor as yourself. Love neighbor as yourself."

Blessing

God of blessing,
at this table we have seen you face to face,
and in the gift of Christ's body and blood,
our hearts have been refreshed.
Send us now to shine with your goodness
and bear witness to the one we have received:
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

***Benediction**

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you,
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.
Almighty God ✠ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace,
now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sending Song** "A Mighty Fortress Polka" *Tune: The Happy Wanderer*

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod, salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn, with craft and dreadful might,
He arms himself to work us woe, no equal in the fight.

(Refrain) Grace alone! Faith alone! Word alone! Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ alone! God alone! Glory to God alone!

2. No strength of ours can match his might! Rejected, lost we'd be.
But now a champion comes to fight. You ask who this may be?
Elected by our God, himself, Christ Jesus mighty Lord!
He holds the field victorious, God's only Son, adored.

(Refrain)

3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand, they cannot overpower.
Let this world's evil tyrant rage, his might is doomed to fail.
One little word subdues him now, God's judgment must prevail.

(Refrain)

4. God's word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes who fear,
For God himself fights by our side with Spirit weapons near.
Our house, goods, honor, child or spouse, were they to take away,
Though life be wrenched, they cannot win, the kingdom's ours to stay.

(Refrain)

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

*All songs arranged by Rolf Svanoë of
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...carry the cross and
follow me...



Luke 14:27