

Living (and Dying) Well



Whether we live, or whether we die, we are the Lord's
Romans 14:8b

**15th Sunday after
Pentecost**

**Contemporary Worship
9:00 and 10:45 am
September 17, 2017**



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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day, and indicate how many are communing. Then pass the booklet to the worshipers beside you in your row. If you are a guest, name tags are available for you to wear--we would be delighted to greet you by name. Hearing assistance devices are available at the Gathering Space desk.

about today's service

In today's reading from Romans, Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

P: Pastor

L: Lector

C: Congregation

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Song: "As it is in Heaven"

Verse 1

Our Father, Who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Come and let Your glory come, and let Your glory fall.
Our Father, Who are in heaven; the rocks cry out Your fame.
Come and let Your glory come, and let Your glory fall.

Chancel

I will sing, sing a new song,

I will sing, sing a new song,
I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord.

Chorus

Let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Ev'ry heart proclaim the mercy of Your name, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Verse 2

God give us, new ev'ry morning, mercy as daily bread
in the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus we pray.
And lead us not to temptation, but deliver us with Your hand
in the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, we pray.
Father we pray!

Channel

Chorus

Bridge

For the Kingdom is Yours, and the power is Yours, and the glory forever, amen.
For the Kingdom is Yours, and the power is Yours, and the glory forever, amen.

Chorus (2X)

Tag: As it is in Heaven.

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Song: "New Song"

Verse 1

Your ways, oh Lord, are good and faithful,
No one whose hope is in You will ever be put to shame.
You turned my sorrow into dancing,
You turned my tears to joy.

Chorus

And You've given my heart a new song,
And my heart can't be silent anymore,
For I am not afraid to do Your will Lord,
'Cause to live is Christ, to die is gain.

Verse 2

When I'm afraid, You give me shelter,
When I am weak, You give me strength.
I cried for mercy and You healed me,
You brought me up from the grave.

Chorus

Instrumental

Verse 1

Chorus (2X)

Tag: To live is Christ, to die is gain.

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Song: “Meet Us Here”

Verse

Come and hear us as we worship
As we sing Your praise.
Come and fill us, with Your Spirit
As we lift Your name.

Chorus

‘Cause ev’rything You are
Is ev’rything we need
So won’t You come oh Lord
And meet us here.
We will sing and shout
And as You hear the sound
Won’t You come oh Lord
And meet us here.

Verse

Chorus

Bridge

Ev’rything You are is ev’rything we need
You are movin’ Lord,
Won’t You come and move in me.
Ev’rything You are is ev’rything we need
You are movin’ Lord, You are movin’ Lord
Come and move me!

Chorus

Tag:

You are movin’ Lord, come and move in me.
Ev’rything you are is ev’rything we need.

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Welcome and Announcements

(Stand)

Confessional Prayer

P: (Pastoral Prayer) ... you are the source of all life.

C: We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Sit)

† Word †

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of His people.

First Reading

Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of

another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Story

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation: **"Thy Word"**

Chorus

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"

²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and

forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Sermon: "Living (and Dying) Well"

Pastor Jack M. Horner

(Stand)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Prayers of the Church

Following each petition are the words: "Lord, in your mercy,"

*Please respond with: "**hear our prayer.**"*

✝ Meal ✝

When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

(Sit)

Offering:

Optional methods of giving: text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$"); use the Giving Station in the Gathering Space to donate by credit card.

Special Music: "City On the Hill"

Verse 1

"Did you hear of the city on the hill?"

Said one old man to the other.

It once shined bright and it would be shining still,

But they all started turning on each other.

Verse 2

You see the poets thought the dancers were shallow,

And the soldiers thought the poets were weak,

And the elders saw the young ones as foolish,

And the rich man never heard the poor man speak.

Chorus 1

And one by one they ran away

With their made up minds to leave it all behind.

And the light began to fade in the city on the hill,

The city on the hill.

Verse 3

Each one thought that they knew better,

But they were diff'rent by design.

Instead of standing strong together,

They let their diff'rences divide.

Chorus 1

And one by one they ran away

With their made up minds to leave it all behind.

And the light began to fade in the city on the hill,

The city on the hill.

(and the world is searching still.)

Bridge 1

But it was the rhythm of the dancers
that gave the poets life.
It was the spirit of the poets
That gave the soldiers strength to fight.
It was the fire of the young ones.
It was the wisdom of the old.
It was the story of the poor man
That needed to be told.

Bridge 2 (2X)

It is the rhythm of the dancers
that gives the poets life.
It is the spirit of the poets
That gives the soldiers strength to fight.
It is the fire of the young ones.
It is the wisdom of the old.
It is the story of the poor man
That's needing to be told.

Chorus 2

And one by one will we run away
With our made-up minds to leave it all behind,
As the light begins to fade in the city on the hill.
One by one will we run away
With our made-up minds to leave it all behind,
As the light begins to fade in the city on the hill.

Ending

Come home. And the Father's calling still.
Come home to the city on the hill.
Come home.

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(Stand)

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. God of life,

C: you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: Christ is here.

C: The Spirit is with us.

P: With joy, we lift up our hearts.

C: And give thanks to the Lord of Life.

P: It is a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you, Holy God. You created the world, filled it and blessed it. You called to yourself a people to make your goodness known in every place. When we betrayed your calling, you remained faithful. When we wandered far, you provided a way back home. At the right time, you sent your Son Jesus, who came and lived among us, teaching the way that leads to life. By his servant life, and by his suffering, death and resurrection, he broke the chains of sin and death, and made a new covenant with us.

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."*

In remembrance of all you have done for us, we take this bread and cup, the body and blood of Christ, rejoicing in your gift of life. Send your Holy Spirit, and make us, through these gifts, Christ's body alive in the world.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Holy Communion

P: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. Please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisles. Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers available upon request-- please ask the pastor at the time of communion.

(Stand)

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. Mighty God, you are our fortress who leads us in mission and ministry to serve our neighbor in need. Thank you for your presence in this meal of love that unites and empowers us to worship, connect and serve. To you be all glory and honor.

C: Amen.

✝ Sending ✝

We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

Blessing

P: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song: "Everlasting God"

Verse

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.

We will wait - upon the Lord, we will wait - upon the Lord.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.

We will wait - upon the Lord, we will wait - upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever; our Hope, our strong Deliverer.

Chorus

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak.
You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Bridge

Our God, You reign forever; our Hope, our strong Deliverer.

Chorus

Tag: From everlasting to everlasting, You are everlasting.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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worship notes

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The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall, the communion elements for all services, and the sanctuary lamp candle, the symbol of God's abiding presence, are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of son Todd, and parents Nellie and Larry Woods by Greg Woods; John and Virginia Baum by their children; and in honor of Beth Catlin's 59th birthday on September 22 by her family.

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