

Tree of Life



**Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost**

**Contemporary Worship
9:00 and 10:30 am
June 17, 2018**



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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

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

P: Pastor

L: Lector

C: Congregation

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Song: "Draw Me Closer"

Verse 1

Draw me closer Lord. Draw me closer, dear Lord,
So that I might touch You, so that I might touch You, Lord, I want to touch You.

Chorus

Your glory and Your love. Your glory and Your love.
Your glory and Your love, and Your majesty.

Verse 2

Touch my eyes Lord. Touch my eyes, dear Lord,
So that I might see You, so that I might see You, Lord, I want to see You.

Chorus

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Song: "Firm Foundation"

Chorus (2X)

Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure.
Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I put my hope in Your holy Word,
I put my hope in Your holy Word.

Verse 1

I have a living hope (I have a living hope), I have a future (I have a future),
God has a plan for me (God has a plan for me), of this I'm sure, of this I'm sure.

Chorus

Verse 2

Your Word is faithful (Your word is faithful),
Mighty with power (Mighty with power),
God will deliver me (God will deliver me), of this I'm sure, of this I'm sure.

Chorus (2X)

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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.

Chorus

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

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.

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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Welcome and Announcements

(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and
one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal God our creator,

**C: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from
proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our
refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord
Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy
Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we
still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives us of all our sins.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, 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

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it."

L: The word of the Lord.

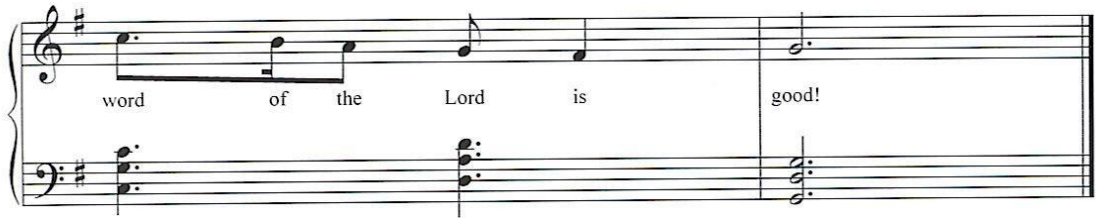
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Story

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation: **"The Word of the Lord is Good"**

The image shows a musical score for a Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! The word of the Lord en - dures. - Al - le - lu - ia! The". The music is a simple, joyful tune with a steady accompaniment.



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Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Sermon: "Tree of Life"

Pastor John H. Brock

(Stand)

(9:00) 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.

(Be seated at 10:30)

(10:30) Order of Baptism for Ryan Michael Sheaffer, and Lennon Michael and Monroe Jean, children of Ryan and Jessica Sheaffer

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

"The Baptismal Hymn"

See this wonder in the making God himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.

Miracle each time it happens, as the door to heaven opens,
And the Father beams: "Beloved Heir of gifts a king would covet!"

Far more tender than a mother, far more caring than a father
God, into your arms we place them, with your love and peace embrace them.

Here we bring a child of nature, home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter, born again by Word and Water.

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Prayers of the Church

Following each petition are the words: "Hear us, O God."

Please respond with: "Your mercy is great."

✝ 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:

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Special Music: "Tree of Life"

Verse 1

Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
In Your death we are reborn,
Though you die in all of hist'ry,
Still You rise with ev'ry morn,
Still You rise with ev'ry morn.

Verse 2

Seed that dies to rise in glory,
May we see ourselves in You,
If we learn to live Your story
We may die to rise anew,
We may die to rise anew.

Verse 3

We remember truth once spoken,
Love passed on through act and word,
Ev'ry person lost and broken
Wears the body of our Lord,
Wears the body of our Lord.

Verse 4

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
Come inflame our hearts anew,
We may all Your joy inherit
If we bear the cross with you,
If we bear the cross with you.

Verse 5

Christ, You lead and we shall follow,
Stumbling though our steps may be,
One with you in joy and sorrow,
We the river, You the sea,
We the river, You the sea.

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(Stand)

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. 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: Almighty God, we praise you, for you are the source of all goodness. When we sinned and turned away, you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ, to be for us the way, the truth and the life. He shared our human nature, and by his death on the cross, he brought us your forgiveness. You raised him from death, forever destroying its sting. In him you make us a holy people by pouring upon us your Spirit of life and power. Through this meal, join us together with one another in the bond of your Son's love.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

P: *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."

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: The gifts of God for the people of God.

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. Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

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: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song: "With Our Hearts"

Chorus (2X)

With our hearts we believe, with our mouths we confess,
You are Lord, you are Lord.

From this day till the end we will sing it again, and again.
You are Lord, you are Lord.

Verse

By your power you've made us, by your grace we're redeemed;
To walk in the truth that you give us, and minister life in your name.

Chorus

Verse

Chorus

Tag (2X) You are Lord.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

leaders

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

Preacher: The Rev. John H. Brock

Storyteller: Mike Schwalm

Lector: (9:00) Michelle Sine; (10:30) Michael Schwalm

Greeters: (9:00) Jay Killian (head greeter); (10:30) Steve Kauffman (head greeter), Chris & Darby Burnell, Donna Campbell

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Jake Miller, Jane Killian, Kelli Argot; (10:30) Steve Kauffman, Micki McCoy, Michael Schwalm

Offering Assistants: (10:30) Lily and Lucas McGeorge, Jacob Libby, Adyson Machemer

Ushers: (9:00) Sam and Joan Gamber; (10:30) Dave & Karen Rupnik

Altar Care: (9:00) Lois Lamarca; (10:30) Pat Eby

Flower Delivery: Frank & Ruth Bertovich

Sound Technician: (9:00) Rick Wilson; (10:30) Mike Schwalm

Video Presentation: (9:00) Barb Henderson; (10:30) Jonathan Heilman

Slide Show Production: Jane Killian

Visual Announcements: Jane Killian

FaithX: Kevin Appleby, Meredith Askey, Kevin Brady, Pam Hess, Shannon Jones, Devin Miller, Jesse Northridge, Tom Reddinger, Mike Schwalm, Tom Stank, Paul Walker, Debbie Wilson, Rick Wilson

Garden of Eatin': (GOE I) Margaret Parker, John West; (GOE II) Sandra Yuen and Family, Mary Ellen Harner



worship notes

Attendance at our services last week was 566. Copies of last week's sermons are available on the tables in Fellowship Hall, in the narthex, the tract rack in the Gathering Space, and on our website. Our web address is: www.trinitycamphill.org.

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 our father and grandfather, John Long, by his family; in memory of loved ones, Bill and David Over, by Vonnie Over Sadler; Edward A. Miller, Sr., Edward A. Miller, Jr., and William Van Axen Miller, by his daughter and their sister; our parents by John and Loma Slike; Vincent Morgan by his wife Grace, and daughters Lois, Barbara, and Suzanne; Lydia V. Foose by her children.

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