

*Celebration Sunday*

*Knit  
Together*   
IN CHRIST

TRINITY  LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

Sunday, February 16, 2025  
9:00 am Service

# Order of Worship

**Prelude**

*Lux Aeterna*

Worship Choir

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*O God of Celebration,*

**Today we acknowledge all that you have done for us, even though we often forget to share with others what you have first shared with us. Forgive us Lord, for those times when we are selfish and greedy. Forgive us Lord, for those times when we ignore the needs of others. Forgive us, Lord, when we forget who gives us all that we have. Remind us of the overflowing love shown by your Son, Jesus, and help us to follow in his footsteps.  
Amen.**

People of God: By the grace of Almighty God, you are forgiven. The light of Christ shines in our lives, and we are given forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace of God through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

*Beautiful Savior*

**Hymn #838**

verses 1, 3, 4

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!

## Invocation

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.**

## A Song in Celebration of All Our Ministries!

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away,  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. Tidings Folders, Children's Moments, Altar Guild and Teddy Bears,  
Confirmation, Holden Vespers, Quilting, Food Club, Drive Thru Prayers.  
Bands and Bells and Bible Studies, Kitchen Serving, Drinks and Hymns,  
Pack the Pews for our great Food Shelf – our Apostles haul it in!
3. Trunk or Treat, Priscilla Circle, Candles lit on Christmas Eve,  
Saint Lucia, First Communion, Faithful OWLS of Trinity.  
Teachers leading Sunday School, children taught by those who care,  
And let's not forget our efforts as we gather underwear!
4. Ushers, Greeters, Lectors, Singers, Coffee Servers in the hall,  
Helpers, Leaders, Choirs and Cleaners, sharing gifts with one and all.  
Robyn, Chelsea, Gail, and Mary, Pastors Engholm (One and Two!)  
Council and Committee Members, all baptized with life anew.
5. Worship brings us all together, gathered on-site and online,  
We stay calm, we stay connected, through it all God helps us shine!  
We've been blessed to overflowing – called to share, we don't think twice,  
We respond at God's direction: Knit Together, One in Christ!

## Prayer of the Day

*God of mystery,*

**Through the power of Jesus, people are healed and good news is proclaimed.  
Empower us all to bring healing and good news to those who are in need  
of new life. Amen.**

**Anthem**

**Glory, Glory**

Worship Choir

## Children's Moment

### Scripture Reading

#### Luke 7:18-35

#### *Messengers from John the Baptist*

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to expect someone else?" When the men had come to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to expect someone else?'" Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, afflictions, and evil spirits and had given sight to many who were blind. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight; the lame walk; those with a skin disease are cleansed; the deaf hear; the dead are raised; the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John, yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." And all the people who heard this, including the tax collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, having been baptized with John's baptism. But the Pharisees and the experts in the law, not having been baptized by him, rejected God's purpose for themselves. "To what, then, will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep.' "For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

The Word of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Message

Rev. Susan Engholm

## Hymn of the Day

## *Let All Things Now Living*

Hymn #881

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving,  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise.  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces, the stars in their courses,  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

## 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

*Congregational Response:* **Hear our prayer.**

## Sharing of the Peace

## Offering

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## Stewardship Hymn

### ***Bind Us Together***

*Chorus:*

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one king,  
There is only one body, that is why we can sing. *(Chorus)*

You are the family of God, you are the promise divine,  
You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine. *(Chorus)*

## Holy Communion

### 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.**

### Distribution of Holy Communion

*Please come forward for Holy Communion this morning by using the center aisle and returning by the side aisle. If you prefer, gluten free wafers are available on the center table and white grape juice is located in the inner circle of the tray.*

### Communion Music

***All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly  
Let Us Break Bread Together***

**Hymn #461  
Hymn #471**

## Closing Prayer

**Almighty God, you have filled the earth with the light and love of your incarnate Word. By your grace, empower us to reflect your light in all that we do. Comfort us in our darkness, and turn us toward the love of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, so that others might be drawn into the light which alone brings comfort, courage, and peace. Amen.**

## Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

***Take My Life, That I May Be***

**Hymn #583**

*Refrain:*

Take my life that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

1. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. *(Refrain)*
2. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose. *(Refrain)*
3. Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. *(Refrain)*
4. Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne. *(Refrain)*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Joy Rundell



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### **In Our Prayers:**

Mary Seifert, Jim Morrow, Don Hendricks, Dick Erickson, Ned Lindberg (brother of Tom Lindberg), Tim Swanson (brother of Roxanne Lunderby), Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson)

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Lisa Diffley (neice of Liz Hirsch), who passed away recently. May God grant you peace and comfort.

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### **Announcements**

You are invited to enjoy conversation, special treats and coffee following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**Celebration Sunday** This morning is our Triple Celebration Sunday! Thanks be to God for a fruitful Stewardship Drive that shows the increasing generosity of this congregation! Thanks be to God for the generosity of this congregation – the \$1.7 debt for our building addition has been paid off! Thanks be to God for all the volunteers in our congregation who share their faith in "hands on" ways!

**Underwear Drive at Trinity!** During the month of February, Trinity invites you to donate new underwear in all sizes (kids to adult) for the Free Store at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Drop off new packages of underwear at our Donation Station at the main parking lot entrance.

**Camp Sunday** Join us on Sunday, February 23 for our annual "Camp Sunday" service where we will celebrate how God comes to us whenever we gather together in the great outdoors. Feel free to wear your flannels and to church that Sunday!