

# Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

March 26, 2023

9:30am

**Theme: Living the 'Good Enough' Life**

Prelude

Welcome

\*Songs of Praise      "Love the Lord"      W&S #3116  
                                 "For the Healing of the Nations" (vs 1-3)      Hymnal #428

\*Greeting

Leader: Come near to the One in whom we can trust; God will give us the desires of our hearts.

**People: God has provided for us day by day and preserves us in the midst of life's calamities.**

Leader: Dwell together in the security God offers and fret not about the world's standards.

**People: We would be still before the majesty of God and wait patiently for the Spirit's leading.**

Leader: Open yourselves, that God may equip you to love, to forgive, and to give.

**ALL: WE SEEK TO RESPOND TO THE GOD WHO LOVES US BY LOVING AS WE WISH TO BE LOVED.**

Confession and Pardon

Leader: God invites us to recognize within ourselves and in our church those attitudes that diminish us and mute our witness. God welcomes all who are envious of wrongdoers and fret over their prosperity, all who are distressed and angry with themselves over their mistakes, and all who become self-righteous because of the good they have done. Let us recognize and admit the evil within us, so that we may be freed from it:

**People: Forgive us, God, for betraying others, for making comparisons that trigger envy and revenge, for harboring attitudes that destroy rather than build up. We confess our tendency to excuse ourselves for behavior we condemn in others. We have been satisfied with less than our best and with good appearances rather than true substance. Be merciful to us, O God, and transform our ways. AMEN.**

Leader: God is kind, even to the ungrateful and the selfish. Receive God's forgiveness, that you may leave behind the image of dust, with its hatred, judgment, and revenge. God seeks to implant in us the image of heaven, empowering us to love our enemies, bless those who curse us, and pray for those who abuse us. Because God loves us, we are enabled to treat others as we wish to be treated. In the name of Jesus Christ, who is above all and in all, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**ALL: GLORY TO GOD! AMEN.**

Children's Message

Prayer Song      "Come To Me"      W&S #3094

Prayers of the People/Our Lord's Prayer

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Gospel Reading      Luke 6:27-38

\*Hymn      "Help Us Accept Each Other"      Hymnal #560

Sermon      "Kindness Boomerangs"      Pastor Chad Gilbertson

\*Hymn      "Freely, Freely"      Hymnal #389

Offering/Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**With these offerings we would extend your love, O God, to those who have not experienced its healing power. May hatred be overcome and enemies turned from their evil intent. May the joy we know as we give flow out to those who benefit from our gifts. AMEN.**

Announcements

\*Benediction (unison)

**"Blessed are you who realize there is simply not enough—time, money, resources. Blessed are you who are tired of pretending that raw effort is the secret to perfection. It's not. And you know that now. Blessed are you who need a gentle reminder that even now, even today, God is here, and somehow, that is good enough."**

\*Hymn      "Where Charity and Love Prevail" (verse 1)      Hymnal #549

Postlude

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### This Week:

Monday, Mar. 27	9:30am 7:00pm	AA (Parsonage) Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Mar. 28	1:00pm 1:30pm 7:00pm	Lakefront Bible Study Trinity Readers Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Mar. 29	8:30am 5:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity Soup Supper Small Groups Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Mar. 30	6:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Sunday, Apr. 2	9:30am 10:30am	Worship/Live-Stream (Palm Sunday) Sunday School (after worship)

### Prayer Requests:

Verna Erickson—had a pacemaker implanted and is recovering at home  
Family and friends of Greg Engebos—passed away last Sunday from stage 4 cancer  
Sandy Hjemvick— sister, Carol, passed away last Sunday  
Gloria Warner (friend of many members)—husband David passed away  
Gail Landor—long-time neighbor Kelly Brooks passed away in a house fire March 12  
Montgomery & Lonsdale Scouts (Zach Zehnder) in FL at Sea Base—prayers for safety

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