

TODAY
WHAT IS ONE THING THAT HAS
FILLED YOU WITH HOPE?



**Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**
February 16, 2025



**BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO TRUST IN GOD,
WHOSE HOPE IS GOD**

They are like trees planted by the river thrusting their roots toward the stream. When the heat comes, they feel no heat; the leaves stay green.

Like trees untroubled in a year of drought, those who trust in God never cease to bear fruit.

THE WORD OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

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We are three welcoming faith communities working together with the vision *"Weaving a tapestry of love, hope and justice for the world."*

Our Mission - 'What we do'

301 Faith Partners is an inclusive community dedicated to be more, and do more together, while respecting individual gifts and traditions. We welcome all people and offer a spiritual refuge with opportunities for individual and collective growth. We commit to work for social justice and to protect all creation.

We have learned we can be more and do more together as ecumenical partners, building a truly helpful presence in the neighborhood and sharing in ministry, education and worship. With the "301 Faith Partners Covenant" each church continues to be a unique entity retaining all the beliefs and practices of each of our faith traditions. We approach our partnership like a marriage between unique individuals. Our covenant with one another is not exhaustive - and the foundation of decision-making is love and respect grounded in the mission of Christ. This mission has a church - here at 301 E Stuart St.



301 Faith Partners Shared Service – February 16, 2025

Trust and Hope in God

Prelude: *Monty Hogan, St. Paul's Episcopal, Prelude Fugue and Variation by César Franck.*

Welcome and Greeting *Mother Rosean Amaral, Mary of Magdala, Ecumenical Catholic*
In the name of Abba/Amma God, of Jesus the Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, Sophia.

All: AMEN

Opening Hymn — There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Monty Hogan, St. Paul's Episcopal

Opening Prayer *Deacon Katie Kline, Trinity Lutheran*

God as we struggle to discover trust—
help us ask the complicated questions
believing that doubt forges faith. May we
follow where the Spirit blows, testing the

competing truths and assumptions around
us. When we knock, ask, and seek, open
us, answer us, and find us in your grace,
mercy and love. **All: Amen**

Confession/Reconciliation *Pastor Rick Reiten, Trinity Lutheran*

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

Holy One, we are limited and contrary.
Our selfish acts, doubts, and worries keep
us from love. We've done some terrible
things. We've also perpetrated some
petty, mean and care-less wrongs. And
we've failed to act when we should have.
But through our savior, Christ, we follow
our deepest longing into your kin-dom of
love.

All: Have mercy on us and forgive us.
Every time we turn back to you, we find
you. Every time we open our hearts, you
are already there. You fill us with the
peace that passes understanding,
embodied in your Son, Jesus. Open our
hearts to love you and our mouths to
praise you.

All: In Christ our Lord, Amen

Prayer of the Day *Lector Beth Etter, Trinity Lutheran*

God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy God, river of Life, may we empty
ourselves of all that is false and come humbly

to do your will, finding the deep, root
connection to your living waters and
blossoming into a wild, life-giving faith.

All: Amen

Kids' Message - *Pastor Rick*

First Reading *Lector Nadine Hunt, Trinity Lutheran*

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah 17:5-8

Cursed is the strong one
who depends on mere humans,
Who thinks he can make it on muscle
alone
and sets God aside as dead weight.
He's like a tumbleweed on the prairie,
out of touch with the good earth.
He lives rootless and aimless
in a land where nothing grows.
"But blessed is the man who trusts
me, God,

the woman who sticks with God.
They're like trees replanted in Eden,
putting down roots near the rivers—
Never a worry through the hottest of
summers,
never dropping a leaf,
Serene and calm through droughts,
bearing fresh fruit every season.

The Word of the prophet Jeremiah.
All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading *Lector Lynne Barnes, Mary of Magdala*
Wild Faith, by Steven Charleston, from Ladder To The Light.



We are a wild bunch of believers, those of
us who break the rules for a good cause.
We practice undisciplined smiling when
others preach doom and gloom. We are
out back helping to feed the neighbors
while others are up front talking about
why the neighbors are not hungry. There
is more than a method to our madness of
love. We are not disrespectful of somber

predictions for our shared future but
unwilling to let resignation be our best
hope. We are unapologetically committed
to trusting in something bigger than
ourselves. We are wild because faith is
wild when it is untamed by the fences of
fear.
Words Inspired by God. **All: Thanks be to
God.**

Gospel Acclamation **Halle Halle Halle** *Carrie Hansen, Trinity Lutheran*

The Gospel Reading *Rev. Felicia Smith-Graybeal, Pastor St. Paul's Episcopal*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus
Christ, according to Luke 6:17-26.

All: Glory to you, Christ Jesus.

Coming down the mountain, Jesus
stopped in a level area where there was a
great number of disciples. A large crowd
of people was with them from Jerusalem
and all over Judea, to as far north as the

coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. People had come to hear Jesus and be healed of their diseases, and even to be freed from unclean spirits. Indeed, the whole crowd was trying to touch Jesus, because healing power was coming out of him and healing them all.

Looking at the disciples, Jesus said: "You who are poor are blessed, for the reign of God is yours. You who hunger now are blessed, for you will be filled. You who weep now are blessed, for you will laugh. You are blessed when people hate you, when they scorn and insult you and spurn your name as evil because of the Chosen One.

On the day they do so, Rejoice! Be glad! Your reward in heaven will be great and everlasting, for your ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full now. Woe to you who are full now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will weep and grieve. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for your ancestors treated the false prophets in the same way."

The Gospel of Christ Jesus

All: Praise to you, Christ Jesus

Homily *Pastor Felicia*

Creed *Pastor Rick*



God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace to be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.

Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

All: And so shall we.

Today is the day God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends. **All: And so shall we.**

Today is the day God cries with the masses of starving people, despises the growing disparity between rich and poor, and demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

All: And so shall we.

Today is the day God deplores violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world's warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly. **All: And so shall we.**

Today is the day God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb. **All: And so shall we.**

Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free.

All: And so shall we.

Today, and every day, this is the God in whom we believe, **All: Amen** ○

Prayers of the People All communities *Lector Tim Johnson, St. Paul's Episcopal*

Our response is: Gracious God, receive the prayers of our hearts.

Oh, God, you ask us to accompany all those in need in our community and in the world. Help us to live fully your Gospel of Love, serving you through serving others and standing beside them. God, in your mercy we pray, **All: Gracious God, receive the prayers of our hearts.**

Merciful God, Open our hearts, minds, and spirits as we, the 301 Faith Partners, remain hopeful and vigilant to our mission

of aiding all who seek to deepen their spiritual life as we remain hopeful that love is the way, in your mercy, we pray **All: Gracious God, receive the prayers of our hearts.**

We lift up all the people who are recovering from natural disasters—hurricanes, floods, fires—and pray they will find the resources to rebuild their homes, towns, and lives, in your mercy we pray, **All: Gracious God, receive the prayers of our hearts.**

The Peace *Mother Rosean*

Celebrating God's endless faithfulness, may the peace of Christ be with you always. **All: And also with you.** Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace, both virtually and in the sanctuary.

Procession of the Bread and Wine

Eucharistic Ministers Gray LaFond, Joan Chapman-Smith from Mary of Magdala and Carol McNamee, and Gray Currier from St. Paul's

Offertory Hymn Jesus I Trust In You *Bill Smith and the Mary of Magdala Choir*

Preparation of the Gifts

Pray my siblings in Christ, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, our Almighty Mother and Father. **All: May God accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's creation**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung) *Mass of Mary of Magdalene, Bill and the Mary of Magdala Choir*

Memorial Acclamation When We Eat This Bread (Sung) *Bill and Mary of Magdala Choir*

AMEN (Sung) *Mass of Mary of Magdalene, Bill and the Mary of Magdala Choir*

Words of Institution

He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: **All: Take this all of you and eat it: this is my Body which will be given up for you.**

When supper was ended, he took the cup; again he gave you thanks, and handing the cup to his disciples, said:

All: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me

The Prayer of Jesus

Let us join our hearts together, here in the sanctuary and those at home, and pray in the words that Jesus taught us.

All: Abba/Amma, God in heaven, Holy is your name. Your kin-dom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen

The Shared Table

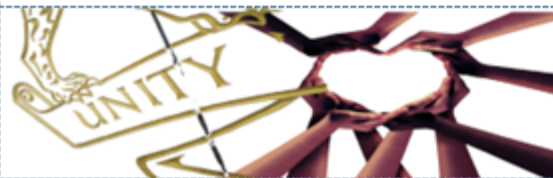
Lamb of God (Sung) *Mass of Mary of Magdalene, Bill and the Mary of Magdala Choir*

This is the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. Blessed are we who are called to this meal. **All: Jesus, I am ready to receive you and by your invitation, I am here.**



Invitation to Communion

Whether partaking here, or at our home tables, this food from God is offered to the people of God, without exception. You are each a precious child of God. All are welcome at this table where our brother Jesus is the Host. Come, for the feast is prepared for you.



Reminder there will be 3 stations—2 up front, one in back, each station will have gluten free hosts

Communion Song Spirit and Grace *Bill and Mary of Magdala choir*

Prayer after Communion *Mother Rosean*

Let us Pray,

God of love, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this meal. May we, your disciples, continue to reveal your love in the world.

Inspire in us the resolve and the courage, the compassion and the passion, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.

In Jesus' name we pray, **All: Amen**

Final Blessing *Pastor Rick*

May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people. May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed for those who suffer from

pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really can make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

Closing Hymn *Shine, Jesus, Shine, Clinton Ellerbe, St. Paul's Episcopal*

Sending *Deacon Katie*

Postlude *The Solid Rock Carrie Hansen, Trinity Lutheran*

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