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# LITTLE TRINITY

SINCE 1842



Sunday, Apr 28, 2024

Lamplighters Worship &  
Communion Service

**6:30pm**

**WELCOME****WORSHIP IN SONG****OPENING PRAYER****READINGS****James 1:21b-25**

<sup>21</sup> ... And receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

<sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, they are like one who looks intently at their natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For they look at themselves and go away and at once forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, they will be blessed in their doing.

**Luke 8: 4-15**

<sup>4</sup> And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable, <sup>5</sup> "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup> And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup> And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "Those who have ears to hear, let them hear."

<sup>9</sup> And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, <sup>10</sup> he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' <sup>11</sup> Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> And the ones on the rock are those who, when

they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away.<sup>14</sup> And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.<sup>15</sup> As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

## SERMON

“How’s Your Heart?”

Tim Haughton

*Sermon Series: Luke: Signs of Kingdom Growth*

## REFLECTION

### CREED

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

Do you believe and trust in the saving work of Jesus Christ?

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the**

**Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY**

*In our offertory, we offer our praise and thanksgiving and the gifts of bread and wine to the glory of God.*

*If you wish to financially support the ongoing gospel ministry of Little Trinity, you can scan the QR code attached to a pew for options or visit our website at [littletrinity.org/give](http://littletrinity.org/give).*

*If you wish to give in person, please deposit your offering in the offering boxes in the church sanctuary.*

**OFFERTORY WORSHIP**

**PRAYERS**

**WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER**

**MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH**

WORLDWIDE: The Church in Bangladesh

DIOCESE: St. David Anglican-Lutheran Church, Orillia,

St. David Donlands-St.Andrew, Japanese & St. Dunstan of Canterbury

CLERICUS: St. James' Cathedral

**NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Those living and working on Tank House Lane & Gristmill Lane

**LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS**

55+ Coffee Gathering - Ed Vandenberg, Philip Wood

**PARISH**

Jeff Histed & Beth Leggett-Histed, Juliet & Margot; Lynn Houser; Dale Houser; John & Jeanette Howitt; Beatrix Hoyer; Cheryl Humphreys

**MISSION PARTNERS**

Drs Philip & Nancy Wood (WEC) Bunia, DR Congo

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**All: Merciful God, you have called us to be your people, but we have not loved one another as we ought. Selfish ambition has gripped us and we have failed to look out for others' interests above our own. Conceit and pride have gripped us, and we have failed to associate with and care for those who are different from ourselves. Forgive us for these offenses against you and subdue within us everything that is contrary to your will. By the power of your Holy Spirit, transform us both individually and as a community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Leader: Merciful and loving God, grant to each one of us forgiveness and peace; that we may start each day afresh, secure in the knowledge of your never failing love for us. Give us the strength to serve you this week, renewed in body, mind and spirit. We give you thanks through the name of Jesus Christ, our only Redeemer.

**Amen.**

## COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We praise and bless you,  
loving Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts  
that broken bread and wine out-poured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**Father, for your Son, we praise you.**

On the night before your Son died, he had supper with his friends, and taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, shared it with them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, for your Son, we praise you.**

When supper was ended he took a cup of wine.  
Again your Son gave you thanks, shared it and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Father, for your Son, we praise you.**

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
and with confidence, place all our hope on his sacrifice, made once for all  
upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught, we are bold to pray.

**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 de-  
liver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the  
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

*All those who have placed their trust in Jesus as Saviour and Lord,  
being baptized in any Christian denomination, are welcome to the  
Lord's table. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request from the  
communion administrant.*

## MUSICAL WORSHIP

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Merciful Father, we thank you that you fed us with your bread and wine. Open our hearts this week that we may be transformed by your free offer of grace, not trapped by the demands of religion. Set us free to experience the joy of being freely loved and forgiven by you through the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. We ask these things in his name. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE - Ruston Martin**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CLOSING WORSHIP**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024**

**6:30pm** Worship & Communion Service  
Reading: Luke 8:22-25

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**GET IN TOUCH**

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