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Put Jesus First



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Welcome to Holy Trinity

We're glad you came today to join us in worshipping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

If you are a **visitor** with us today, please sign the "Guest" cards in the pews and give them to the ushers or pastor. If you want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor.

A **Parents' Room** is located at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily leave to calm a child. Inside the Parents' Room you can still see, hear and participate in the worship service.

Wheelchair accommodations are found on the organ side of the church. If you do not use a wheelchair, be careful to leave space in these wheelchair accessible pews for the benefit of those who need them and their families.

HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.

A Note to All Our Guests:

During this service, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Since this sacrament is the Lord's Supper and not ours, we are careful to follow our Lord's instructions. In particular, we take to heart these important truths:

1. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus truly gives us His body and blood together with the bread and the wine. Jesus says, "Take and eat; this is my body...Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28).
2. In the Lord's Supper, we express a unity of faith with one another. "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17).
3. Our Lord urges us to practice this unity with great love and care. "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27,29).

Because we take these truths seriously, we invite all communicant members of our congregation or of a sister congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) or the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) to commune with us today. However, we ask that those who are not members of a sister congregation refrain from taking the Lord's Supper with us at this time. In doing this, we are not judging anyone's faith. Out of love for our Lord and all people, we simply desire to discuss the Bible's teachings with our guests before communing together. We want all who commune to receive the Lord's Supper for their benefit and in a way that follows our Lord's instructions. If you have any questions about this or any other teaching of the Bible—or if you would like information about how to join our congregation—please feel free to speak to our pastor.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

RITE TWO

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Hymn • 422, sts. 1, 5, 6, “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

1. “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,
 “All in My way abiding;
 Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
 Obey My call and guiding.
 O bear the cross, whate’er betide,
 Take My example for your guide.

5. “Who seeks to save on earth his life
 Without Me, he shall lose it;
 But who for Me in earthly strife
 Now loses it shall find it;
 Who counts the cross for Me too hard
 Is worthy not of Me, the Lord.”

6. Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
 And take the cross appointed
 And, firmly clinging to His Word,
 In suff’ring be undaunted.
 For all who bear the battle’s strain
 The crown of life they shall obtain.

– Stand –

Invocation

PASTOR *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

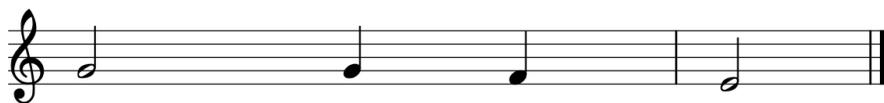


G A - men.

Confession and Absolution

P *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

P *Our help is in the name of the Lord.*



G Who made heav'n and earth.

P *I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;*



G And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

A **LL** **O** almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P *Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.*

G **Amen.**

Psalm 1

[NIV]

P *Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*

G **or stand in the way of sinners.**

P *But his delight is in the law of the Lord,*

G **and on his law he meditates day and night.**

P *He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yield its fruit in season*

G **and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.**

P *Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,*

C nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

P For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

C but the way of the wicked will perish.

Gloria Patri



C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was
in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, for-ev-er-more. A-men.

Kyrie Eleison

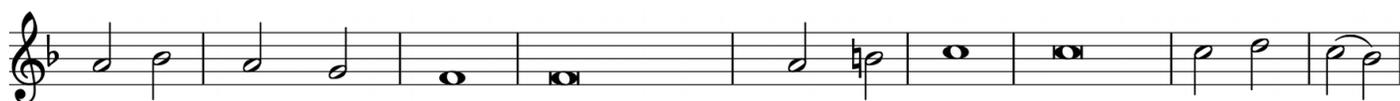


A Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy
up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo



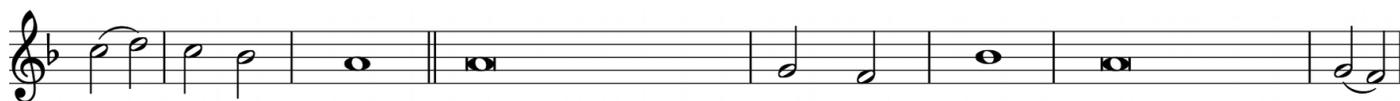
A Glory be to God on high and on earth peace good will toward men.
We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to



You for Your great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al -



mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,



Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on



us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us.



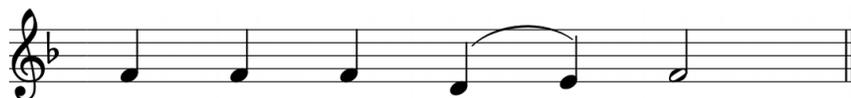
For You only are holy. You on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation

P *The Lord be with you.*



G And with your spir - it.

Prayer of The Day

☐ *Let us pray:*

O merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



-Be seated-

First Reading • Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Follow the Lord and you will be blessed.

See now, today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and disaster. ¹⁶This is what I am commanding you today: Love the Lord your God, walk in his ways, and keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances. Then you will live and increase in number, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are going to possess.

¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you do not listen, and you are lured away, and you bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸then I declare to you today that you will most certainly perish. You will not live a long life on the land that you are about to enter and possess by crossing over the Jordan.

¹⁹I call the heavens and the earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, a blessing and a curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live ²⁰by loving the Lord your God, by listening to his voice, and by clinging to him, because that means life for you, and you will live a long life on your land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Second Reading • Philemon 1,7-21

Paul encourages Philemon to forgive Onesimus.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon, our dear friend and coworker,

⁷For I have received great joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.

⁸For that reason, even though I have plenty of boldness in Christ to order you to do

what is proper,⁹ I am appealing to you, instead, on the basis of love, just as I, Paul, am an old man and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.¹⁰ I am appealing to you on behalf of my child Onesimus. I became his father while I was in chains.¹¹ There was a time when he was useless to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me.¹² I have sent him (who is my very heart) back to you. Welcome him.¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might serve me in your place while I am in chains for the gospel.¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your kindness would not be the result of compulsion, but of willingness.¹⁵ Perhaps this is why he was separated from you for a while: so that you would have him back forever,¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but as more than a slave, as a dear brother. He certainly is dear to me, but he is even more of a dear brother to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.¹⁸ And if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me.¹⁹ I, Paul, have written this with my own hand: I will repay it—not to mention that you owe me your very self.²⁰ Yes, brother, I am asking for a favor from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:68 (EHV)

P Alleluia. "Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life." Alleluia.



A Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel • Luke 14:25-33

Count the cost of following Jesus.

P The holy Gospel is written in the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the twenty-fifth verse.



G Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, if he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, everyone who sees it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build, but was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, as he goes out to confront another king in war, will not first sit down and consider if he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if he is not able, he sends out a delegation and asks for terms of peace while his opponent is still far away. ³³So then, any one of you who does not say farewell to all his own possessions cannot be my disciple.

▣ *Here ends the Gospel.*



glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • 424, sts. 1–3, 6, “*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*”

[Tune: CW 465]

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| <p>1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou, from hence, my all shalt be.
Perish ev’ry fond ambition,
All I’ve sought, and hoped, and known;
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heav’n are still my own.</p> | <p>3. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!
Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In Thy service pain is pleasure;
With Thy favor loss is gain.
I have called Thee Abba, Father;
I have stayed my heart on Thee.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.</p> |
| <p>2. Let the world despise and leave me;
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
And while Thou shalt smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun
me—
Show Thy face, and all is bright.</p> | <p>6. Haste, then, on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heav’n’s eternal day’s before thee,
God’s own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close the earthly mission,
Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope soon change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.</p> |

Sermon • *Luke 14:25-33*

Count the Cost of Following Jesus

1. The cost is high.
2. Our own resources are not enough.
3. Jesus gives us everything we need.

-Stand-

Offertory Psalm



☐ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it



with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your presence and take not Your



Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of Your sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Your free Spir-it. A - men.

-Be seated-

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Hymn • 427, "Let Me Be Thine Forever"

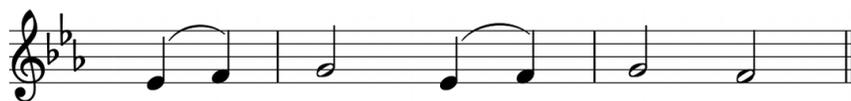
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| <p>1. Let me be Thine forever,
Thou faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake Thee never
Nor wander from Thy Word.
Lord, do not let me waver
But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace forever
Thy holy name I'll bless.</p> | <p>2. Lord Jesus, my Salvation,
My Light, my Life divine,
My only Consolation,
O make me wholly Thine,
For Thou hast dearly bought me
With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since Thou hast sought me,
Eternal life obtain.</p> |
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**3. And Thou, O Holy Spirit,
My Comforter and Guide,
Grant that in Jesus' merit
I always may confide,
Him to the end confessing
Whom I have known by faith.
Give me Thy constant blessing
And grant a Christian death.**

-Stand-

Preface

P *The Lord be with you.*



C And with your spir - it.

P *Lift up your hearts.*



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P *Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.*



C It is good and right so to do.

Preface for the Season

P *It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock*

until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sanctus



A Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth; Heav'n and



earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the



high-est. Blessed is He, blessed is He, bless-ed is He who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high-est.

Lord's Prayer

P *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.*



A For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er A - men.

Distribution

Hymn • 316-17, *“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”*

[Tune: ELH 316]

1. Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
Turned away God’s wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe
He saved us from the evil foe.
2. As His pledge of love undying,
He, this precious food supplying,
Gives His body with the bread
And with the wine the blood He shed.
3. Whoso to this Board repaireth
May take heed how he prepareth;
For if he does not believe,
Then death for life he shall receive.
4. Praise the Father, who from heaven
Unto us such food hath given
And, to mend what we have done,
Gave into death His only Son.
5. Thou shalt hold with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed
By hearts that long for peace and rest.
6. Christ says: “Come, all ye that labor,
And receive My grace and favor
They who feel no want nor ill
Need no physician’s help nor skill.
7. “Useless were for thee My Passion
If thy works thy weal could fashion.
This feast is not spread for thee
If thine own savior thou wilt be.”
8. If thy heart this truth professes
And thy mouth thy sin confesses,
His dear guest thou here shalt be,
And Christ Himself shall banquet thee.

Hymn • 263, “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

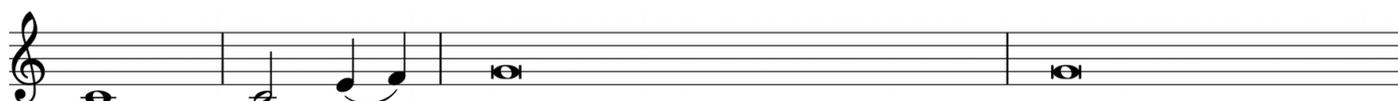
1. Jesus, priceless Treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure,
Truest Friend to me.
Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish,
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee,
Naught I ask beside Thee.
2. In Thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Ev’ry heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.
3. Satan, I defy thee;
Death, I now decry thee;
Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me
While I sing of peace.
God’s great pow’r Guards ev’ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.
4. Hence, all earthly treasure!
Jesus is my Pleasure;
Jesus is my Choice.
Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story
Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss Or shame or cross
Shall not from my Savior move me
Since He deigns to love me.
5. Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour, O pride and pow’r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.
6. Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate’er I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest Pleasure,
Jesus, priceless Treasure!

– Stand –

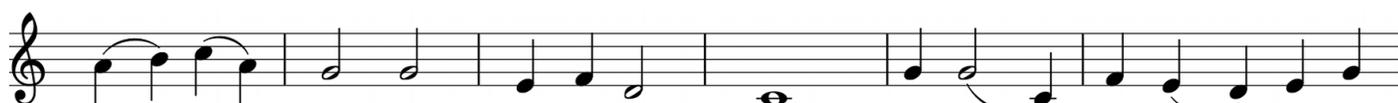
Nunc Dimittis



A Lord, now You let Your servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing to Your



word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have pre -



pared be - fore the face of all people, A light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry



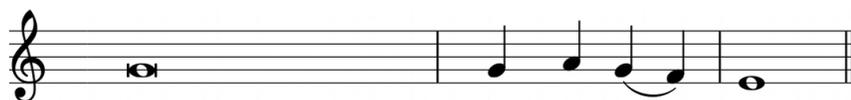
be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it



was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er more. A - men.

Communion Verse

P *O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*



C And His mercy en - dures for - ev - er.

Collect of Thanksgiving

☐ *We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



☐ A - men.

Benediction

☐ *The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace †.*



☐ A - men, a - men, a - men.

-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • 178, “I Pray Thee, Dear Lord Jesus”

**I pray Thee, dear Lord Jesus,
My heart to keep and train
That I Thy holy temple
From youth to age remain.
Turn Thou my thoughts forever
From worldly wisdom’s lore;
If I but learn to know Thee,
I shall not want for more.**