



*The Humble Will Be Exalted;
The Exalted Will Be Humbled*



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Welcome to Holy Trinity

We're glad you came today to join us in worshiping 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.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

Hymn • 517, sts. 1, 2, 5, 6, “*If God Himself Be for Me*”

[Tune: TLH 528]

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| <p>1. If God Himself be for me,
I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me
My foes confounded fly.
If Christ, the Head, befriend me,
If God be my support,
The mischief they intend me
Shall quickly come to naught.</p> <p>2. This I believe, yea, rather,
In this I make my boast,
That God is my dear Father,
The Friend who loves me most;
And that, whate'er betide me,
My Savior is at hand
Through stormy seas to guide me
And bring me safe to land.</p> | <p>5. He canceled my offenses,
And saved my soul from death;
'Tis He who ever cleanses
Me from my sins through faith.
In Him I can be cheerful,
Bold, and undaunted aye.
In Him I am not fearful
Of God's great Judgment Day.</p> <p>6. Naught, naught can e'er condemn me,
Nor set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me,
Its fury I deride.
No sentence e'er reproves me,
No ill destroys my peace,
For Christ, my Savior, loves me
And shields me with His grace.</p> |
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-Stand-

Call to Worship

PASTOR *In the Name of our Lord † Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we call on
You, dear heavenly Father:*

CONGREGATION **Almighty Lord God, we stand in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word
and to worship You with thanksgiving and prayer.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P *Rise up, O Lord! Save me, my God!*

C **For the sake of Your name, O Lord, preserve my life.**

P *Do not hide Your face from me. You have been my help.*

G **Do not reject me or forsake me, O God who saves me.**

P *O Lord, open my lips;*

G **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P *Hear us as we pray, O Lord:*

A **LL** **Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life.**

P *Lift up your hearts! For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, God has had mercy upon you, forgiven you all your sin, and brought you to everlasting life.*

Peace † be with you.

Song of Praise • “All Glory Be to God on High!”

[Tune: CW 582]

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| <p>1. All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.</p> | <p>3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God’s right hand, your mercy share.</p> |
| <p>2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav’nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.</p> | <p>4. You, Christ, are holy – Lord alone;
The Father’s glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
“All glory be to God!” Amen.</p> |

Prayer of the Day

P *O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and*

minds avoid ungodly pride; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

-Be seated-

First Reading • Proverbs 25:6,7a

Solomon provides common sense about humility and pride.

Do not honor yourself in a king's presence.
Do not stand in a place reserved for great people,
7 because it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than for you to be humiliated before a ruler
whom your eyes have seen.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 112

[NIV]

P *Blessed are those who fear the Lord,*

C **who find great delight in his commands.**

P *Wealth and riches are in their houses,*

C **and their righteousness endures forever.**

P *Surely the righteous will never be shaken;*

C **they will be remembered forever.**

P *Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;*

C **in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

A **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Reading • James 2:1-13 *Avoid favoritism and show love to all your neighbors.*

My brothers, have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ without showing favoritism. ² For example, suppose a man enters your worship assembly wearing gold rings and fine clothing, and a poor man also enters wearing filthy clothing. ³ If you look with favor on the man wearing fine clothing and say, “Sit here in this good place,” but you tell the poor man, “Stand over there” or “Sit down here at my feet,” ⁴ have you not made a distinction among yourselves and become judges with evil opinions? ⁵ Listen, my dear brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom, which he promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you dishonored the poor man. Don’t the rich oppress you, and don’t they drag you into court? ⁷ Aren’t they the ones who blaspheme the noble name that was pronounced over you? ⁸ However, if you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, since you are convicted by this law as transgressors.

¹⁰ In fact, whoever keeps the whole law but stumbles in one point has become guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹ For the one who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not commit murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law of freedom. ¹³ For there will be judgment without mercy on the one who has not shown mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G **Thanks be to God!**

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 14:11 (EHV)

P *Alleluia. Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Alleluia.*



A Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel • Luke 14:1,7-14*The one who humbles himself will be exalted.*

One Sabbath day, when Jesus went into the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat bread, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how they were selecting the places of honor, he told the invited guests a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline in the place of honor, or perhaps someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him. ⁹The one who invited both of you may come and tell you, ‘Give this man your place.’ Then you will begin, with shame, to take the lowest place.

¹⁰“But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will tell you, ‘Friend, move up to a higher place.’ Then you will have honor in the presence of all who are reclining at the table with you.

¹¹“Yes, everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He also said to the one who had invited him, “When you make a dinner or a supper, do not invite your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or rich neighbors, so that perhaps they may also return the favor and pay you back.

¹³“But when you make a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. Certainly, you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous.”

P *Here ends the Gospel.*

G **Thanks be to God!**

-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • 459, “Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us”

1. Lord of Glory, who hast bought us
With Thy life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that hast freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To th'unthankful and the evil
With Thine own unsparing hand;
2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee
Gladly, freely, of Thine own.
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.
3. Wondrous honor hast Thou given
To our humblest charity
In Thine own mysterious sentence,
“Ye have done it unto Me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master,
Thou dost deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Thy poor and needy,
“Give as I have giv'n to you”?
4. Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings
Which on ev'ry hand we see
Channels are for gifts and off'rings
Due by solemn right to Thee;
Right of which we may not rob Thee,
Debt we may not choose but pay
Lest that face of love and pity
Turn from us another day.
5. Lord of Glory, who hast bought us
With Thy life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust Thee boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on Thee;
But, O best of all Thy graces,
Give us Thine own charity.

Sermon • Luke 14:1,7-14

Be Great in God's Eyes

Apostles' Creed

[Tune: CW 169]

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| <p>1. I believe in God the Father,
 Maker of the heav'ns and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, our Savior,
 God's own Son, of human birth.
 Virgin-born, the Lord's incarnate,
 Whom the Spirit did conceive,
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate;
 Our salvation to achieve.</p> | <p>2. Crucified, was dead and buried,
 Down to hell in victory;
 From the dead he rose the third day;
 Up to heav'n triumphantly.
 There at God's right hand he's ruling,
 By his will the world is led.
 He will come to judge the nations,
 Both the living and the dead.</p> |
| <p>3. I believe in God the Spirit,
 In his church, his chosen band.
 They are joined in close communion,
 Holy in his sight they stand.
 I believe in sin forgiven;
 That the dead will rise again;
 I believe in life eternal.
 Amen! And again, Amen!</p> | |

-Be seated-

Offering

Offering Hymn • 445, sts. 1-2, "*We Give Thee But Thine Own*"

[Tune: TLH 441]

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| <p>1. We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.</p> | <p>2. May we Thy bounties thus
 As stewards true receive
 And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
 To Thee our first-fruits give!</p> |
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Prayer of the Church

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.

-Be seated-

Hymn • 458, “O God of Mercy, God of Might”

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| <p>1. O God of mercy, God of might,
In love and pity infinite,
Teach us, as ever in Thy sight,
To live our life to Thee.</p> | <p>3. Teach us the lesson Thou hast taught:
To feel for those Thy blood hath bought,
That ev'ry word and deed and thought
May work a work for Thee.</p> |
| <p>2. And Thou who cam'st on earth to die,
That fallen man might live thereby,
O hear us, for to Thee we cry
In hope, O Lord, to Thee.</p> | <p>4. All are redeemed, both far and wide,
Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died;
Then teach us, whatsoe'er betide,
To love them all in Thee.</p> |

-Stand-

Prayer of Thanksgiving

☩ *We give thanks to You, Lord God the Father, that You have given us Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

We give thanks to You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

We give thanks to You, Lord the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

☩ O God, grant us Your grace to remain in this saving faith until we see You face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

Blessing

- ☞ *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 †.*

☞ **Amen.**

Closing Hymn • 517, sts. 13, 15, “If God Himself Be for Me”

[Tune: TLH 528]

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| <p>13. Not fire, nor sword, nor thunder,
 Shall sever me from Thee;
 Though earth be rent asunder
 Thou’rt mine eternally.
 Not hunger, thirst, nor danger,
 Not pain, nor pinching want,
 Nor mighty princes’ anger,
 My fearless soul shall daunt.</p> | <p>15. My merry heart is springing,
 And knows not how to pine;
 ’Tis full of joy and singing,
 And radiancy divine.
 The Sun whose smiles so cheer me
 Is Jesus Christ alone;
 To have Him always near me
 Is heav’n itself begun.</p> |
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