



Friends in Jesus' Passion



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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.



PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

Hymn • 570, “*Now the Light Has Gone Away*”

1. Now the light has gone away; Father, listen while I pray,
Asking Thee to watch and keep And to send me quiet sleep.
2. Jesus, Savior, wash away All that has been wrong today.
Help me ev’ry day to be Good and gentle, more like Thee.
3. Let my near and dear ones be Always near and dear to Thee.
O bring me and all I love To Thy happy home above.
4. Now my evening praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.
All my blessings come from Thee O how good Thou art to me!
5. Jesus, best and kindest Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.
Spirit blest, whom I adore, Let me love Thee more and more.

– Stand –

Confession and Absolution

☞ *ASTOR* Our help is in the name of the Lord,

☞ **the maker of heaven and earth.**

☞ *Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.*

– Silence for personal reflection –

☞ *Almighty God, our heavenly Father,*

☞ **ALL we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

☞ *By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.*

☞ **Amen.**

Psalm 117

P *Praise the Lord, all you nations.*

G **Worship him, every race of people.**

P *For his mercy overwhelms us,*

G **and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

A **Praise the Lord.**

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.**

Prayer

P *God our Father, we praise your name for the marvelous universe you have created, and we pray for humility to understand our role in it. Show us that your Son is the only man who can rule this world with true wisdom and power. Give us full confidence that all things are under the control of Christ, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit as one God, now and forever.*

G **Amen.**

-Be seated-

Reading • Matthew 26:36-56

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane. He told his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.”³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and he began to be sorrowful and distressed.³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death. Stay here, and keep watch with me.”

³⁹ He went a little farther, fell on his face, and prayed. He said, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

⁴⁰ He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “So, were you not able to stay awake with me for one hour?”⁴¹ Watch and pray, so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me unless I drink it, may your will be done.”⁴³ Again he returned and

found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before. ⁴⁵ Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise. Let us go. Look, my betrayer is near.”

⁴⁷ While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly Judas (one of the Twelve) arrived. With him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign: “The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him.” ⁴⁹ Immediately he went to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Friend, why are you here?”

Then they advanced, took hold of Jesus, and arrested him. ⁵¹ Suddenly, one of the men with Jesus reached out his hand, drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place, because all who take the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Do you not realize that I could call on my Father, and at once he would provide me with more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?”

⁵⁵ At that same time Jesus said to the crowd, “Have you come out to arrest me with swords and clubs as if I were a robber? Day after day I was sitting in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶ But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Hymn • 300, “Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing”

[Tune: CW 111]

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| <p>1. Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross we spend.
Life and health and peace possessing
From the sinners’ dying Friend.</p> | <p>3. Here we find the dawn of heaven
While upon the cross we gaze,
See our trespasses forgiven,
And our songs of triumph raise.</p> |
| <p>2. Here we rest in wonder, viewing
All our sins on Jesus laid;
Here we see redemption flowing
From the sacrifice He made.</p> | <p>4. O that, near the cross abiding,
We may to the Savior cleave,
Naught with Him our hearts dividing,
All for Him content to leave!</p> |

**5. Lord, in loving contemplation
Fix our hearts and eyes on Thee
Till we taste Thy full salvation
And Thine unveiled glory see.**

Sermon • An Enemy Turned into a Friend

Luke 23:47

When the centurion saw what had happened, he began to glorify God, saying, “This man really was righteous.”

-Stand-

Offering

Prayer

P *Hear my prayer, O Lord;*

G **listen to my cry.**

P *Keep me as the apple of your eye;*

G **hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

P *In righteousness I shall see you;*

G **when I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

P *Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

G **Amen.**

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.

Benedicamus

☩ The almighty and merciful Lord – the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit – bless us and keep us.

☩ Amen.

-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

[Tune: CW'21 390, st. 4]

**4. Take us to that other mountain
where we see you glorified,
where you shouted, “It is finished!”
where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion:
“Truly this was God's own Son.”**

Notes

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