



*Rethinking the
Solution to Sin*



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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 • 403, “*God Loved the World So that He Gave*”

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| <p>1. God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.</p> | <p>4. Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son
Forgives all sins which thou hast done;
And, justified by Jesus’ blood,
Thy Baptism grants the highest good.</p> |
| <p>2. Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone
Are built on this chief Cornerstone.</p> | <p>5. If thou be sick, if death draw near,
This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.</p> |
| <p>3. God would not have the sinner die,
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word doth teach
How man the blessed goal may reach.</p> | <p>6. Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!</p> |

-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.*

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

P *O Lord, open my lips;*

C **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.

Hymn of Praise • “To God Be the Glory”

[CW93 399, sts. 1, 3]

1. **To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory – great things he has done!**

3. **Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory – great things he has done!**

Prayer of the Day

P *Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 • Numbers 21:4-9

The Lord promised a solution for the bite of venomous snakes. The solution perhaps seemed nonsensical. Yet, all those who trusted God's promise lived.

They set out from Mount Hor along the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom, but the people became very impatient along the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? Look, there is no food! There is no water! And we are disgusted by this worthless food!"

⁶The Lord sent venomous snakes among the people, and the snakes bit the people. As a result many people from Israel died. ⁷The people went to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord to take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed on behalf of the people.

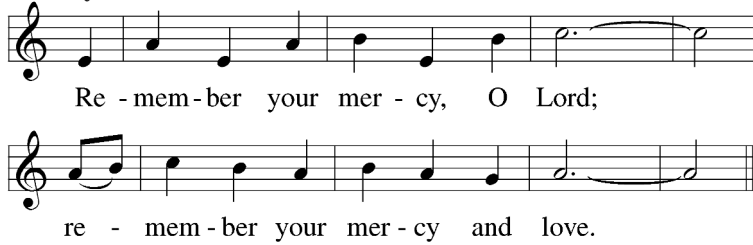
⁸The Lord said to Moses, "Make a venomous snake and put it on a pole. If anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will live." ⁹Moses made a bronze snake and put it on the pole. If a snake had bitten anyone, if that person looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 32

Refrain



Psalm tone



Blessed is he whose transgressions are for- | given, *
whose sins are | covered.

When I kept silent, your hand was heavy up- | on me; *
my strength was sapped as in the heat of | summer.

Then I acknowledged my | sin to you *
And did not cover up my in- | iquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions | to the Lord, *
and you forgave the guilt | of my sin.

-Refrain-

You are my | hiding place; *
you will protect me from | trouble.

Many are the woes of the | wicked, *
but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds those who | trust in him.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son * and to the Holy | Spirit,
As it was in the be- | ginning, * is now, and will be forever. | A-men.**

-Refrain-

Second Reading • Ephesians 2:1-10

God's solution to sin is offered by grace and received through faith.

You were dead in your trespasses and sins, ²in which you formerly walked when you followed the ways of this present world. You were following the ruler of the domain of the air, the spirit now at work in the people who disobey.

³Formerly, we all lived among them in the passions of our sinful flesh, as we carried out the desires of the sinful flesh and its thoughts. Like all the others, we were by nature objects of God's wrath.

⁴But God, because he is rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in trespasses. It is by grace you have been saved! ⁶He also raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. ⁷He did this so that, in the coming ages, he might demonstrate the surpassing riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.

¹⁰For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G **Thanks be to God!**

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

P *For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

Gospel • John 3:14-21

Christ is the solution to sin. Whoever believes in Christ shall not perish but have eternal life.

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸The one who believes in him is not condemned, but the one who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. ¹⁹This is the basis for the judgment: The light has come into the world, yet people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰In fact, everyone who practices wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, or else his deeds would be exposed. ²¹But the one who does what is true comes toward the light, in order that his deeds may be seen as having been done in connection with God.”

📖 *Here ends the Gospel.*

🙏 **Thanks be to God!**

-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • 240, “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

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| <p>1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life’s desert dreary,
Savior from the world above,
O how oft Thine eyes, offended,
Gaze upon the sinner’s fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended,
Thou didst bear the pain of all.</p> | <p>2. Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see Thee wounded, bleeding,
See Thy thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Thy sinless death hath brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest,
Only what Thy grace hath taught us
Calms the sinner’s stormy breast.</p> |
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3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning
 With more fervent love for Thee!
 May our eyes be ever turning
 To Thy cross of agony,
 Till in glory, parted never
 From the blessed Savior's side,
 Graven in our hearts forever,
 Dwell the cross, the Crucified!

Sermon • Numbers 21:4-9

Look Up and Live!

-Stand-

Apostles Creed

☩ I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
 buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
 Almighty; From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the
 Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

-Be seated-

Offering

Offering Hymn • *“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”*

[CW93 486, sts. 1, 2]

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| <p>1. Lord of glory, you have bought us
 With your lifeblood as the price,
 Never grudging for the lost ones
 That tremendous sacrifice,
 And with that have freely given
 Blessings countless as the sand
 To th'unthankful and the evil
 With your own unsparing hand.</p> | <p>2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
 Gladly, freely, of your own.
 With the sunshine of your goodness
 Melt our thankless hearts of stone
 Till our cold and selfish natures,
 Warmed by you, at length believe
 That more happy and more blessed
 'Tis to give than to receive.</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 • 308, *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
 On which the Prince of Glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss
 And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
 Save in the death of Christ, my God;
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to His blood.

3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P *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.

A **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

P *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 **Amen.**

-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • 184, “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*”

1. My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!
2. May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!
3. While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide.
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.
4. When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

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