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Rethinking Devoted Commitment



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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. Members of Holy Trinity, please fill in the side marked "MEMBER."

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 • “Drawn to the Cross”

[CW93 387]

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| <p>1. Drawn to the cross, which you have
blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in you my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.</p> | <p>3. Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing through your cross and pain,
Christ crucified, I come.</p> |
| <p>2. How well you know my griefs and fears,
Your grace abused, my misspent years;
So now to you with contrite tears,
Christ crucified, I come.</p> | <p>4. To pledge my labor willingly,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ crucified, I come.</p> |

– Stand –

Invocation

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

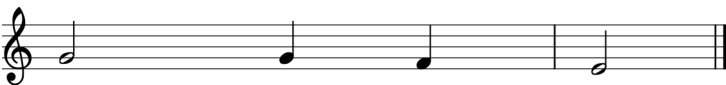


G A – men.

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;*



C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

ALL **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.*

C **Amen.**

Psalm 121

P *I lift up my eyes to the hills.*

C **Where does my help come from?**

P *My help comes from the Lord,*

C **the maker of heaven and earth.**

P *He will not let your foot slip,*

C **he who watches over you will not slumber;**

P *indeed, he who watches over Israel*

C **will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P *The Lord watches over you,*

C **the Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

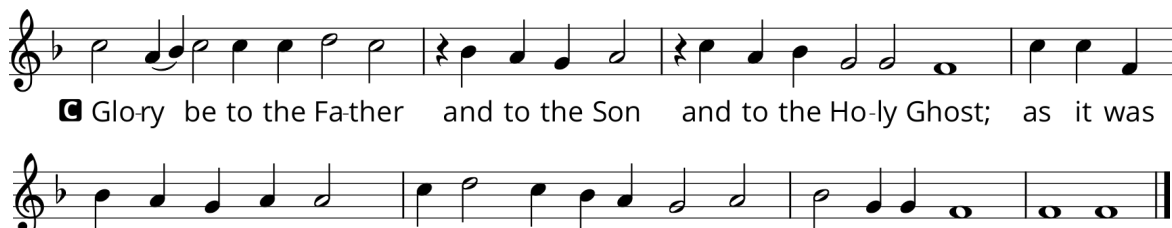
P *The Lord will keep you from all harm,*

C **he will watch over your life;**

P *the Lord will watch over your coming and going*

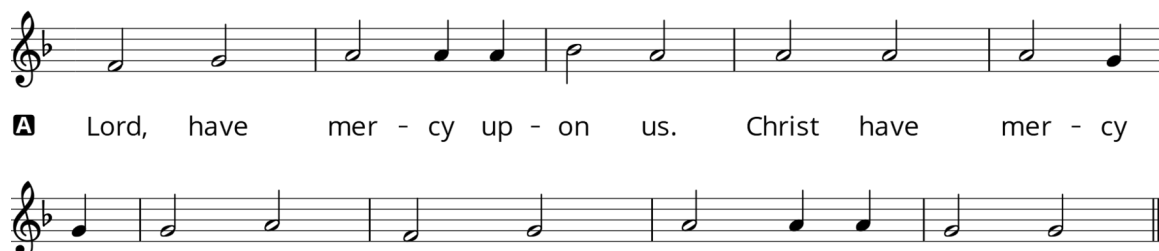
C **both now and forevermore.**

Gloria Patri




C Glo-ry 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.*



C And with your spir - it.

Prayer of The Day

P Let us pray:

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



-Be seated-

First Reading • Isaiah 43:1-7

In devoted commitment the Lord promises his people that even if they need to pass through raging waters or walk through a wall of fire, he will be right there with them.

But now this is what the Lord says,
the Lord who created you, O Jacob,
the Lord who formed you, O Israel.

Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you.”

I have called you by name. You are mine.

²When you cross through the waters, I will be with you.

When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away.

When you walk through fire, you will not be burned,

and the flame will not set you on fire.

³Because I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior,

I gave Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious and honored in my eyes,

and I myself love you,

I will give people in exchange for you,

and peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not be afraid, because I am with you.

From the east I will bring your offspring,
 and from the west I will gather you.
⁶I will say to the north, "Give them back!"
 and to the south, "Do not hold them."
 Bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
 everyone I created for my glory,
 everyone I formed,
 yes, everyone I have made.

Second Reading • Hebrews 5:7-9

*Because he was truly human Jesus did not relish having to suffer for our salvation.
 Yet he submitted to the cross out of his devoted commitment to us.*

In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.
⁸Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him.

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 10:45

☐ *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Gospel • John 12:20-33

Though the thought of the cross troubled his soul, Jesus was committed to glorifying his Father's name by winning eternal life for us.

☐ *The holy Gospel is written in the twelfth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the twentieth verse.*



☐ Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Festival.

²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went to tell Andrew. Andrew came with Philip and told Jesus.

²³ Jesus answered them, “The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

²⁴ Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it continues to be one kernel. But if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵ Anyone who loves his life destroys it. And the one who hates his life in this world will hold on to it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, let him follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ No, this is the reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

A voice came from heaven: “I have glorified my name, and I will glorify it again.”

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said it thundered. Others said an angel talked to him. ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice was not for my sake but for yours.

³¹ “Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out.

³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate what kind of death he was going to die.

P *Here ends the Gospel.*



C Praise be to You, O Christ!

Confession of Faith ~ Nicene Creed

A I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right

hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and 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 –

Hymn • “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

[CW93 122]



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle;
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished,
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph,
 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry;

Sing the end - ing of the fray. Now a -
 Of th' ap - point - ed time was come, He, the
 He went forth from Naz - a - reth, Des - tined,
 Be for all the no - blest tree; None in
 To the Fa - ther and the Son, To th' e -

bove the cross, the tro - phy, Sound the loud tri -
 Word, was born of wom - an, Left for us his
 ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing, Did his work and
 fo - liage, none in blos - som, None in fruit your
 ter - nal Spir - it hon - or Now and ev - er -



um - phant lay. Tell how Christ, the world's Re -
 Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of true o -
 met his death; Like a lamb he hum - bly
 e - qual be, Sym - bol of the world's re -
 more be done— Praise and glo - ry in the



deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
 be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
 yield - ed On the cross his dy - ing breath.
 demp - tion, For your bur - den makes us free.
 high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

Sermon • John 12:20-33

Our Savior's Hour Has Come

-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

– 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. You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. 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, blessed 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.

Words of Institution

P *Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying:

"Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*



C A - - men.

Agnus Dei



A O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world,



have mercy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world, have mercy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You



take a-way the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. A - - men.

– Be seated –

Distribution

Guests, please read and take note of the explanation of our Communion practice on page 2 in this service folder.

Hymn • 304, “Upon the Cross Extended”

1. Upon the cross extended,
See, world, thy Lord suspended;
Thy Savior yields His breath.
The Prince of Life from heaven
Himself hath freely given
To shame and blows and bitter death.
2. Come hither now and ponder,
’Twill fill thy soul with wonder,
Blood streams from ev’ry pore.
Through grief whose depth none knoweth,
From His great heart there floweth
Sigh after sigh of anguish o’er.
3. Who is it that hath bruised Thee?
Who hath so sore abused Thee
And caused Thee all Thy woe?
While we must make confession
Of sin and dire transgression,
Thou deeds of evil dost not know.
4. I caused Thy grief and sighing
By evils multiplying
As countless as the sands.
I caused the woes unnumbered
With which Thy soul is cumbered,
Thy sorrows raised by wicked hands.
5. ’Tis I who should be smitten,
My doom should here be written:
Bound hand and foot in hell.
The fetters and the scourging,
The floods around Thee surging,
’Tis I who have deserved them well.
6. The load Thou takest on Thee,
That pressed so sorely on me,
It crushed me to the ground.
The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing,
My healing in Thy wounds is found.
7. A crown of thorns Thou wearest,
My shame and scorn Thou bearest,
That I might ransomed be.
My Bondsman, ever willing,
My place with patience filling,
From sin and guilt hast made me free.
8. Thy cords of love, my Savior,
Bind me to Thee forever,
I am no longer mine.
To Thee I gladly tender
All that my life can render
And all I have to Thee resign.

9. The cross I'll place before me,
 Its saving pow'r be o'er me,
 Wherever I may be;
 Thine innocence revealing,
 Thy love and mercy sealing,
 The pledge of truth and constancy.

10. How God at our transgression
 To anger gives expression,
 How loud His thunders roll,
 How fearfully He smiteth,
 How sorely He requiteth,—
 All this Thy suff'rings teach my soul.

11. When evil men revile me,
 With wicked tongues defile me,
 I'll curb my vengeful heart.
 The unjust wrong I'll suffer,
 Unto my neighbor offer
 Forgiveness for each bitter smart.

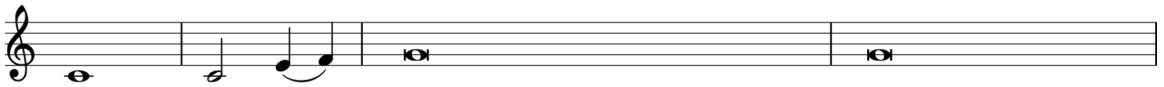
12. Thy groaning and Thy sighing,
 Thy bitter tears and dying,
 With which Thou wast oppressed,—
 They shall, when life is ending,
 Be guiding and attending
 My way to Thine eternal rest.

-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-ershall be, for - ev-ermore. 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

P *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.*



C A - men.

Benediction

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 ☩.*



C A - men, a - men, a - men.

Closing Hymn • “Lift High the Cross”

[CW93 579]

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

- 1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

Refrain

- 2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.**

Refrain

- 3. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory.**

Refrain

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