



*Christians
Live as Wheat
Among Weeds.*



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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 and want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor. Please be sure to provide us with your contact information in our friendship register that is passed around before or after the service.

A **Parents' Room** is located at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily leave to calm a child.

Wheelchair accommodations are found halfway down the rows of pews in the center aisle of the church.

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 Regarding the Lord's Supper:

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 • *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

[CW93 240]

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| <p>1. Immortal, invisible,
 God only wise,
 In light inaccessible
 hid from our eyes,
 Most blessed, most glorious,
 O Ancient of Days,
 Almighty, victorious,
 your great name we praise.</p> | <p>3. All life you engender
 in great and in small,
 Of all life Befriender,
 the true Life of all.
 We blossom and flourish
 in richness and range;
 We wither and perish,
 but you never change.</p> |
| <p>2. Unresting, unhasting,
 and silent as light,
 Not wanting nor wasting,
 you rule in your might,
 Your justice like mountains
 high soaring above,
 Your clouds which are fountains
 of goodness and love.</p> | <p>4. Great Father of glory,
 pure Father of light,
 Your angels adore you,
 all veiling their sight.
 Our praises we render;
 oh, lead us to see
 The light of your splendor,
 your love's majesty!</p> |

– Stand –

Invocation

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

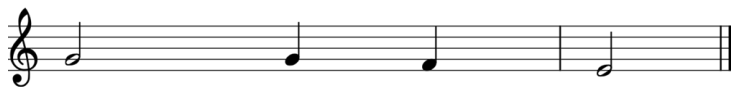


G A - men.

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.*



C 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.*

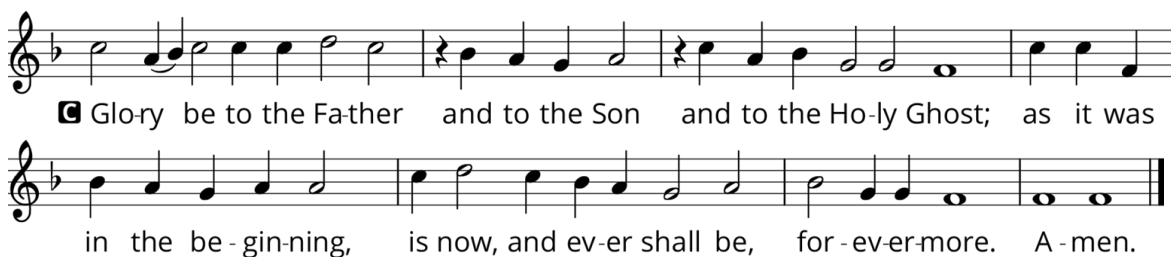
C: Amen.

Psalm • 19

[NIV84]

- P** *The heavens declare the glory of God;*
C **the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**
P *Their voice goes out into all the earth,*
C **their words to the ends of the world.**
P *The law of the LORD is perfect,*
C **giving joy to the heart.**
P *The commands of the LORD are radiant,*
C **giving light to the eyes.**
P *They are more precious than gold;*
C **they are sweeter than honey.**
P *By them is your servant taught;*
C **in keeping them there is great reward.**
P *May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart*
C **be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.**

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

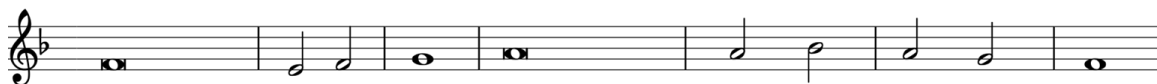


A Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy



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.*



■ And with your spir - it.

Prayer of The Day

P: *Let us pray.*

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with you in perfect joy hereafter; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

-Be seated-

First Reading • Isaiah 44:6-11

Like wheat among weeds, Christians live surrounded by evil in this world.

This is what the LORD, the King of Israel,
Israel's Redeemer, the LORD of Armies, says.

I am the first, and I am the last.

Except for me, there is no god.

⁷For who is like me? Let him declare it.

Let him recite in order for me the things that took place
since the time I established an ancient people.

Or let them declare what is yet to come,
and what is going to take place.

⁸Do not tremble, and do not be frightened.

Did I not announce this to you,
and declare it already long ago?

You are my witnesses.

Is there any god except me?

There is no other Rock. I am not aware of any other.

⁹All those who form an idol are good for nothing.

All the things which delight them provide no benefit.

As for their witnesses—they do not see.

They know nothing, so they will be ashamed.

¹⁰Who is this who forms a god or casts a metal image that can provide no profit? ¹¹Look at him! All his associates will be ashamed. The craftsmen are merely men. Let them all gather themselves and take a stand. They will be terrified and ashamed together.

Second Reading • *Romans 1:18-25*

God is not ambivalent about evil in the world. But his wrath will be fully revealed only at judgment day.

Indeed, God's wrath is being revealed from heaven against all the ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who try to suppress the truth by unrighteousness. ¹⁹This happens because what can be known about God is evident among them, because God made it evident among them. ²⁰In fact, his invisible characteristics—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, because they are understood from the things he made. As a result, people are without excuse, ²¹because, even though they knew God, they did not honor him or give him thanks as God. Instead, their thinking became nonsense, and their senseless heart was darkened.

²²Although they claim to be wise, they have become fools ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human, or like birds, four-footed animals, and crawling things. ²⁴So, as they followed the sinful desires of their hearts, God handed them over to the impurity of degrading their own bodies among themselves. ²⁵Such people have traded the truth about God for the lie, worshipping and serving the creation rather than the Creator, who is worthy of praise forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 11:33

P: *Alleluia. Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how untraceable his ways! Alleluia.*



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

Gospel • Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

P: *The holy Gospel is written in the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the twenty-fourth verse.*



G Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

The Lord has a plan to separate wheat and weeds at the final harvest.

He presented another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.²⁵ But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.²⁶ When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared.²⁷ The servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?’²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy did this.’ The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?’²⁹ ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them.³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

³⁶ Then Jesus sent the people away and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

³⁷ He answered them, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.³⁸ The field is the world. The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the Evil One.³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are angels.

⁴⁰Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the world. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will pull out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and those who continue to break the law. ⁴²The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.

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-

Chief Hymn • *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

[ELH 461]

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| <p>1. Come, ye thankful people, come;
 Raise the song of harvest home.
 All be safely gathered in
 Ere the winter storms begin.
 God, our Maker, doth provide
 For our wants to be supplied.
 Come to God's own temple, come;
 Raise the song of harvest home.</p> | <p>3. For the Lord, our God, shall come
 And shall take His harvest home,
 From His field shall in that day
 All offenses purge away,
 Give His angels charge at last
 In the fire the tares to cast,
 But the fruitful ears to store
 In His garner evermore.</p> |
| <p>2. All the world is God's own field,
 Fruit unto His praise to yield;
 Wheat and tares together sown,
 Unto joy or sorrow grown.
 First the blade and then the ear,
 Then the full corn shall appear.
 Lord of harvest, grant that we
 Wholesome grain and pure may be.</p> | <p>4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
 To Thy final harvest home;
 Gather Thou Thy people in,
 Free from sorrow, free from sin,
 There, forever purified,
 In Thy garner to abide.
 Come with all Thine angels, come;
 Raise the glorious harvest home.</p> |

Sermon • *Matthew 13:24-30,36-43***Grow as Wheat Among Weeds**

1. Weeds are inevitable.
2. The harvest is certain.

-Stand-

Offertory Psalm

C 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

-Organ Interlude-

An offering plate is located in the entryway in the back of the church. Offerings can be placed in the plate either before or after the service.

Please fill out the friendship register and pass it down the row. Thank you.

Prayer of the Church

-Stand-

Preface

P: *The Lord be with you.*



And with your spir - it.

P: *Lift up your hearts.*



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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





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 mer-cy 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 • “On Eagles’ Wings”

[CW93 440]

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| <p>1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!”
And he will raise you up on eagles’ wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.</p> | <p>2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.
And he will raise you up on eagles’ wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.</p> |
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- 3. For to his angels he’s given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
And he will raise you up on eagles’ wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

Hymn • "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Bestowed"

[ELH 320]

1. Lord Jesus Christ, You have bestowed
For our weak souls' true feeding
This Meal, Your body and Your blood,
To it as guests us bidding.
We, pressed with sin's load burdensome,
Thus as Your chosen guests here come
And seek Your help and counsel.
2. Though visibly from earth You've gone,
Already now ascended,
And here to us remain unseen
Till this brief time is ended,
Until the Judgment shall begin
When we will stand before Your throne
And joyfully behold You
3. Still You are here, as says Your Word,
With us, Your congregation,
With now Your flesh and bones, O Lord,
Not bound to one location.
Your Word stands as a tower sure,
None can o'erthrow its truth secure,
Be he most shrewd and subtle.
4. "This is My body," thus You say,
"Eat orally, so take Me;
All drink My blood; by you I stay,
And you shall not forsake Me."
Thus You have spoken, so 'tis true;
Naught is impossible with You,
For You, Lord, are almighty.
5. And though my mind here does not see
How in so many places
Your body at one time can be,
Yet faith Your Word embraces.
I leave to You how this can be,
Your Word, O Lord, suffices me;
Faith stands upon it solely.
6. Lord, I believe, dear Lord, I trust;
Help for faith's weakness give me!
See, I but ashes am and dust;
Ne'er of Your Word deprive me!
Your Baptism, Supper, and Your Word
My comfort here below afford;
Here lies my heart's true treasure.
7. O help, Lord, that we worthily
Go to Your holy Table,
Our sins lamenting heartily,
And with Your merits noble
And Your great kindness us refresh;
Then surely e'er we'll strive afresh
Thereby our life to better.
8. Lord Christ, to You be highest praise
For this blest Supper given!
While 'gainst it men bold falsehood raise,
Keep it for us from heaven!
Help that Your body and Your blood
May be my soul's consoling food
In my last moments! Amen.

-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

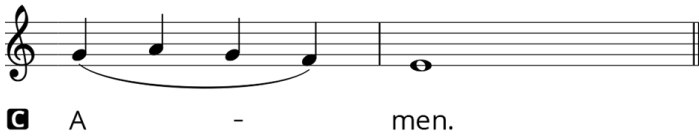
P: *O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*



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

Collect of Thanksgiving

P: *O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.*



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 +.*



-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • “How Great Thou Art”

[CW93 256]

1. **O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”**

2. **When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
(Refrain)**
3. **And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.
(Refrain)**
4. **When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"
(Refrain)**

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