



The Truth Will Set You Free



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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.

Restrooms are located on the north end of the fellowship hall through the doors to the Learning Center. Additional restrooms with changing tables are located to the left of the entrance to the fellowship hall, through the doors to the Learning Center, then to the left.

Parents who need to leave the service to have quiet time with their child are welcome to use any of our classrooms in the Learning Center.

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 THE WORD

Hymn • *“Christ Alone the World’s Redeemer”*

[CW21 878]

1. Christ alone the world’s Redeemer,
Christ, God’s own begotten Son,
Christ, the sacrifice for sinners,
by his death salvation won.
Christ alone our mediator,
Christ alone our great High Priest,
in his righteousness he clothes us.
Christ alone is our true peace.
2. Word alone, inspired and holy,
Word revealing Christ our Lord,
living, active voice of Jesus,
sharper than a two-edged sword,
Word to teach and to admonish,
Word to comfort and to heal—
God’s own Word endures forever
All his counsel to reveal.
3. Grace alone, and not our working,
brings salvation unto all.
Grace alone! Your gifts you give us
As we hear your gentle call.
Unimagined love—exchanging
all our sin for righteousness,
grace on grace thro’ Christ receiving,
clothed in his own holiness.
4. Faith alone from God the Spirit
can God’s gracious gift receive;
not by human works or effort,
God is calling to believe.
Faith is living, busy, active,
ever seeking ways to care,
in the least, the lost, the needy,
seeking Jesus ev’rywhere.
5. Unto God be praise and glory,
to the Father, and the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit;
glory to the Three in One.
Hymned by saints of earth and heaven
and by angels at his throne,
all creation joins to praise him:
glory be to God alone!

☞ **PASTOR** *The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.*

☞ **CONGREGATION** **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

☞ *We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.*

☞ **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

☞ *God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.*

☞ **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P *In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.*

Oh, Taste and See

-Please Note: There is a brief musical introduction before the congregation joins in singing.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are

they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -

ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

P *Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; 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-

THE WORD

First Lesson • *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The old covenant of law could tell people how to act. It could not create the desire to freely do so. The new covenant of grace transforms people's hearts, so they freely and joyfully follow God's will.

³¹ Yes, the days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers,
when I took them by the hand
and led them out of the land of Egypt.
They broke that covenant of mine,
although I was a husband to them, declares the Lord.

³³ But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel
after those days,
declares the Lord.

I will put my law in their minds,
and I will write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will each one teach his neighbor,
or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the Lord,"

because they will all know me,
 from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord,
 for I will forgive their guilt,
 and I will remember their sins no more.

Psalm of the Day • 46

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



God is our ref- uge and strength,*
 an ever-present help in trou- ble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way,*
 and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
 though its waters roar and foam*
 and the mountains quake with their surging.

[Refrain]

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- y of God,*
 the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall; *
 God will help her at break of day.

Be still, and know that I am God; *
 I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

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 Lesson • Galatians 5:1-6

| St. Paul encourages us to stand firm in the freedom that we have in Christ. |

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again. ² Look, I, Paul, tell you that if you allow yourselves to be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³ I testify again to every man who allows himself to be circumcised that he is obligated to do the whole law. ⁴ You who are trying to be declared righteous by the law are completely separated from Christ. You have fallen from grace.

⁵ Indeed, through the Spirit, we by faith are eagerly waiting for the sure hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision matters. Rather, it is faith working through love that matters.

Verse of the Day

John 8:31,32

☐ *Alleluia. If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free. Alleluia.*

-Please Note: There is a brief musical introduction before the congregation joins in singing the Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

-Stand-

Gospel • John 8:31-36

| The truth of the gospel sets us free. |

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. ³² You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³ “We are Abraham’s descendants,” they answered, “and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be set free?’”

³⁴ Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Everyone who keeps committing sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ But a slave does not remain in the family forever. A son does remain forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.

📖 *The Gospel of our Lord.*



-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • “Reformation Song”

[CW21 877]



1 Your Word a - lone is sol - id ground,
 2 Thro' faith a - lone we come to you;
 3 In Christ a - lone we're jus - ti - fied;



the might - y rock on which we build.
 we have no mer - it we can claim.
 his right - eous - ness is all our plea.



In ev - 'ry line the truth is found,
 Sure that your prom - is - es are true,
 Your law's de - mands are sat - is - fied;



and ev - 'ry page with glo - ry filled. v. 2
 we place our hope in Je - sus' name.
 his per - fect work has set us free.



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a - lone.



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a - lone.

**4. By grace alone we have been saved;
all that we are has come from you.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved
now by your pow'r have been made new.
(Refrain)**

**5. And on this Reformation Day
we join with saints of old to sing;
we lift our hearts as one in praise:
glory to Christ our gracious King.
(Refrain)**

Sermon • *Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:28; 2 Timothy 3:16*

Grace Alone

Ephesians 2:8-9

Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Faith Alone

Romans 3:28

For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

Scripture Alone

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness.

-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-

THANKSGIVING

Offering

New Member Welcome

Prayer of the Church

-Stand-

Lord's Prayer

A 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 • “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

[ELH 250]

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| <p>1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.</p> | <p>3. Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.</p> |
| <p>2. With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is.
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.</p> | <p>4. The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.</p> |

-Stand-

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- ☐ *Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



- ☐ *Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.*

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 • “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

[CW93 293]

**God’s Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.**

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