



# *God Loves Sinners*



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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 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 • “*Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*”

[ELH 426]

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| <p>1. Jesus sinners doth receive;<br/>O may all this saying ponder<br/>Who in sin’s delusions live<br/>And from God and heaven wander.<br/>Here is hope for all who grieve—<br/>Jesus sinners doth receive.</p>                       | <p>3. Sheep that from the fold did stray<br/>No true shepherd e’er forsaketh;<br/>Weary souls that lost their way<br/>Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh<br/>In His arms that they may live—<br/>Jesus sinners doth receive.</p> |
| <p>2. We deserve but grief and shame,<br/>Yet His words, rich grace revealing,<br/>Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;<br/>Here their ills have perfect healing<br/>Who with humble hearts believe—<br/>Jesus sinners doth receive.</p> | <p>5. I, a sinner, come to Thee<br/>With a penitent confession.<br/>Savior, mercy show to me;<br/>Grant for all my sins remission.<br/>Let these words my soul relieve—<br/>Jesus sinners doth receive.</p>                       |

– Stand –

#### Invocation

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

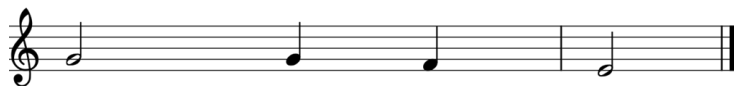


**G** A - men.

#### 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 • 119c**

[CW21]

P: *Do good to your servant*

**C: according to your word, LORD.**

P: *Teach me knowledge and good judgment,*

**C: for I trust your commands.**

P: *Before I was afflicted I went astray,*

**C: but now I obey your word.**

P: *You are good, and what you do is good;*

**C: teach me your decrees.**

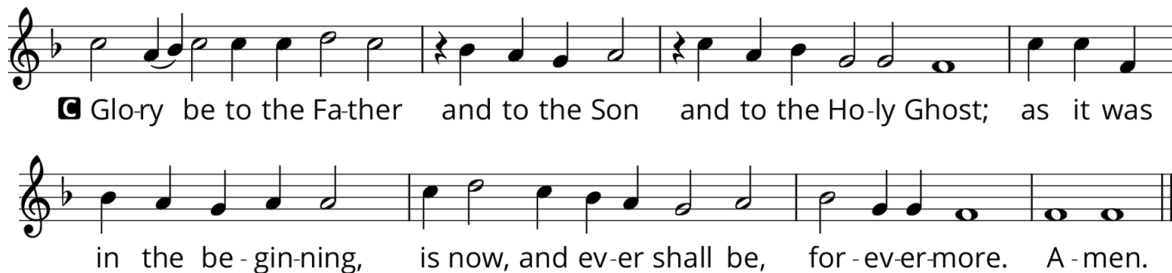
*P: It was good for me to be afflicted*

**C: so that I might learn your decrees.**

*P: The law from your mouth is more precious to me*

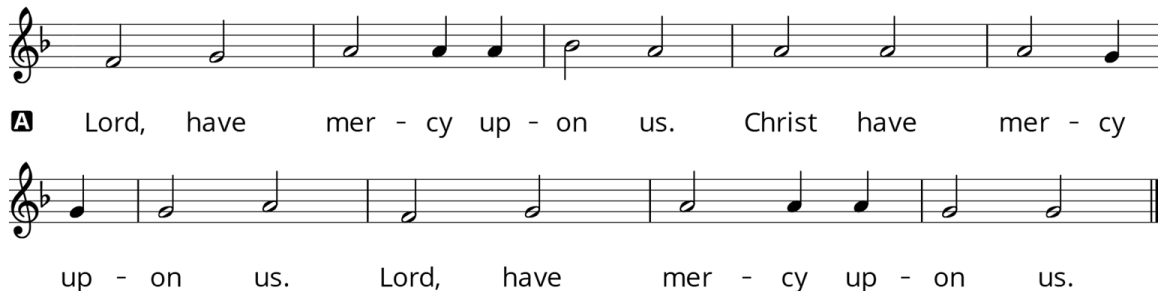
**C: than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.**

## Gloria Patri



**G** 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



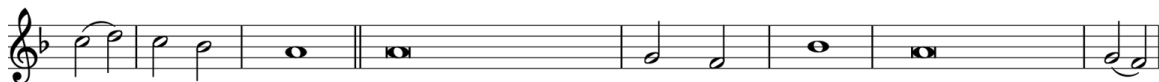
**A** Glory be to God on high and on earth peace good will toward men.  
We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to



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.*

*Almighty and merciful God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear his call and follow him by faith that we may feast with him forever in his kingdom; 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 • Exodus 3:1-15

The LORD chooses Moses to lead the Israelites.

Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. <sup>3</sup>So he said, “I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up.”

<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, “Moses! Moses!”

Moses said, “I am here.”

<sup>5</sup>The LORD said, “Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup>He then said, “I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said, “I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering.

<sup>8</sup>So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>Now indeed, the Israelites' cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

<sup>12</sup>So he said, "I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what should I say to them?"

<sup>14</sup>So God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He also said, "You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."

<sup>15</sup>God also told Moses, "Say this to the Israelites: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.'

## **Second Reading • 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

God demonstrates mercy and patience by calling Paul, the "worst of sinners," into the ministry.

I give thanks to the one who empowered me, namely, Christ Jesus our Lord, that he treated me as trustworthy, appointing me into his ministry. <sup>13</sup>He did this even though formerly I was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent man. But I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief. <sup>14</sup>The grace of our Lord overflowed on me along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>This saying is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup>But I was shown mercy for this reason: that in me, the worst sinner, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his unlimited patience as an example for those who are going to believe

in him, resulting in eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Now to the King eternal, to the immortal, invisible, only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

-Stand-

## Gospel Acclamation

[Matthew 9:12,13]

P: *Alleluia. The healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners. Alleluia.*



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

## Gospel • Matthew 9:9-13

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



**G** Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

Tax collectors were considered among the worst of sinners. In his grace,  
Jesus called Matthew to be his disciple.

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting in the tax collector's booth. He said to him, "Follow me." Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>As Jesus was reclining at the table in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners were actually there too, eating with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "The healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' In fact, I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

P: *Here ends the Gospel.*



☐ Praise be to You, O Christ!

### **Confession of Faith** ~ *Nicene Creed*

- ☐ 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** • *“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”*

[ELH 429]

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| <p>1. Chief of sinners though I be,<br/>Jesus shed His blood for me,<br/>Died that I might live on high,<br/>Lived that I might never die.<br/>As the branch is to the vine,<br/>I am His and He is mine.</p> | <p>2. O the height of Jesus' love,<br/>Higher than the heav'ns above,<br/>Deeper than the depths of sea,<br/>Lasting as eternity.<br/>Love that found me—wondrous thought!—<br/>Found me when I sought Him not.</p> |
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## 3. Jesus only can impart

Balm to heal the smitten heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n;  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.

## 4. Chief of sinners though I be,

Christ is All in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known,  
All my sorrows are His own.  
Safe with Him from earthly strife,  
He sustains the hidden life.

## 5. O my Savior, help afford

By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.

## Sermon • 1 Timothy 2:12-17

## Christ Jesus Came to Save You!

-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.



## 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, bless - ed 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.



## Distribution

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

### Hymn • “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

[ELH 206]

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| <p>1. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,<br/>Trusting only Thee,<br/>Trusting Thee for full salvation,<br/>Great and free.</p> <p>2. I am trusting Thee for pardon;<br/>At Thy feet I bow,<br/>For Thy grace and tender mercy<br/>Trusting now.</p> <p>3. I am trusting Thee for cleansing<br/>In the crimson flood,<br/>Trusting Thee to make me holy<br/>By Thy blood.</p> | <p>4. I am trusting Thee to guide me;<br/>Thou alone shalt lead,<br/>Ev’ry day and hour supplying<br/>All my need.</p> <p>5. I am trusting Thee for power;<br/>Thine can never fail.<br/>Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me<br/>Must prevail.</p> <p>6. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;<br/>Never let me fall.<br/>I am trusting Thee forever<br/>And for all.</p> |
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### Hymn • “By Grace I’m Saved”

[ELH 226]

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| <p>1. By grace I’m saved, grace free and<br/>boundless;<br/>My soul, believe and doubt it not.<br/>Why stagger at this word of promise?<br/>Hath Scripture ever falsehood taught?<br/>Nay; then this word must true remain:<br/>By grace thou, too, shalt heav’n obtain.</p> <p>2. By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;<br/>Our works and conduct have no worth.<br/>God in His love sent our Redeemer,<br/>Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;<br/>His death did for our sins atone,<br/>And we are saved by grace alone.</p> | <p>3. By grace! O mark this word of promise<br/>When thou art by thy sins oppressed,<br/>When Satan plagues thy troubled<br/>conscience,<br/>And when thy heart is seeking rest.<br/>What reason cannot comprehend<br/>God by His grace to thee doth send.</p> <p>4. By grace God’s Son, our only Savior,<br/>Came down to earth to bear our sin.<br/>Was it because of thine own merit<br/>That Jesus died thy soul to win?<br/>Nay, it was grace, and grace alone,<br/>That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.</p> |
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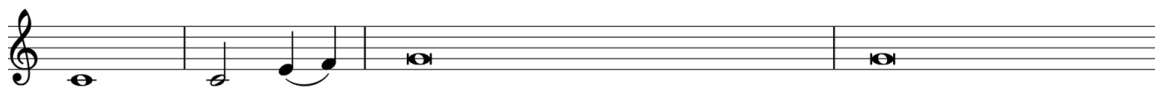
5. **By grace! This ground of faith is certain;  
So long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration,  
What in His Word our God commands,  
What our whole faith must rest upon,  
Is grace alone, grace in His Son.**
6. **By grace! But think not, thou who livest  
Securely on in godless ways,  
That thou—though all are called—  
receivest  
The promised rest that wakes our praise.  
No one will find in heav'n a place  
Who loves to sin and scorns God's grace.**
7. **By grace! They who have heard this  
sentence  
Must bid hypocrisy farewell;  
For only after true repentance  
The soul what grace imports can tell:  
To sin God's grace a trifle seems,  
To faith it bright with glory beams.**
8. **By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
In tribulation's furnace tried—  
By grace, despite all fear and trouble,  
The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
If grace were not my anchor sure?**
9. **By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.**
10. **By grace! Sin, death, and Satan hearken!  
I bear my flag of faith in hand  
And pass—for doubts my joy can't  
darken—  
The Red Sea to the Promised Land.  
I cling to what my Savior taught  
And trust it, whether felt or not.**

-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.*



☐ 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.*



☐ 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 +.*



☐ A - men, a - men, a - men.

-Be seated-

## Closing Hymn • “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

[ELH 426]

**7. Now my conscience is at peace,  
From the Law I stand acquitted;  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my every sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve—  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**8. Jesus sinners doth receive.  
Also I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave—  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

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