



*The Living Lord
Produces Active
Faith*



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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 • 230, *“Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth”*

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| <p>1. Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth,
To Thy Word I now give heed;
Life and spirit Thy Word beareth,
All Thy Word is true indeed.
Death’s dread power in me is rife;
Jesus, may Thy Word of Life
Fill my soul with love’s strong fervor
That I cling to Thee forever.</p> | <p>3. Lord, Thy words are waters living
Where I quench my thirsty need.
Lord, Thy words are bread life-giving;
On Thy words my soul doth feed.
Lord, Thy words shall be my light
Through death’s vale and dreary night;
Yea, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailing.</p> |
| <p>2. O what blessing to be near Thee
And to hearken to Thy voice!
May I ever love and fear Thee
That Thy Word may be my choice!
Oft were hardened sinners, Lord,
Struck with terror by Thy Word;
But to him who for sin grieveth
Comfort sweet and hope it giveth.</p> | <p>4. Precious Jesus, I beseech Thee,
May Thy words take root in me;
May this gift from heav’n enrich me
So that I bear fruit for Thee!
Take them never from my heart
Till I see Thee as Thou art,
When in heav’nly bliss and glory
I shall greet Thee and adore Thee.</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 • “Glory Be to God”

[Tune: CW93 152]

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| <p>1. All glory be to God on high!
 Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
 We praise you for your peace and grace,
 Your favor toward our fallen race.</p> | <p>3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
 Our ev’ry sin you take away.
 Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
 From God’s right hand, your mercy share.</p> |
| <p>2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
 For your great glory, heav’nly King,
 For all, O Father, you have done
 Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.</p> | <p>4. You, Christ, are holy – Lord alone;
 The Father’s glory you made known.
 We by your Spirit sing again:
 “All glory be to God!” Amen.</p> |

Prayer of the Day

P *O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; 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 • Acts 4:32-37

In the early church, as the apostles preached the resurrection of Christ, the living Lord produced the fruits of unity and generosity.

³²The whole group of believers was one in heart and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common. ³³The apostles continued to testify about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power, and abundant grace was on all of them. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them. For from time to time those who were owners of lands or houses sold them, brought the proceeds received from what was sold, ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet. It was distributed to each one according to what anyone needed.

³⁶Joseph, who was called Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated "son of encouragement"), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷sold a field that belonged to him. He brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 67

Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



May God be gracious to us and | bless us*
and make his face shine up- | on us;

may your ways be | known on earth, *
your salvation among all | nations.

May the nations be glad and | sing for joy, *
for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations | of the earth.

[Refrain]

Then the land will yield its | harvest, *
and God, our God, will | bless us.

God will | bless us, *
and all the ends of the earth will | fear 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 • 1 John 3:18-24

St. John encourages us to demonstrate living faith in loving words and actions.

Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth.

¹⁹This is how we know that we are of the truth and how we will set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God. ²²We also receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. ²³This then is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another just as he commanded us. ²⁴The one who keeps his commands remains in God and God in him. This is how we know that he remains in us: We know it from the Spirit, whom he has given to us.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God!**

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:5

P *Alleluia. I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit. Alleluia.*



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

Gospel • John 15:1-8

Jesus is the vine who gives us, his branches, the ability to produce fruits of faith.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit.

³“You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵“I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

☐ *Here ends the Gospel.*

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • “*Christ the Vine*”

[Words: CW21 709]

[Tune: CW93 166]

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| <p>1. I long to serve my Savior,
to seek what’s good and right,
to trust and never waver,
to walk in truth and light.
But conduct pure and holy
requires a pow’r not mine;
a branch is fruitful only
when anchored in a vine.</p> | <p>2. There came, with grace unsparing,
a vine from heav’n above,
its branches meant for bearing
the fruits of selfless love.
This vine is Christ who offered
his life upon a tree;
for all my sin he suffered
and made a branch of me.</p> |
| <p>3. And so I’ll serve my Savior
with pow’r that he provides,
for he, my blest Redeemer,
within my soul abides.
The fruit of selfless giving
will grow by God’s design
as I, the branch, keep living
by faith in Christ the vine.</p> | |

Sermon • John 15:1-8**Remain in Christ, The True Vine***-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 Prayer***-Stand-***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 • “Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing”

[CW21 595]

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| <p>1. Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s sowing,
may we ripen and increase,
fruit to life eternal growing,
rich in love and joy and peace.</p> <p>2. Laden branches freely bearing
gifts the Giver loves to bless;
here is fruit that grows by sharing,
patience, kindness, gentleness.</p> | <p>3. Rooted deep in Christ our Master,
Christ our pattern and our goal,
teach us, as the years fly faster,
goodness, faith, and self-control.</p> <p>4. Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s tending,
may we grow till harvests cease;
till we taste, in life unending,
heaven’s love and joy and peace.</p> |
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-Stand-

Prayer of Thanksgiving

☐ *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.

☐ 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

☐ *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 †.*

☐ Amen.

-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • 444, “Take My Life and Let It Be”

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| <p>1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.</p> <p>2. Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.</p> <p>3. Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.</p> | <p>4. Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose.</p> <p>5. Take my will and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.</p> <p>6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all, for Thee.</p> |
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