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Cross Comes Before Crown



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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

ELH pg. 60 (Adapted)

Hymn • *“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”*

[CW93 428]

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| <p>1. Why should cross and trial grieve me?
 Christ is near With his cheer;
 Never will he leave me.
 Who can rob me of the heaven
 That God’s Son For me won
 When his life was given?</p> | <p>3. God gives me my days of gladness,
 And I will Trust him still
 when he sends me sadness.
 God is good; his love attends me
 Day by day, Come what may,
 Guides me and defends me.</p> |
| <p>2. When life’s troubles rise to meet me,
 Though their weight May be great,
 They will not defeat me.
 God, my loving Savior, sees them;
 He who knows All my woes
 Knows how best to end them.</p> | <p>4. Since I know God never fails me,
 In his voice I’ll rejoice
 When grim death assails me.
 Trusting in my Savior’s merit,
 Safe at last, Troubles past,
 I shall heav’n inherit.</p> |

– Stand –

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

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 heaven 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 • 31

[NIV84]

P: In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge;

C: deliver me in your righteousness.

P: Be my rock of refuge,

C: a strong fortress to save me.

P: Into your hands I commit my spirit;

C: redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.

P: My times are in your hands;

C: save me in your unfailing love.

P: How great is your goodness,

C: which you have stored up for those who fear you.

P: You heard my cry for mercy

C: when I called to you for help.

**A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo • “All Glory Be to God on High”

[Tune: CW93 84]

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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>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>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>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> |
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Salutation

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: **And with your spirit.**

Prayer of The Day

P: *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow him wherever he leads; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

-Be seated-

First Reading • Jeremiah 15:15-21

When Jeremiah complained about carrying his cross, the Lord called on him to repent and promised salvation.	
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O LORD, you understand.

Remember me and care for me.

Take vengeance for me on those who persecute me.

You are slow to anger.

Do not take me away.

Keep in mind that for your sake I bear disgrace.

¹⁶Your words came to me, and I devoured them.

Your words became my joy,

the delight of my heart,

because I bear your name,

O LORD God of Armies.

¹⁷I did not sit with the band of partygoers,

nor did I celebrate with them.

I sat alone, because your hand was upon me.

You filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unending?

Why is my wound incurable, refusing to heal?

Will you be as deceptive as an intermittent stream to me,

like a source of water that a person can't depend on?

¹⁹Therefore this is what the LORD says.

If you repent, I will take you back,

so that you may stand before me.

If what you say is worthwhile and not worthless,

you will be my spokesman.

They must turn to you,

but you must not turn to them.

²⁰I will make you like a bronze wall to this people.

They will fight against you,

but they will not overcome you,

because I am with you to save you

and to rescue you, declares the LORD.

²¹I will rescue you from the hand of the wicked,

and I will deliver you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Second Reading • Romans 8:18-25

No cross can compare with the crown of glory that is waiting.

For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰For creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in the hope ²¹that even creation itself will be set free from slavery to corruption, in order to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

²²For we know that all of creation is groaning with birth pains right up to the present time. ²³And not only creation, but also we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we eagerly await our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. ²⁴Indeed, it was for this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for something we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patient endurance.

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 8:34

P: *Alleluia. If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.*
Alleluia.

Gospel • Matthew 16:21-26

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

C: Glory be to You, O Lord!

Jesus calls his Church to walk in his path. First comes the cross, then comes the crown.

From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, and be killed, and on the third day be raised again.

²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “May you receive mercy, Lord! This will never happen to you.”

²³But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a snare to me because you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of men.”

²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵In fact whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶After all, what will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what can a person give in exchange for his soul?

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 • “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

[CW93 465]

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| <p>1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow you.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
You on earth once suffered, too.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,
All I've ever hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heav'n are still my own.</p> <p>2. Let the world despise and leave me;
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
You are not, like them, untrue.
And since you have smiled upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends my shun me—
Show your face, and all is bright.</p> | <p>3. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!
Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In your service pain is pleasure;
With your favor loss is gain.
I have called you Abba, Father!
You my all in all shall be.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.</p> <p>4. Haste, my soul, from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer.
All but heav'n is transitory;
God's own hand shall guide you there.
Soon shall end this earthly story;
Swift shall pass the pilgrim days,
Hope soon change to heav'nly glory,
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.</p> |
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Sermon • Jeremiah 15:15-21

We Don't Get What We Deserve

1. Sometimes we think we deserve better.
2. God gives us what we do not deserve.

-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.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sanctus • “Holy, Holy, Holy”

[Tune: CW93 131]

1. O holy, holy, holy

**Lord God of pow’r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
in countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**

2. Hosanna in the highest!

**How truly blest is he
Who in God’s name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

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.

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: Amen.

Agnus Dei • “O Christ, Lamb of God”

[Tune: CW93 106]

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| <p>1. Dearest Jesus, loving Savior,
Christ, who takes all sin away,
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,
hear us as we humbly pray:
in our dire and desperate need,
for your mercy, Lord, we plead.</p> | <p>2. Dearest Jesus, loving Savior,
Christ, who takes all sin away,
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,
hear us as we humbly pray:
let your mercy still increase;
grant us pardon, grant us peace.</p> |
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-Be seated-

Distribution

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

Hymn • “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

[CW93 309]

- 1. Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.**
- 2. He that his saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav'nly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.**
- 3. Come forward then, with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
Before your altar, Lord, your servants bow;
In this your feast of love be with us now.**

Hymn • “Your Days and Ways to God Surrender”

[CW21 806]

1. Your days and ways to God surrender,
and let his wisdom be your light.
He stands beside you, strong but tender,
and guides your steps thro’ storm and
night.
Upon a rock you build your life
when you rely on Jesus Christ.
2. Why do you wallow in this worry?
Why tightly clutch this pain and fear?
Do you forget that on this journey
you’re not alone? Your God is near!
The many midnight tears you spill
just make the darkness darker still.
3. Wait for his hand to write your story,
his gracious will, your destiny.
What looks like gloom he turns to glory;
what’s hidden now he will reveal.
Who holds your future and your past
knows what you need before you ask.
4. Then wake with joy and expectation,
for God is good and heav’n is sure.
Sing, pray, and work in your vocation,
and sleep in peace, your heart secure.
Surrender all to his good grace;
he keeps you safe in his embrace.

Hymn • “Day by Day”

[CW21 803]

1. Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav’nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I’ll find eternal rest.

2. Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
till in glory I behold your face.
3. Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.

-Stand-

Nunc Dimittis • *"Song of Simeon"*

Tune: CW93 368]

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
Incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel! | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity. |
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Communion Verse

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

C: And His mercy endures forever.

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.*

C: Amen.

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: Amen.

-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

[CW93 7]

**3. You saints, who here in patience
Your cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb you shall behold;
In triumph lay before him
Your shining crowns of gold.**

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