



*He Lives
to Call Me
to Live
for Him*



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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. If you do not use a wheelchair, be careful to leave space in these wheelchair accessible spaces 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 • *“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”*

[ELH 244]

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| <p>1. Dearest Jesus, we are here,
Gladly Thy command obeying;
With this child we now draw near
In accord with Thine own saying
That of Thee it shall be given
As a child and heir of heaven.</p> | <p>2. Yea, Thy word is clear and plain,
And we would obey it duly:
“He who is not born again,
Heart and life renewing truly,
Born of water and the Spirit,
Can My kingdom not inherit.”</p> |
| <p>3. Therefore hasten we to Thee,
In our arms this infant bearing;
Let us here Thy glory see,
Let this child, Thy mercy sharing,
In Thine arms be shielded ever,
Thine on earth and Thine forever.</p> | |

-Stand-

Call to Worship

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

CONGREGATION **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P *Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.”*

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

☒ Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

☐ *As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:*

☒ Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

☐ *God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.*

☒ Amen.

- Be seated -

Sacrament of Baptism

-Stand-

Apostles' Creed

☐ *We join in confessing the faith into which this child has been baptized using the words of the 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-

Hymn • 244, st. 6,7, “*Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*”

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| <p>6. Gracious Head, Thy member own;
Shepherd, take Thy lamb and feed him;
Prince of Peace, make here Thy throne;
Way of Life, to heaven lead him.
Precious Vine, let nothing sever
From Thy side this branch forever.</p> | <p>7. Now into Thy heart we pour
Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav’nward soar;
May our warm desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given,
Write it in the book of heaven.</p> |
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Prayer of the Day

☞ *O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

🔊 **Amen.**

First Reading • *Acts 17:22-31*

| God has determined exactly where and when we would live so that we can repent |
| and believe the good news of Jesus' resurrection. |

Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way.²³ For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’ Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. ²⁶ From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. ²⁷ He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘Indeed, we are also his offspring.’

²⁹ “Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. ³⁰ Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

📖 *This is the Word of the Lord.*

🙏 **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 66

[NIV84]

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone *

Shout with joy to God, | all the earth!*

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise | glorious!

Praise our God, O | peoples,*

let the sound of his | praise be heard.

He has pre- | served our lives*

and kept our feet from | slipping.

[Refrain]

Come and listen, all you who | fear God;*

let me tell you what he has | done for me.

If I had cherished sin | in my heart,*

the Lord would not have | listened;

but God has surely | listened*

and heard my | voice in prayer.

**☒ 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 Peter 3:13-22

| St. Peter teaches that baptism saves us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. |

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should happen to suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. Do not be afraid of what they fear, and do not be troubled. ¹⁵ But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶ But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience, so that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers. ¹⁷ Indeed, it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, ¹⁸ because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, ¹⁹ in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. ²⁰ These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God's patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. ²¹ And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²² He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

☐ *This is the Word of the Lord.*

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:15,16

☐ *Alleluia. If you love me, hold on to my commands. I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. Alleluia.*



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

Gospel • John 14:15-21

| Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to lead us in faith. |

“If you love me, hold on to my commands. ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him.”

📖 *Here ends the Gospel.*

🙏 **Thanks be to God!**

-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

[ELH 378]

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| <p>1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God hath done,
How His right arm the vict'ry won;
Right dearly it hath cost Him.</p> | <p>3. My good works so imperfect were,
They had no pow'r to aid me;
My will God's judgments could not bear,
Yea, prone to evil made me;
Grief drove me to despair, and I
Had nothing left me but to die;
To hell I fast was sinking.</p> |
| <p>2. Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;
Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day;
In sin my mother bore me.
Yea, deep and deeper still I fell;
Life had become a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.</p> | <p>4. But God beheld my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And, mindful of His mercies great,
He planned my soul's salvation.
A father's heart He turned to me,
Sought my redemption fervently;
He gave His dearest Treasure.</p> |

- 5. He spoke to His beloved Son: "Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of My crown, And bring to man salvation.
From sin and sorrow set him free; Slay bitter death for him, that he
May live with Thee forever."**

Sermon • 1 Peter 3:13-22

Regard Christ as Holy in Your Heart

1. As you give the reason for your hope.
2. As you see the certainty of your hope.

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.*

-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 • "Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying"

[ELH 191]

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| <p>1. Hark! The voice of Jesus crying,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting;
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me?"</p> | <p>2. If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus;
You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the Judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior's waiting arms.</p> |
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3. If you cannot be a watchman,
 Standing high on Zion's wall,
 Pointing out the path to heaven,
 Off'ring life and peace to all,
 With your prayers and with your off'rings
 You can do what God demands;
 You can be like faithful Aaron,
 Holding up the prophet's hands.

4. Let none hear you idly saying,
 "There is nothing I can do,"
 While the multitudes are dying,
 And the Master calls for you.
 Take the task He gives you gladly;
 Let His work your pleasure be.
 Answer quickly when He calleth,
 "Here am I, send me, send me!"

-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

☐ *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 ☩.

☐ **Amen.**

-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • *“I Love to Tell the Story”*

[CW93 562]

1. I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

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