



Jesus Is the Light



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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 • “*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*”

[CW93 353]

1. Praise the one who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the one who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the Father's word of peace.
2. Praise the one who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the one who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
3. Let us praise the Word incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the one who makes us one.

-Stand-

Call to Worship

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

P *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.*

C **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

¶ 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 Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



-Be seated-

THE WORD

First Lesson • Isaiah 8:19-9:4

The prophet foretold that people walking in darkness would see a great light.

When they tell you, “Consult the mediums and the spiritists, who whisper and mutter,” shouldn’t a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?²⁰ To the law and to the testimony! If people do not speak according to this word, there will be no dawn for them.²¹ They will pass through the land, distressed and starving, but when this takes place and they are starving, they will be frustrated, and they will curse their king and their God. They will turn their faces upward,²² and then they will look down to the ground, but I tell you, they will see only distress, darkness, and the gloom that brings anguish. They will be banished into thick darkness.

⁹ Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for the land that was in anguish. In former times, he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will cause it to be glorious, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles.

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned.

³ You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy.

They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time,
like the celebration when people divide the plunder.

⁴For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them.
You have broken the bar on their shoulders and
the rod of their oppressor, as you did in the day of Midian.

Psalm of the Day • 27

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I
be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Psalm tone

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD,*
be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your face from me,*
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or for- sake me,*
O God my Savior.

[Refrain]

Though my father and mother for- sake me,*
The LORD will re- ceive me.

I am still confi- dent of this:
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;*
Be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

**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. Amen.**

[Refrain]

Second Lesson • 1 John 2:3-11

God's children walk in the light of Christ by living in love
for God and one another.

This is how we know that we have known him: if we keep his commands. ⁴The one who says, "I know him," but does not keep his commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵If anyone keeps God's word, the love of God is truly made complete in him. This is how we know that we are in him: ⁶The one who says he remains in him should walk as Jesus walked.

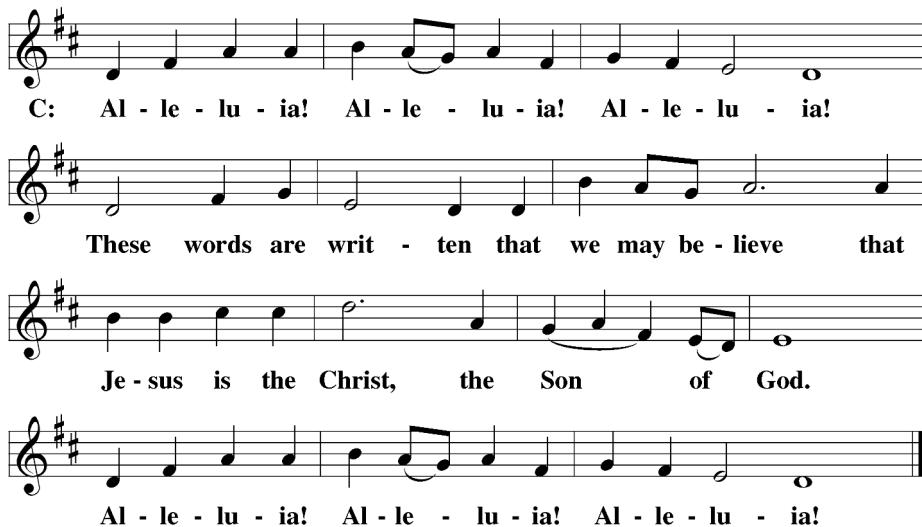
⁷Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one that you have had since the beginning. The old command is the message you heard. ⁸At the same time, the command I am writing is new—it is true in Jesus and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. ⁹The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is still in the darkness. ¹⁰The one who loves his brother remains in the light, and nothing causes him to stumble. ¹¹The one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Verse of the Day

Isaiah 9:2

¶ Alleluia. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned. 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!

Gospel • Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus preached the light of the gospel to a world
in the darkness of unbelief.

When Jesus heard that John was put in prison, he withdrew into Galilee.¹³ He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.¹⁴ He did this to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles,

¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light,
and on those dwelling in the region and the shadow of death a light has dawned.

¹⁷From that time, Jesus began to preach: “Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near.”

¹⁸As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen.¹⁹ He said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

²⁰They immediately left their nets and followed him.²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them.²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

¶ *Here ends the Gospel.*

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

-Be seated-

Hymn of the Day • “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

[CW93 569]

1. O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear your voice
And in your fold with us rejoice.
2. Fill with the radiance of your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze
And all whom in their secret minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
3. Oh, gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
in you find peace and heav'nly rest.
4. Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'lers to your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart
5. That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to you be giv'n
By all your Church in earth and heav'n.

Sermon • Matthew 4:12-23

Our Light Has Dawned

-Stand-

Apostles Creed

A 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*-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 • “Thy Strong Word”**

[CW93 280]

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee
While thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!
2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation,
Breathed thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!
3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!
4. From the cross thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

5. Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats to shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

6. God the Father, light-creator,
 To thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light from Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

-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.



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 † .



-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • “The People that in Darkness Sat”

[CW93 90]

1. The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shone on them who long
In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.
2. To us a child of hope is born,
To us a son is giv'n,
And on his shoulders ever rests
All pow'r in earth and heav'n,
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
3. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.
4. His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.
5. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us yours alone,
For you are with the Father and
The Spirit ever one,
The Spirit ever one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

We are very glad to have you worshiping with us today. Please locate and sign the black Friendship Register and pass it down your row. When everyone has signed it, it may be placed on the floor beneath the chair at the end of the row.

Voters' meeting

A voters' meeting to call a teacher for our 2 and 3-year olds for our Tree of Life Learning Center will be held on Sunday, February 1 after the worship service. Bible Study will take place after the meeting.

Winter Celebration – Donations and Helpers Needed

On Sunday, February 8, we are having our Winter Celebration after the worship service. The children of our Tree of Life Learning Center will be sing some songs, followed by food and children's activities. We are looking for food donations and helpers for this event. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Thank you.

Divine Call Received

Pastor Lange has received a Divine Call to serve as pastor of a dual parish at Faith Lutheran Church in Hillman, Michigan and Trinity Lutheran Church in Rogers City, Michigan. Please keep Pastor Lange in your prayers as he deliberates both this call to Faith and Trinity, and his call here at Holy Trinity.

Volunteers Needed

Event Setup: Volunteers are needed when we have special worship services and family events, such as the Children's Christmas service, Fall Festival, Winter Carnival, and Children's Palm Sunday service. This includes setting up tables and chairs to be set up and taken down again, as well as some light cleaning of the floor.

Playground Maintenance Person: We would like to find a person who would be responsible for checking the playground on a monthly basis. This job would include emptying the garbage can, checking the pea gravel to see if it needs raking away from the fence, checking equipment and fence for sharp edges, broken pieces, checking for branches that need trimming or weeds that need to be cleared, and various things that need fixing.

Please contact Becky Lange if you are interested in helping with either of these tasks. 262-567-2737 ext. 1031 or learning.center@holytrinityels.org.

Sunday Bible Study

We continue with our study of *The Council of Nicaea and Its Creed: A 1,700-Year History*. Throughout its 1700-year history, the Nicene Creed has helped Christians remain focused on the truths Scripture reveals about God who created us, redeemed us, and sanctified us in the one true faith. This four-lesson Bible study of the Nicene Creed and its history will examine why what happened in history long ago is so vital to the correct understanding of God's message of salvation today. This class meets on Sunday mornings from 10:15 – 11:00 in the downstairs fellowship hall.

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study will meet again on January 28. Resuming our study from before Christmas, this study recounts God's deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, His establishment of a covenant relationship with them at Mount Sinai, and His faithfulness as He leads them through the wilderness to the Promised Land. Participants will see how Israel's Exodus foreshadows our ultimate deliverance from slavery to sin, death, and the devil that is found through faith in Jesus Christ. This class meets on Wednesdays (with the exception of the second Wednesday of each month) at 10:00am and 6:30pm.

Women's Bible Study

The study continues with a focus on Chapter 8 of *"Seeking a Gentle and Quiet Spirit in a Harsh and Noisy World"* by Amber Albee Swenson. We meet Tuesdays at 6:30pm on February 10, 24, March 10, 24, April 14, 28, and May 12.

This Week at Holy Trinity

| Mon, 1/26 | Tue, 1/27 | Wed, 1/28 | Thurs, 1/29 | Fri, 1/30 | Sat, 1/31 | Sun, 2/1 |
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| 3:45pm – Confirmation Class | 2:15pm – Bible Information Class 6:00pm – Learning Center Open House | 8:45am – Chapel 10:00am & 6:30pm – Bible Study | 6:30pm – Service of Communion | | | 9:00am – Service of Communion 10:15am – Voter's Meeting (Bible Class following) 10:15am – Sunday School |

NOTES

Pianist: Becky Lange

Attendance: Thursday, 1/15: 24. Sunday, 1/18: 68. Bible Class: 29. Sunday School: 3.

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