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The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace



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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, 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. Members of Holy Trinity, please fill in the side marked "MEMBER."

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.

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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:

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 • 345, *sts. 1-3,5, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"*

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| <p>1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, haste your vows to pay;
Alleluia!
Offer ye your praises meet Alleluia!
At the Paschal Victim's feet. Alleluia!</p> <p>2. For the sheep the Lamb hath bled,
Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
"Christ is ris'n," today we cry; Alleluia!
Now He lives no more to die, Alleluia!</p> | <p>3. Christ, the Victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and man hath reconciled, Alleluia!
While in strange and awful strife Alleluia!
Met together death and life. Alleluia!</p> <p>5. Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
Now the First-born from the dead,
Alleluia!
Throned in endless might and pow'r,
Alleluia!
Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!</p> |
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-- Stand --

Invocation

P_{ASTOR} *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

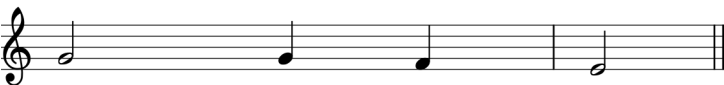


G A - men.

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.*



G 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.

A **LL** **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 16

P *Keep me safe, O God,*

C for in you I take refuge.

P *I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord;*

C apart from you I have no good thing."

P *I have set the Lord always before me.*

C Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

P *My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;*

C my body also will rest secure,

P *because you will not abandon me to the grave,*

C nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

☐ *You have made known to me the path of life;*

☑ **you will fill me with joy in your presence.**

Gloria Patri



☑ **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

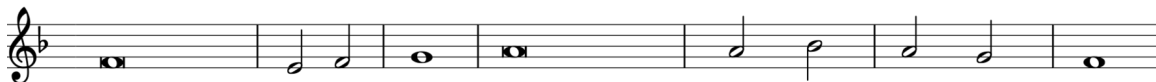


☐ **Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy**



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Gloria in Excelsis Deo



☐ **Glory be to God on high and on earth peace good will toward men.**



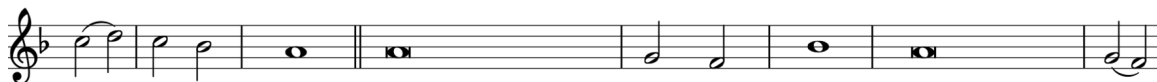
We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to



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.*



C And with your spir - it.

Prayer of The Day

☐ *Let us pray:*

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



-Be seated-

First Reading • Acts 18:1-11

The promised presence of the living Lord gave Paul the courage to keep on speaking the gospel, even when Paul was facing harsh persecution.

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them. ³Because he had the same occupation, he stayed and worked with them, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴Every Sabbath he led a discussion in the synagogue, trying to persuade both Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was entirely devoted to preaching the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and slandered him, he shook out his clothes and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on, I will go to the Gentiles!”

⁷He left that place and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized.

⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking, and do not be silent. ¹⁰ For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, because I have many people in this city.” ¹¹ He stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Second Reading • 1 John 1:1-4

St. John reminds us that there were witnesses who heard, saw, and touched the risen Christ. His resurrection serves as proof that eternal life is ours.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life—² the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete.

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

☐ *Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.*



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel • John 20:19-31

The risen Savior offers proof and peace to his disciples.

☐ *The holy Gospel is written in the twentieth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the nineteenth verse.*



☐ Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with you!”²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you.”²² After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ Whenever you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴ But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶ After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said.²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe.”

²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

▣ *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 • 366, sts. 1,4-8, *“Ye Sons and “Daughters of the King”*

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| <p>1. Ye sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave hath lost its sting!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> | <p>5. When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled His word,
He doubted if it were the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>4. That night th'Apostles met in fear;
Amidst them came their Lord most dear
And said: “Peace be unto you here.”
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> | <p>6. “Thomas, behold My side,” saith He,
“My hands, My feet, My body, see;
And doubt not, but believe in Me.”
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> |

7. No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. Blesséd are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith hath constant been,
In life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon • *John 20:19-31*

"Peace Be with 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.

-Be seated-

Offering

Prayer of the Church

-Stand-

Preface

☐ *The Lord be with you.*



☑ And with your spir - it.

☐ *Lift up your hearts.*



☑ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

☐ *Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.*



☑ It is good and right so to do.

Preface for the Season

☐ *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. But chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord: for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. 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 166]

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

☐ *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 pow'r and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er A - men.

Words of Institution

☐ *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 A - - - men.

Agnus Dei

[Tune: CW93 106]

**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 desprate need,
for your mercy, Lord, we plead.**

**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.**

-Be seated-

Distribution

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

Hymn • 341, "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

**1. Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious Sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.**

**2. The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But, lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.**

3. This is a sight that gladdens—
 What peace it doth impart!
 Now nothing ever saddens
 The joy within my heart.
 No gloom shall ever shake,
 No foe shall ever take
 The hope which God's own Son
 In love for me hath won.
4. Now hell, its prince, the devil,
 Of all their pow'r are shorn;
 Now I am safe from evil,
 And sin I laugh to scorn.
 Grim death with all his might
 Cannot my soul affright;
 He is a pow'rless form,
 Howe'er he rave and storm.
5. The world against me rageth,
 Its fury I disdain;
 Though bitter war it wabeth,
 Its work is all in vain.
 My heart from care is free,
 No trouble troubles me.
 Misfortune now is play,
 And night is bright as day.
6. Now I will cling forever
 To Christ, my Savior true;
 My Lord will leave me never,
 Whate'er He passeth through.
 He rends death's iron chain;
 He breaks through sin and pain;
 He shatters hell's dark thrall;
 I follow Him through all.
7. To halls of heav'nly splendor
 With Him I penetrate;
 And trouble ne'er may hinder
 Nor make me hesitate.
 Let tempests rage at will,
 My Savior shields me still;
 He grants abiding peace
 And bids all tumult cease.
8. He brings me to the portal
 That leads to bliss untold,
 Whereon this rhyme immortal
 Is found in script of gold:
 "Who there My cross hath shared
 Finds here a crown prepared;
 Who there with Me hath died
 Shall here be glorified."

Hymn • 353, “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”*[Tune: TLH 201]*

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| <p>1. Jesus lives! The vict’ry’s won!
 Death no longer can appall me.
 Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done!
 From the grave He will recall me.
 Brighter scenes will then commence;
 This shall be my confidence.</p> | <p>3. Jesus lives! For me He died;
 Hence will I, to Jesus living,
 Pure in heart and act abide,
 Praise to Him and glory giving.
 Freely God doth aid dispense;
 This shall be my confidence.</p> |
| <p>2. Jesus lives! To Him the throne
 High o’er heav’n and earth is given.
 I shall go where He is gone,
 Live and reign with Him in heaven.
 God through Christ forgives offense;
 This shall be my confidence.</p> | <p>4. Jesus lives! I know full well
 Naught from me His love shall sever,
 Life nor death nor pow’rs of hell
 Part me now from Christ forever.
 God will be a sure defense;
 This shall be my confidence.</p> |
- 5. Jesus lives! Henceforth is death**
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass the gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense,
“Lord, Thou art my confidence!”

*-Stand-***Nunc Dimittis***[Tune: CW93 166]*

- 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!
- 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.

Communion Verse

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



☐ And His mercy en - dures for-ev - er.

Collect of Thanksgiving

☐ *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

☐ *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 • 55, sts. 1, 3, 4, "*Crown Him with Many Crowns*"

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| <p>1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.</p> | <p>3. Crown Him the Lord of Love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.</p> |
| <p>4. Crown Him the Lord of Life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.</p> | |

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