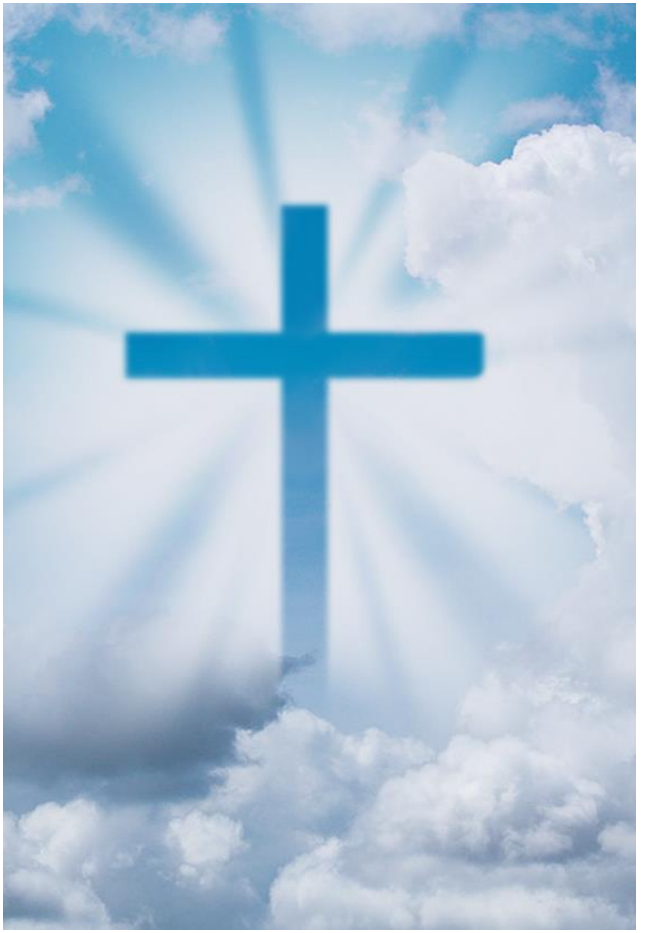


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Welcome to Holy Trinity

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.

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 • *"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"* *[CW93 207]*

1. The day is surely drawing near
When God's Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear
As judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease
When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teaches.

2. A trumpet loud shall then resound
And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found
Shall from their sleep awaken
And with the living in that hour
By the Almighty's boundless pow'r
Be changed at his commanding.

3. A book is opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.

4. Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised his precious Word
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.

5. My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently;
Come soon, Redeemer; make us free
From ev'ry evil. Amen.

-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.

P: 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.

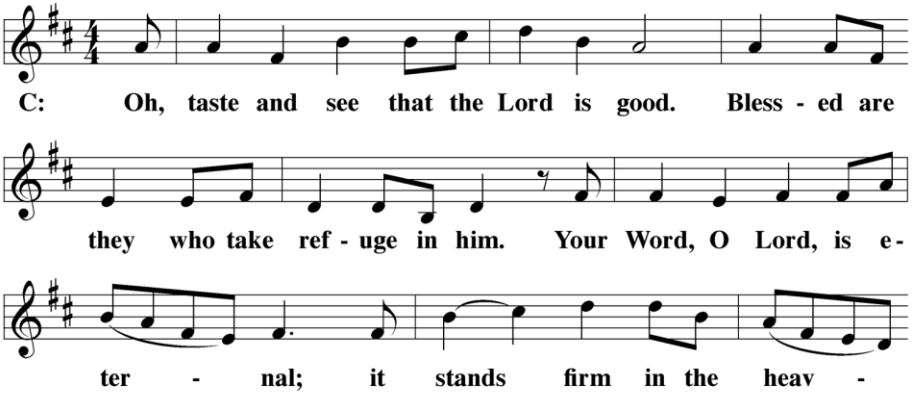
C: Amen.

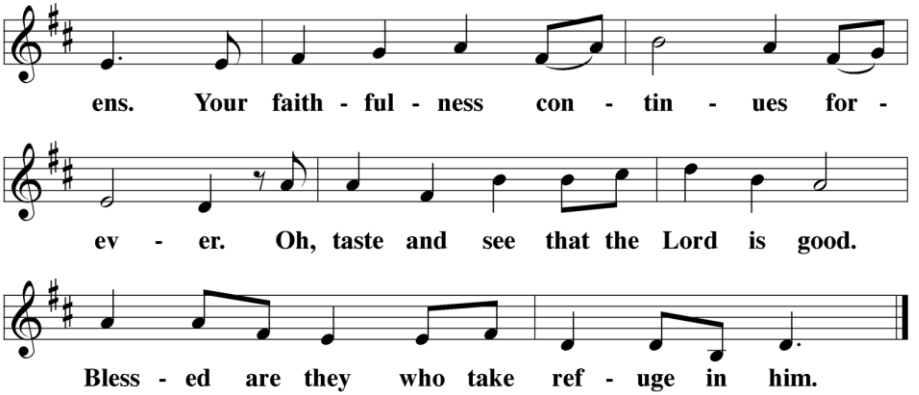
PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: *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.





Prayer of the Day

P: *Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; 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 • *Daniel 7:9,10,13,14*

The prophet Daniel sees a vision of the last judgment that is filled with fire and thrones and books—and a Savior.

I continued to watch until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days was seated.
His clothing was white as snow, and the hair on his head was like pure wool. His throne
was flames of fire. Its wheels were blazing fire.

10 A river of fire flowed out from his presence. Thousands upon thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and books
were opened.

13 I kept watching the night visions, and there, in the clouds of heaven, I saw one like a
son of man coming. He came to the Ancient of Days, and he was brought before him.

14 To him was given dominion, honor, and a kingdom. All peoples, nations, and languages will worship him. His dominion is an eternal dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

Psalm of the Day • *95c, "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"* *[CW Psalter 95C]*

1. **Come, let us praise the Lord,**
   with joy our God acclaim,
   his greatness tell abroad
   and bless his saving name.
   Lift high your songs
   before his throne to whom alone
   all praise belongs.

2. **Our God of matchless worth,**
   our King beyond compare,
   the deepest bounds of earth,
   the hills, are in his care.
   He all decrees,
   who by his hand prepared the land
   and formed the seas.

3. **In worship bow the knee,**
   our glorious God confess;
   the great Creator, he,
   the Lord our Righteousness.
   He reigns unseen:
   his flock he feeds and gently leads
   in pastures green.

4. **Come, hear his voice today,**
   receive what love imparts;
   his holy will obey
   and harden not your hearts.
   His ways are best
   and lead at last, all troubles past,
   to perfect rest.

Second Lesson • *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

> When Christ comes again, he will raise the dead, and death shall be forever ended.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you do not grieve in the same way as the others, who have no hope. 14 Indeed, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then in the same way we also believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus.

15 In fact, we tell you this by the word of the Lord: We who are alive and left until the coming of the Lord will certainly not go on ahead of those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet

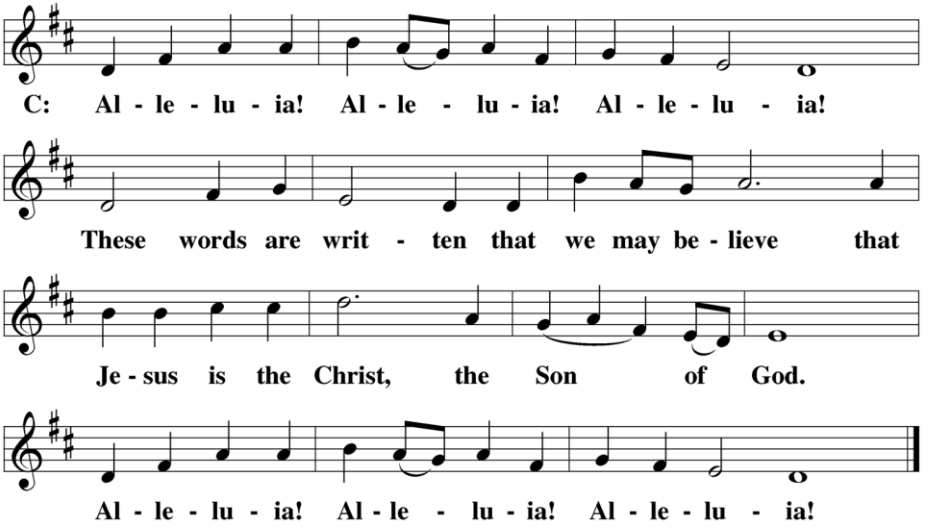
the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

Verse of the Day

Revelation 22:13 (NIV)

P: *Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia.*

Please Note: There is a brief musical introduction before the congregation joins in singing the Alleluia.



Stand-

Gospel • *Matthew 25:31-46*

Jesus describes the end of days when he will come again in glory.

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. [32]All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33]He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. [34]Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. [35]For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

36 I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in
prison and you visited me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed
you, or thirsty and give you a drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or lacking clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

40 "The King will answer them, 'Amen I tell you: Just as you did it for one of the least of
these brothers of mine, you did it for me.'

41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the
eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you
did not give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink. 43 I
was a stranger and you did not welcome me, lacking clothes and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not take care of me.'

44 "Then they will also answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a
stranger or lacking clothes or sick or in prison and did not serve you?'

45 "At that time he will answer them, 'Amen I tell you: Just as you did not do it for one
of the least of these, you did not do it for me.' 46 And they will go away to eternal
punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

P: *Here ends the Gospel.*



-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • *"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"* *[CW93 486]*

1. **Lord of glory, you have bought us**
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice,
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To th'unthankful and the evil
With your own unsparing hand.

2. **Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you**
Gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

3. **Wondrous honor you have given**
To our humblest charity
In your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it unto me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That you need what we can do,
Saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?

4. **Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings**
Which on ev'ry hand we view
Channels are for gifts and off'rings
Due by solemn right to you,
Right of which we may not rob you,
Debt we may not choose but pay
Lest that face of love and pity
Turn from us another day.

5. **Lord of glory, you have bought us**
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on you;
But, oh, best of all your graces,
With your love our love renew.

Sermon • *Matthew 25:31-46*

Our Good Shepherd's Final Official Acts

-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

-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

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.**

-Be seated-

Hymn • *"It Is Well with My Soul"* *[CW21 850]*

1. **When peace like a river attendeth my way,**
   when sorrows like sea billows roll—
   whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
   it is well, it is well with my soul.

   Refrain: ***It is well (it is well)...with my soul (with my soul)...***
   it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. **Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,**
   let this blest assurance control,
   that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
   and hath shed his own blood for my soul *(Refrain)*

3. **My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—**
   my sin, not in part, but the whole,
   is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
   praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *(Refrain)*

4. **And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,**
   the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
   the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
   even so, it is well with my soul. *(Refrain)*

-Stand-

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: *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

P: *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 • *"How Great Thou Art"* *[CW93 256]*

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

***Refrain*:**
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
(Refrain)

3. **And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,**
   Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
   That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
   He bled and died to take away my sin.
   (Refrain)

4. **When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation**
   And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
   Then I shall bow in humble adoration
   And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"
   (Refrain)

-Be seated-

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