



*Because He  
Lives, We Can  
See Things  
Clearly*



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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, 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.

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.



## THE OFFICE OF MATINS

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### Confession of Sin

**✠** ASTOR    *Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.*

**✠** LL    **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.**

**✠** *The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

-Be seated-

**Hymn • 350, “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”**

[Tune: CW 143]

**1. He’s risen, He’s risen,  
Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death’s prison,  
the Incarnate Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven,  
in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain  
the praises prolong.**

**2. The foe was triumphant  
when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation  
was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan’s domain did the hosts  
shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain,  
whom the evil ones fear.**

3. But short was their triumph,  
the Savior arose,  
And death, hell, and Satan  
He vanquished, His foes;  
The conquering Lord lifts  
His banner on high;  
He lives, yea, He lives,  
and will nevermore die.

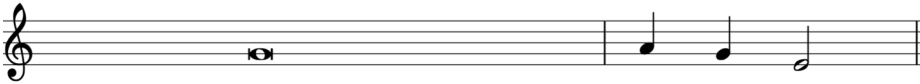
4. O where is thy sting, death?  
We fear thee no more;  
Christ rose, and now open  
is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions  
His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven,  
we now are His own.

5. Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
Who sitteth in glory and ever shall reign.

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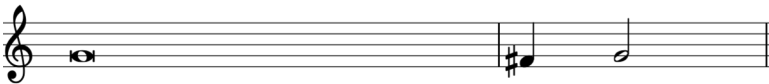
### Versicles

**P** O Lord, open my lips.



**C**ONGREGATION And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



**C** Make haste to help me, O Lord.

### Gloria Patri ~ Glory to the Father



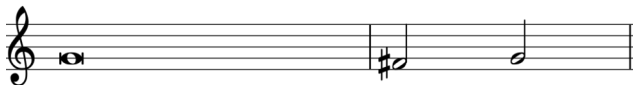
**A** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost.



As it was in the beginning is now and ev-er shall be: for - ev-er-more. A-men.

### **Invitatory ~ Invitation to praise God**

**P** *O come, let us worship the Lord.*

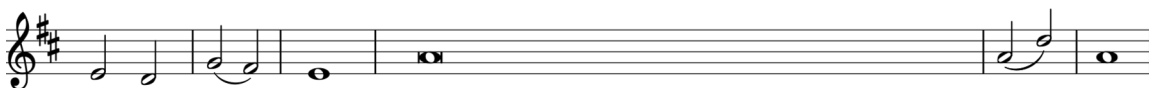


**G** For He is our Mak - er.

### **Venite Exultemus ~ Come, let us exalt**



**A** O come, let us sing to the Lord: Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of



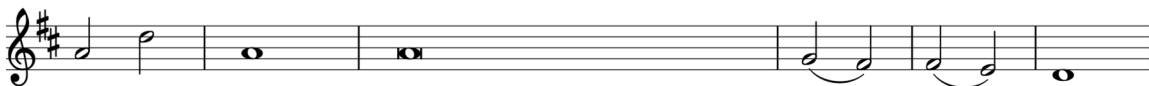
our sal - va - tion. Let us come before His presence with thanks - giv - ing



And make a joyful noise to Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great



God: And a great King a - bove all gods. In His hands are the deep places



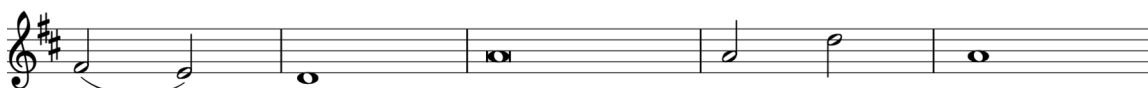
of the earth: The strength of the hills is His al - so.



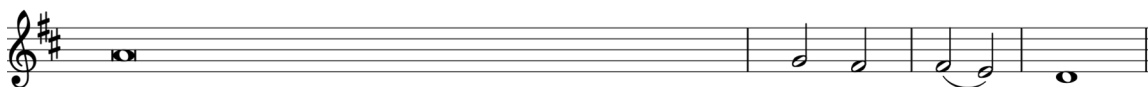
The sea is His, for He made it: And His hands form-ed the dry land.



O come, let us worship and bow down: Let us kneel before the Lord, our



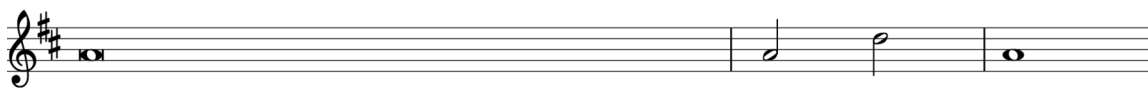
Mak - er. For He is our God:



And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son And to the Ho-ly Ghost;



As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:



For - ev - er - more. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

☐ *O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

☐ **Amen.**

-Be seated-

## First Reading • Acts 9:1-22

To get his attention, Jesus struck Saul blind. Then he not only restored Saul's physical sight but also gave Saul spiritual sight. Saul was given faith in the One who had risen from the dead.

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way, he might bring them to Jerusalem as prisoners.

<sup>3</sup> As he went on his way and was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

<sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

He replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you need to do."

<sup>7</sup> The men traveling with him stood there speechless. They heard the voice but did not see anyone.

<sup>8</sup> They raised Saul up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could not see anything. They took him by the hand and led him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he could not see, and he did not eat or drink.

<sup>10</sup> There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

He answered, "Here I am, Lord."

<sup>11</sup> The Lord told him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. In fact, at this very moment he is praying.

<sup>12</sup> In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he can regain his sight."

<sup>13</sup> Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many people about this man and how much harm he did to your saints in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And he has authority here from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

<sup>15</sup> The Lord said to him, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> Indeed, I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

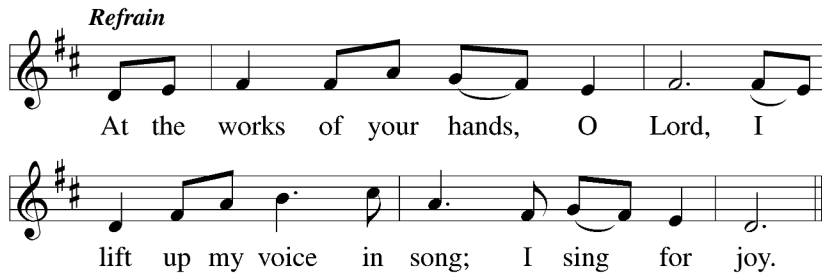
<sup>17</sup> Ananias left and entered the house. Laying his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, whom you saw on your way here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>18</sup> Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. <sup>19</sup> And after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul stayed with the disciples in Damascus for several days. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

<sup>21</sup> All who heard him were amazed and said, “Isn’t this the one who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? Didn’t he come here for this very purpose: to bring them as prisoners to the chief priests?” <sup>22</sup> But Saul continued to get stronger and kept confounding the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

## Psalm 30



Sing to the LORD, you | saints of his; \*  
praise his | holy name.

For his anger lasts only a | moment, \*  
but his favor lasts a | lifetime;

weeping may remain | for a night, \*  
but rejoicing comes in the | morning.



**[Refrain]**

To you, O <sup>1</sup> LORD, I called; \*  
to the LORD I cried for <sup>1</sup> mercy.

Hear, O LORD, and be merci- <sup>1</sup> ful to me; \*  
O LORD, <sup>1</sup> be my help.

You turned my wailing into <sup>1</sup> dancing, \*  
that my heart may sing to you and not be <sup>1</sup> silent.

**Glory be to the Father and <sup>1</sup> to the Son \* And to the Holy <sup>1</sup> Spirit,  
As it was in the be- <sup>1</sup> ginning,\* Is now, and will be forever. <sup>1</sup> A-men.**

**[Refrain]****Second Reading • Revelation 5:11-14**

While in exile on the island of Patmos, St. John was given special sight, the ability to see the sacrificial Lamb who is worthy of our worship and praise.

And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels who were around the throne and around the living creatures and the elders. Their number was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands upon thousands. <sup>12</sup>With a loud voice they were saying:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive  
power and riches and  
wisdom and strength and  
honor and glory and blessing.

<sup>13</sup>I also heard every creature that is in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.

<sup>14</sup>The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders bowed down and worshipped.

## Gospel • *John 21:1-14*

Many of the disciples first met Jesus while fishing near the Sea of Galilee. At the time they were spiritually blind, not realizing who Jesus was. The resurrected Jesus now appears again to these disciples while they are fishing, and this time they see him clearly through the eyes of faith.

After this, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how he showed himself: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I’m going fishing.”

They replied, “We’ll go with you.”

They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Jesus called to them, “Boys, don’t you have any fish?”

“No!” they answered.

<sup>6</sup> He told them, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” So they cast the net out. Then they were not able to haul it in because of the large number of fish.

<sup>7</sup> The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard, “It is the Lord!” he tied his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the little boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about one hundred yards. <sup>9</sup> When they stepped out on land, they saw some bread and a charcoal fire with fish on it. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you just caught.”

<sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter climbed aboard and hauled the net to land, full of large fish, 153 of them. Yet even with so many, the net was not torn.

<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come, eat breakfast.”

None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them, and also the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

## Responsory

**P** *O Lord, have mercy upon us.*



**C** Thanks be to You, O Lord!

-Be seated-

### Sermon Hymn • 429, “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

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| <p>1. Chief of sinners though I be,<br/>           Jesus shed His blood for me,<br/>           Died that I might live on high,<br/>           Lived that I might never die.<br/>           As the branch is to the vine,<br/>           I am His and He is mine.</p>                        | <p>3. Jesus only can impart<br/>           Balm to heal the smitten heart,<br/>           Peace that flows from sin forgiv’n,<br/>           Joy that lifts the soul to heav’n;<br/>           Faith and hope to walk with God<br/>           In the way that Enoch trod.</p> |
| <p>2. O the height of Jesus’ love,<br/>           Higher than the heav’n’s above,<br/>           Deeper than the depths of sea,<br/>           Lasting as eternity.<br/>           Love that found me—<br/>           wondrous thought!—<br/>           Found me when I sought Him not.</p> | <p>4. Chief of sinners though I be,<br/>           Christ is All in all to me;<br/>           All my wants to Him are known,<br/>           All my sorrows are His own.<br/>           Safe with Him from earthly strife,<br/>           He sustains the hidden life.</p>     |
| <p>5. O my Savior, help afford<br/>           By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!<br/>           When my wayward heart would stray,<br/>           Keep me in the narrow way;<br/>           Grace in time of need supply<br/>           While I live and when I die.</p>                           |   |

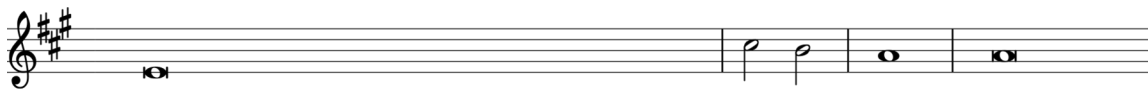
### Sermon • Acts 9:1-22

#### The Risen Christ’s Life-Changing Detour

1. He turns us around.
2. He directs our future paths.

## Offering

### Te Deum Laudamus ~ *You, O God, We Praise*



**A** We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All creation



worships You, the Father ever - last - ing. To You all angels, all the pow'rs of



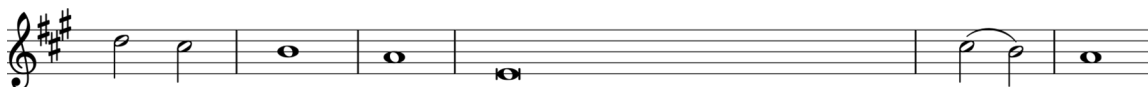
heav'n, Cherubim and seraphim sing in end-less praise: "Holy, holy, holy,



Lord God of heav'nly hosts, heaven and earth are full of Your glo - ry."



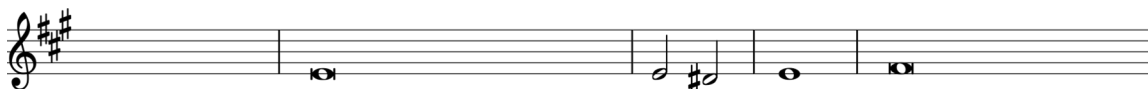
The glorious company of apostles praise You. The noble fellowship of



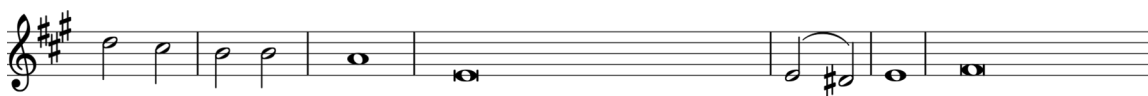
proph-ets praise You. The white-robed army of martyrs praise You.



Throughout the world the Ho-ly Church ac - claims You: Father of majesty



unbounded, Your glorious, true, and on - ly Son, And the Holy Spirit,



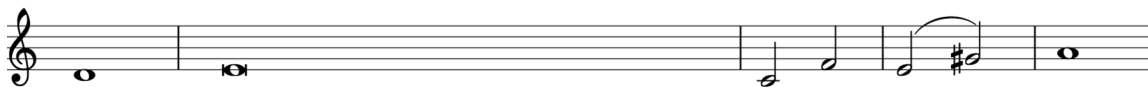
Comfort - er and Guide. You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, The eternal Son



of the Fa - ther. When You became man to set us free,



You humbled Yourself to be born of a Vir - gin. You overcame the sting of



death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther. We believe that



You will come to be our Judge. Come then,



Lord, and help Your peo - ple, Whom You have bought with the price of



Your own blood, And bring us with Your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Stand-

## Kyrie Eleison~ *Lord Have Mercy*



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

## 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.

### Hymn • “*Christ the Lord Is Risen Again*”

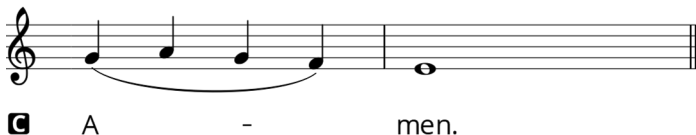
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| <p>1. Christ the Lord is ris'n again;<br/>Christ has broken death's strong chain.<br/>Hark, the angels shout for joy,<br/>Singing evermore on high: Hallelujah!</p> | <p>5. He who slumbered in the grave<br/>Is exalted now to save;<br/>Now through Christendom it rings<br/>That the Lamb is King of kings. Hallelujah!</p> |
| <p>2. He who gave for us his life,<br/>Who for us endured the strife,<br/>Is our Paschal Lamb today.<br/>We, too, sing for joy and say: Hallelujah!</p>             | <p>6. Now he bids us tell abroad<br/>How the lost may be restored,<br/>How the penitent forgiv'n,<br/>How we, too, may enter heav'n. Hallelujah!</p>     |

### Collect ~ *Congregation's Prayer*

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by

*Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.*



### **Benedicamus ~ Call for blessing**

**P** *Let us bless the Lord.*



### **Apostolic Benediction ~ Final blessing for God's people**

**P** *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*



-Be seated-

### **Closing Hymn • 348, "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!"**

[Tune: CW93 162]

**He is arisen! Glorious Word!**  
**Now reconciled is God, my Lord;**  
**The gates of heav'n are open.**  
**My Jesus died triumphantly,**  
**And Satan's arrows broken lie,**  
**Destroyed hell's direst weapon.**  
**O hear What cheer!**  
**Christ victorious Riseth glorious,**  
**Life He giveth—**  
**He was dead, but see, He liveth!**

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