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in
the Faith*



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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.

Wheelchair accommodations are found on the organ side of the church. If you do not use a wheelchair, be careful to leave space in these wheelchair accessible pews 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 • 250, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

[Sunday Service – verse 1: Men and boys are invited to come to the front of the church to sing.]

[Men and Boys]

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev’ry need
That hath us now o’ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

[All]

2. With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there’s none other God;
He holds the field forever.

Call to Worship

☞ASTOR *In the name of our Lord † Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we call on
You, dear heavenly Father:*

☞ONGREGATION **Almighty Lord God, we stand in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word
and to worship You with thanksgiving and prayer.**

[Women and Girls]

3. Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpower us.
This world’s prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He’s judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

[All – Please Stand]

4. The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He’s by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

Confession and Forgiveness

P *Rise up, O Lord! Save me, my God!*

C **For the sake of Your name, O Lord, preserve my life.**

P *Do not hide Your face from me. You have been my help.*

C **Do not reject me or forsake me, O God who saves me.**

P *O Lord, open my lips;*

C **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P *Hear us as we pray, O Lord:*

A **LL** **Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life.**

P *Lift up your hearts! For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, God has had mercy upon you, forgiven you all your sin, and brought you to everlasting life. Peace † be with you.*

Song of Praise • “If God Himself Be for Me”

[CW93 419]

4. He canceled my offenses,
Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses
My soul from sin through faith.
In him I can be cheerful,
Courageous on my way;
In him I am not fearful
Of God’s great Judgment Day.

5. No sin can now condemn me
Or set my hope aside.
Now hell no more can claim me;
Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me;
No guilt destroys my peace,
For Christ, my Savior, loves me
And shields me with his grace.

Prayer of the Day

P *Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against*

all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

-Be seated-

First Reading • Daniel 3:16-28

In response to an evil command offered by a pagan king, Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego lived lives of fearless witness.

Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, “We have no need to answer you about this matter. ¹⁷Since our God, whom we serve, does exist, he is able to save us from the blazing fiery furnace. So, he may save us from your hand, Your Majesty. ¹⁸But if he does not, you should know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods, and we will not worship the golden statue that you set up.”

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the expression on his face changed against Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego. He said to heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was usually heated. ²⁰He ordered some men, who were soldiers from his army, to bind Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego in order to throw them into the blazing fiery furnace. ²¹So these men were bound in their coats, their pants, their turbans, and their other clothing, and they were thrown into the middle of the blazing fiery furnace.

²²Because the king’s order was urgent and the furnace was extremely hot, those men who carried Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego were killed by the intense heat of the fire.

²³But these three men, Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who had been tied up, fell into the blazing fiery furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was startled and immediately stood up. He said to his advisors, “Didn’t we throw three men, who had been tied up, into the middle of the fire?”

They answered the king, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”

²⁵He said, “Look! I see four men, who are untied and walking around in the middle of the fire, unharmed. What is more, the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

²⁶Then Nebuchadnezzar approached the door of the blazing fiery furnace. He said, “Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out!” Then Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego came out from the middle of the furnace.

²⁷ The satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the royal advisors gathered together and looked at these men. The fire had no power over their bodies. Not a hair on their head was singed, their robes were not damaged, and the smell of fire had not stuck to them.

²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who sent his angel and saved his servants, who trusted in God and ignored the king’s command. They gave up their bodies and did not pay homage or worship any god except their God.

📖 *This is the Word of the Lord.*

🙏 **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 46

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



God is our ref- | uge and strength, *
an ever-present help in | trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth give way *
and the mountains fall into the heart | of the sea.

Though its waters | roar and foam *
and the mountains quake with their | surging.

[Refrain]

There is a river whose streams make glad the ci- | ty of God,*
the holy place where the Most | High dwells.

God is within her, she | will not fall; *
God will help her at | break of day.

“Be still, and know that ¹ I am God; *

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted ¹ in the earth.”

Glory be to the Father and ¹ to the Son * And to the Holy ¹ Spirit,

As it was in the be- ¹ ginning, * Is now, and will be forever. ¹ A-men.

[Refrain]

Second Reading • Revelation 14:6-7

St. John sees God's messenger proclaiming the true gospel to all people. In 1546, this reading served as the text for the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther.

Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky. He had the everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. ⁷ He said with a loud voice:

Fear God and give him glory,

because the hour of his judgment has come.

Worship him who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G **Thanks be to God!**

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 12:32

P *Alleluia. Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.*
Alleluia.



A Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel • *Mark 13:5-11*

Jesus encourages and empowers us that we might be bold in sharing the gospel in these end times.

Jesus began by telling them, “Be careful that no one deceives you.⁶ Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many.

⁷“Whenever you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not yet. ⁸In fact, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹But be on your guard! People will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand in the presence of rulers and kings for my sake as a witness to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit.

📖 *Here ends the Gospel.*

🙏 **Thanks be to God!**

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.

Sermon Hymn • 227, “*Salvation Unto Us Is Come*”

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| <p>1. Salvation unto us is come
By God’s free grace and favor.
Good works cannot avert our doom;
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.</p> | <p>4. From sin our flesh could not abstain,
Sin held its sway unceasing;
The task was useless and in vain,
Our guilt was e’er increasing.
None can remove sin’s poisoned dart
Or purify our guilty heart,
So deep is our corruption.</p> |
| <p>2. What God doth in His law demand
No man to Him could render.
Before this Judge all guilty stand;
His law speaks curse in thunder.
The law demands a perfect heart;
We were defiled in ev’ry part,
And lost was our condition.</p> | <p>6. As Christ hath full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
So may each Christian now be glad
And build on this foundation:
Thy grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Thy death is now my life indeed,
For Thou hast paid my ransom.</p> |
| <p>3. False dreams deluded minds did fill,
That God His law had given,
As if to Him we could at will
Earn grace and enter heaven.
The law is but a mirror bright
To bring the inbred sin to sight
That lurks within our nature.</p> | <p>13. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace,
All glory to His merit.
O Father in the heav’ns above,
The work begun performs Thy love,
Thy worthy name be hallowed.</p> |

Sermon • *Romans 1:16-17*

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.¹⁷For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” (NIV84)

The Righteousness of God – His Gift to You!

Offering

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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 • 549, "O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word"

[Tune: CW93 204]

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| <p>1. O God, our Lord, Your holy Word
Was long a hidden treasure
Till to its place It was by grace
Restored in fullest measure.
For this today Our thanks we say
And gladly glorify You.
Your mercy show And grace bestow
On all who still deny You.</p> | <p>3. Lord, You alone This work have done
By Your free grace and favor.
All who believe Will grace receive
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
And though the foe Would overthrow
Your Word with grim endeavor,
What plan he tries, It always dies;
Your Word will stand forever.</p> |
| <p>2. Salvation true By faith in You,
That is Your Gospel's preaching,
The heart and core Of Bible lore
In all its sacred teaching.
In Christ we must Put all our trust,
Not in our deeds or labor;
With conscience pure And heart secure
Love You, Lord, and our neighbor.</p> | <p>4. You are my Lord, And by Your Word
Death holds no dreadful terrors;
Your precious blood, My highest good,
Has blotted out my errors.
My thanks to You! Your Word is true,
You keep Your promise ever.
While here I live, Your grace You give
And heaven's bliss forever.</p> |

-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

☞ *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 • 589, “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”

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| <p>1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.</p> | <p>2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow'r make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.</p> |
| <p>3. O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.</p> | |

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