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Your Eyes on
the Skies*



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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 • “O’er the Distant Mountains Breaking”

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| <p>1. O'er the distant mountains breaking
Comes the redd'ning dawn of day.
Rise, my soul, from sleep awaking;
Rise and sing and watch and pray.
'Tis your Savior, 'Tis your Savior,
On his bright returning way.</p> | <p>3. Nearer is my soul's salvation;
Spent the night, the day at hand.
Keep me in my humble station,
Watching for you till I stand,
O my Savior, O my Savior,
In your bright, your promised, land,</p> |
| <p>2. Come, O Long-Expected; weary
Waits my spirit anxiously.
Life is dark and earth is dreary
Where your light I cannot see.
O my Savior, O my Savior,
When will you return to me?</p> | <p>4. With my lamp well-trimmed and burning,
Swift to hear and slow to stray,
Watching for your glad returning,
Waiting for the blessed day.
Come, my Savior, Come, my Savior,
O my Savior, quickly come!</p> |

Call to Worship

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

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

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 • “Glory Be to God”

[Tune: CW93 84]

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| <p>1. All glory be to God on high!
 Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
 We praise you for your peace and grace,
 Your favor toward our fallen race.</p> <p>2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
 For your great glory, heav'nly King,
 For all, O Father, you have done
 Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.</p> | <p>3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
 Our ev'ry sin you take away.
 Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
 From God's right hand, your mercy share.</p> <p>4. You, Christ, are holy – Lord alone;
 The Father's glory you made known.
 We by your Spirit sing again:
 “All glory be to God!” Amen.</p> |
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Prayer of the Day

P *Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A **Amen.**

First Reading • Isaiah 51:4-6

The Lord encourages his people to live in joyful expectation
of salvation, with eyes lifted up to the skies.

Pay attention to me, O my people.

My nation, listen to me!

For the law will go out from me,

and I will establish my justice as a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness is near.

My salvation goes forth,

and my arms will bring justice to the peoples.

The seacoasts will wait for me.

They will have confidence in my arm.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens.

Look closely at the earth beneath,

because the heavens will vanish like smoke,

and the earth will wear out like a garment,

and its inhabitants will die like gnats.

But my salvation will remain forever,

and my righteousness will never be abolished.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 130

Refrain

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

Psalm tone

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Out of the depths I cry to | you O Lord,*
O Lord, | hear my voice.

Let your ears be at- | tentive *
to my cry for | mercy.

If you, O Lord, kept a re- | cord of sins, *
O Lord, | who could stand?

But with you there is for- | givenness; *
therefore | you are feared.

[Refrain]

I wait for the Lord and in his Word I | put my hope. *
My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the | morning.

O Israel, put your hope | in the Lord, *
for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full re- | demption.

**Glory be to the Father and ^l to the Son * And to the Holy ^l Spirit,
As it was in the be- ^l ginning, * Is now, and will be forever. ^l A-men.**

[Refrain]

Second Reading • Jude 20-25

St. Jude explains how we live in anticipation of Jesus' return—by doing the things that build up our faith and by showing mercy to our neighbor.

But you, dear friends, continue to build yourselves up in your most holy faith as you keep praying in the Holy Spirit. ²¹ Keep yourselves in God's love as you continue to wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, which results in eternal life. ²² Show mercy to those who are wavering. ²³ Save others by snatching them out of the fire. Show mercy to still others with fear, hating even the clothing that is stained by the flesh.

²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you faultless in the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, be glory, majesty, power, and authority through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all time, now, and to all eternity. Amen.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God!**

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42

P *Alleluia. So be alert, because you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.*



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

Gospel • Mark 13:26-37

You do not know when Jesus will come again. So be alert, with your eyes on the skies.

Then you will see the Son of Man coming on clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ At that time he will send out his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of the sky.

²⁸“Learn from this illustration of the fig tree: Whenever its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also when you see these things happening, you will know that he is near—at the doors! ³⁰Amen I tell you: This generation will certainly not pass away until all these things happen. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³²“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Watch! Be alert and pray, because you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going away on a journey. When he left his home, he put his servants in charge and assigned what each one was to do. He also commanded the doorkeeper to keep watch. ³⁵Therefore keep watch, because you do not know when the owner of the house is coming: whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or early in the morning. ³⁶If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷What I say to you, I say to everyone: Keep watch!”

P *Here ends the Gospel.*

G **Thanks be to God!**

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-

Sermon Hymn • 538, *“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”*

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 teacheth.
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;
But all that live shall 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 hath 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. O Jesus, who my debt didst pay
And for my sin wast smitten;
Within the Book of Life, O may
My name be also written!
I will not doubt; I trust in thee,
From Satan Thou hast made me free
And from all condemnation.
7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
Then hear us when we cry to Thee;
Come, mighty Judge, and make us free
From ev’ry evil! Amen.

Sermon • *Mark 13:26-37*

The Promise of Jesus’ Second Coming

1. It ALLURES us.
2. It ALERTS us.
3. It ASSURES us.

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 • *“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”*

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| <p>1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.</p> | <p>3. You saints, who here in patience
Your cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb you shall behold;
In triumph lay before him
Your shining crowns of gold.</p> |
| <p>2. The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth, as he approaches,
With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The Bridegroom is at hand.</p> | <p>4. Arise, Desire of nations;
O Jesus, now appear,
The Hope and Expectation
Of ev'ry Christian here.
With hearts and hands uplifted
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets your people free.</p> |

-Stand-

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P *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.

A **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

P *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 †.

G **Amen.**

-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • “Come, You Thankful People, Come”

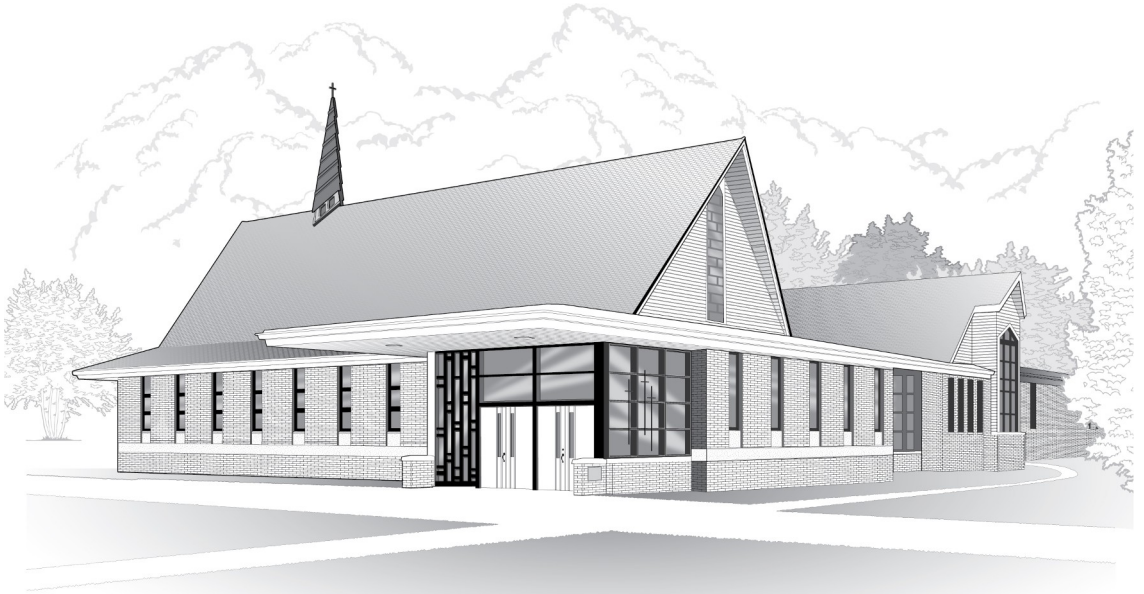
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| <p>1. Come, you thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God our maker shall provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.</p> | <p>2. All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and weeds together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.</p> |
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3. **For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take his harvest home,
From his field shall in that day
All offenses purge away.
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the weeds to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.**
4. **Even so, Lord, quickly come
To your final harvest home;
Gather all your people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In your garner to abide.
Come with all your angels, come;
Raise the glorious harvest home.**

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