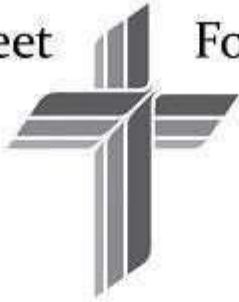


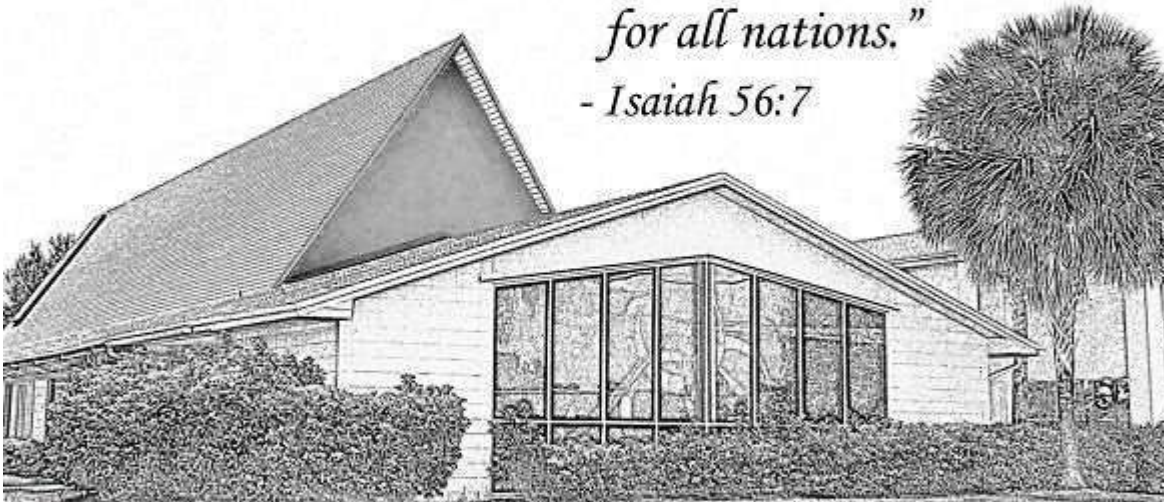
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

2011 S. 13th Street

Fort Pierce, FL 34950



*"For My house
will be called a house of prayer
for all nations."
- Isaiah 56:7*



Celebrating our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Welcome: Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church where our vision is **"educating, equipping, and empowering all people to live lives of Promise and purpose through Jesus Christ"**! We're excited you're here and look forward to the opportunity to learn more about your unique faith journey. As you spend time here, you'll notice some amazing things:

1. You'll notice warm and friendly people trusting in God's promises and sharing their experiences.
2. You'll notice authentic and vibrant worship. It could be Latin chanting, familiar old hymns, or a guitar-led modern worship piece, but in every instance, worship at Trinity comes from the heart.
3. You'll be noticed. When you're here, expect people to be interested in you. You have an amazing story to tell, and we want to hear it!

As We Gather

The ending of a liturgical year speaks of the end of all things. Our Lord spoke plainly about the end of the world. There are signs the end is coming. Jesus' teaching seems to elicit only question marks on our part. "When?" "What?" "How?" The signs He speaks of include false teachers in the church, wars, rumors of wars, and earthquakes as "but the beginning of the birth pains" (Mark 13:8). The Jewish people of Jesus' time on earth would be alarmed at His prediction of the destruction of the temple as it would mean the end of their faith and hope in God. The world is to see, however, that the loving, saving God is closer than ever in the new temple of the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen again for the life of the world. As the beloved hymn says, our "hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." No merit of our own can prepare us "when darkness veils, . . . in every high and stormy gale, . . . in the raging flood; when every earthly prop gives way." No matter what comes we are "clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His throne! On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand" (LSB 575/576).

Prelude:

"When the Stars Burn Down"

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The Congregation prepares their hearts for worship. "...Let us draw near with a true heart..." (Hebrews 10:21-25)

Confession and Absolution

Please stand.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Please stand and face the Processional Cross.

The candles are lit during the Processional Hymn.

Entrance Hymn:

"Revelation Song"

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Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You **(Chorus)**

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King **(Chorus)**

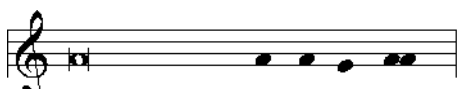
Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah **(Chorus)**

Service of the Word

Kyrie

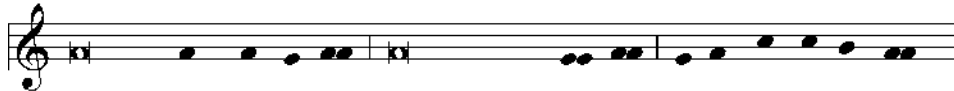
Mark 10:14



[A] In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



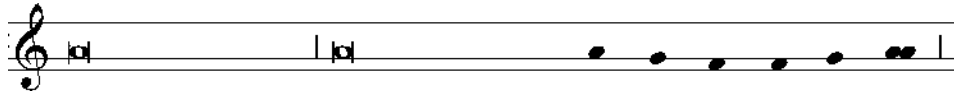
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



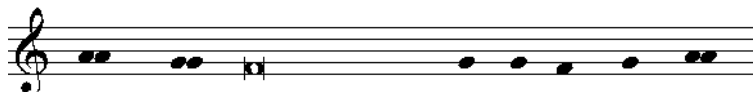
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



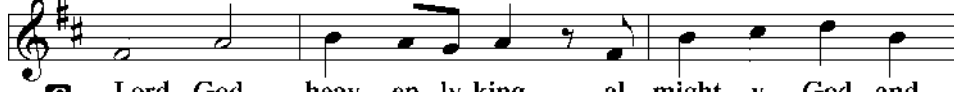
C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



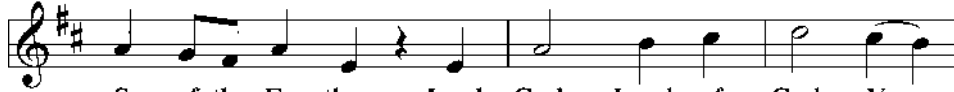
C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please sit.

Old Testament Reading: The Time of the End

Daniel 12:1-3

A The Old Testament Reading is written in Daniel, chapter 12.

¹“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: The Full Assurance of Faith

Hebrews 10:11-25

A The Epistle is written in Hebrews, chapter 10.

¹¹Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Holy Gospel: Signs of the Close of the Age

Mark 13:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” ²And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

³And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

¹²And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please sit.

Children's Message

Gloria Tausch



Please stand for the Hymn of the Day.

Hymn of the Day:

“O Praise the Name” (Anastasis)

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Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King **(Chorus x2)**

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints

My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face
O praise the Name of the Lord our God (**Chorus x2**)

Please sit.

Sermon

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

**C 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will 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 in 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.**

"Us men" means all people.

Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic", meaning "the whole".

"Church" as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

Please sit or kneel as you are able.

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, preserve Your Church throughout the world, and keep us ready at all times for Your Son's glorious return. Lead us to proclaim with zeal His coming to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Bless all pastors and ministers, that they may preach the pure doctrine of God's saving Word, which will never pass away. Give faith to all who hear, that in Christ they may have the peace that passes all understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for those with special needs and concerns these days, remembering the sick, the shut-in and the hospitalized, and other situations especially *Connie, Claire, Gail, Angela, Savannah, Donna, Joyce, George, Francis, Rev. Weise, Sarah, Jamie, Bryson, Katie, Cathy, Peggy, Rosemarie, Joy, John, Bridget, Sue, George, Bonnie, Barb, Sarah, Susan*, those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, those who are homeless, those with mental health concerns, those who are lost or forgotten, those who have never heard the Gospel, and those we now name in our hearts.

Individual prayers may be offered at this time.

From Your treasury of grace, meet the needs of all who call to You, granting them whatever is best for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Author and Giver of all good, Your Son gives us His very body and blood with which He purchased the world's redemption at the cross. Prepare our hearts and minds to welcome with thanksgiving the sign and

seal of this new and eternal covenant, that in the forgiveness of sins we may look forward to the day of His return. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

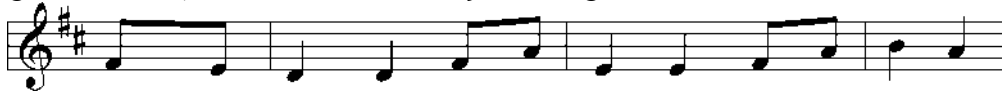
P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please sit.

Offering: 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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Please stand.

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Statement

Trinity Lutheran Church joins together in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, are asked first to speak with the pastor. In the mean time, please feel welcome to come forward and receive a special blessing.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136



P The Lord be with you.



G And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26, Revelation 22:20

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your

resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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.

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please sit.

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Distribution Hymn: 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it
blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'n's a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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Piano Interlude: "As the Deer"

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Verse 1

*As the deer panteth for the water
 So my soul longeth after Thee
 You alone are my heart's desire
 And I long to worship Thee*

Chorus

*You alone are my strength my shield
 To You alone may my spirit yield
 You alone are my heart's desire
 And I long to worship Thee (Chorus)*

Verse 2

*You're my friend and You are my brother
 Even though You are a King
 I love You more than any other
 So much more than anything (Chorus)*

Verse 3

*I want You more than gold or silver
 Only You can satisfy
 You alone are the real joy-giver
 And the apple of my eye (Chorus)*

Distribution Hymn: 971 There Is a Redeemer

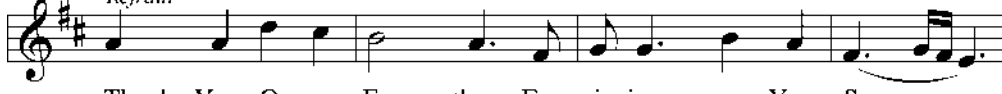


1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
 There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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Piano Interlude: "Holy Holy Holy (Nicaea)"

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Verse 1

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Verse 2

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.*

Verse 3

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.*

Verse 4

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Please stand.

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C Amen.

Recessional Hymn: 670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

sts. 1-2, 4

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More
Δ 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -

ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:
per - nal an - them's ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the
pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in
choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

Text: J. Athelstan L. Riley, 1858-1945, alt.
Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623, Köln
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During the Recessional Hymn, all candles are extinguished.

Congregational Announcements

Please sit for the Announcements.

Postlude

Jeff Edwards

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Newsletter Article- November 2024- "The Consequences of Shallow Thankfulness."

Can you imagine a Thanksgiving dinner without turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and pumpkin pie? I know I can't! To not have these on the menu, or worse, to run out of them with the family around the table, would be a culinary sin of epic proportions. An attempt to serve bratwurst and hamburgers in place of the standard fare would ring hollow and seem totally inappropriate and out of place. It isn't that the food would be bad; brats and burgers are pretty tasty. But not for Thanksgiving — they just don't go together!

This month, as we continue to walk through the stewardship hymn, "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (*LSB* 788), we turn our attention to verse three. Here, William Watkins Reid, Sr., the man who penned this text, draws attention to some things that do not go along with faithful, thankful stewardship.

Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise ...

We see this often with small children. They greedily snatch the candy out of a grandparent's hand, savagely destroy the wrapper, and attempt to stuff the entire delicacy in their mouth in one bite, only to have a parent say, "Tell grandma thank you." This is followed by the pro forma thanks that is uttered between chocolate chews. It isn't really thankfulness; it is simply checking a box to keep mom or dad off their backs.

We never really outgrow this either. Our shallow thankfulness takes the form of feigned humility when praise is being offered. We are thankful that our admirers noticed and called us out: "Look at me! Aren't I special?" No thought at all is given to the fact that the Lord was the One who gave us the ability and opportunity for accomplishment. Our false blush is really only masking our selfish, credit-seeking gain. Once again, we find ourselves idolatrously thanking ourselves.

For words that speak at variance with deeds ...

What carries more weight: words or action? The steward who gives voice to the Gospel in the Divine Service but then lives like a pagan in the world does great damage, not only to others but to the Gospel itself! This is the consequence of failed stewardship. It is idolatry that separates the steward from the Lord.

Worse yet, it also impacts others negatively. When the failed steward is the reference point outside the Christian community, there are those who want no part of being Christian or following the Christ they claim. We see this play out in the impact of overt

political activity among Christians based on governing policy as opposed to fidelity to the Word of God. When our lips and our lives are out of sync, like what used to happen with old movie projectors, the impact isn't funny — it obscures the Gospel!

*Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways
unmindful of a broken brother's need ...*

Our creature comforts often become an obstacle to faithful stewardship. This is true of both individual and corporate stewardship. Financial stewardship is often limited by our desire to be comfortable and have the latest toys and gadgets. Congregational stewardship is often limited by the desire to focus on what is best for the congregation as opposed to how resources might be best stewarded to reach the community with the Gospel.

When we see someone in need, or broken by the world, we often look at them as freeloaders. We admonish them to get a job. We insist that they learn our language, learn our customs, and make them their own. But this gets in the way of seeing every human being the way that Jesus sees them. Remember, that broken person is one for whom Jesus went to the cross to die and rise. When we are unmindful of these needs, our shallow thankfulness also stands in the way of the Gospel.

This stanza reminds us of the challenge we face. Our hearts are master idol-makers. Our shallow thankfulness threatens our souls and hinders others from seeing Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Stewardship is serious business. It is a task for which we were created. In our sinful failings, we are never relieved of these duties. In our Baptism, we are restored to be stewards of the Gospel. Our faithful stewardship is all about that Gospel.

Forgive us when our thanks are shallow, O Lord! In this month of Thanksgiving, grant us the grace to offer heaping helpings of this stewardship so that others may see Jesus!

<i>This Week at Trinity</i>		
Monday	5:30 pm	Girl Scouts
Wednesday	11:00 am	Prayer Team
Thursday	10:30 am	Bible Study/Narthex
Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Class
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship/Choir Rehearsal

The 2025 Offering Envelopes are here! The envelopes are in alphabetical order and located in the narthex. If you don't have envelopes, and would like them, please call the Church office.

Trinity's next Potluck is Sunday the 24th! If you would like to attend and bring a dish to share, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Come and join in the fellowship.

Trinity's Worship Team is looking for a bass player and a second guitar player. For more information, please see Pastor.

The Trinity Choir is now rehearsing for the Advent/Christmas season, right after our Sunday morning service. Please join us!

Bells, bells, bells! Trinity Bell Ringers will be starting up shortly. Mike Rossi will be teaching and leading the group. Please consider your participation in this wonderful ministry.

Lesson 10: The Land At Last

The Israelites have journeyed in the wilderness for forty (40) years on sandals that did not wear out and ate daily doses of manna. After Moses' death, Joshua prepares to lead a new generation into the Promised Land. Instead of the Red Sea, the Israelites face the flood waters of the Jordan River. They pass through on dry land and gather twelve stones for a memorial to God's faithful care for His people. How does God lead you today?

Thursday Bible Study has begun, temporarily in the narthex at 10:30 am. The Book that will be studied this season will be the book of Exodus. Pastor Engel will facilitate the study. Come and join us in this fascinating and important study. Questions? Contact Pastor Engel at 772-359-6590.

Today's Light Readings (Nov.18th-23rd)

Monday – 1 Thessalonians 4
Tuesday – 1 Thessalonians 5
Wednesday – 2 Thessalonians 1
Thursday – 2 Thessalonians 2-3
Friday – 1 Timothy 1
Saturday – 1 Timothy 2

Pastor Richard is teaching a new class: The topic is based on the book by Dietrich Bonhoeffer - *The Cost of Discipleship*. This class is *discussion based* and provides opportunities to connect our personal experiences with God's Word. This class is held in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Come join us.

Trinity's Prayer Ministry: You can fill out a prayer request card and place it in the offering plate. You can also email a prayer request to Holly Tetzloff at "GrammarTetz@att.net" or text the request to 772-332-1020. Our prayer team prays throughout the week and meets every Wednesday from 11am - 11:30am. (Contact Jim Davis or Patty Cook for more info. on our Wednesday prayer group. Contact Holly Tetzloff if you would like to be added to the weekly prayer email newsletter.) Join us in prayer as we bring these requests to our Lord's throne of Grace. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer". (Romans 12:12)

Spiritual Gifts! Want to learn more about how to serve the Church with your unique spiritual gifts? Pick up a Spiritual Gifts Survey in the Narthex! Once completed, you can either keep the information for you own person growth or you can see Pastor Cox for further discussion.

Pastoral Support: Life is full of ups, downs, twists, and turns. But one of the most wonderful blessings of being part of a local Congregation is that we never have to face life's challenges alone. If you, or someone you care about, could benefit from a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office (461-7272).

Today's Team

Greeter: Maynard DeJong
Ushers: Maynard DeJong
Live Stream: Maria Forsberg

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