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be lifted up*

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BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE**

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FOCUS Look out! There were snakes biting the Israelites, sent by God as punishment for complaining about the manna, that miraculous food He gave on the way to the Promised Land. But look up! See the bronze serpent Moses put on a pole. Everyone who looked up at the serpent will live. The serpent was a type of Christ, a parallel symbol in the Bible. We, too, have snakes—our discontent with God’s daily blessings and lack of faith in His promises. But as we look up in faith to Jesus, the Christ on the cross, we shall be saved. That faith is a gift of God in His grace. Jesus is the center of the gracious Good News. We are God’s workmanship, and now He holds the door open as we walk through, looking up to Jesus.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“You’re Worthy of My Praise”

Ruis

MEN

I will worship
With all of my heart.
I will praise You
With all of my strength.
I will seek You
All of my days.
I will follow
All of Your ways.

WOMEN (Echo)

I will worship
with all of my heart.
I will praise You
all my strength.
I will seek You
all of my days.
I will follow
all Your ways.

ALL

I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.

MEN

I will bow down
And hail You as King.
I will serve You
Give You everything.
I will lift up
My eyes to Your throne.

WOMEN (Echo)

I will bow down
and hail You as King.
I will serve You
everything.
I will lift up
my eyes to Your throne.

I will trust You,
Trust You alone.

I will trust You,
You alone.

ALL

I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.

You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise. *(Repeat)*

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INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

11am

Baptism

Rev. Zach J. Holdorf

“Ruth Marie Hall”

Daughter of Dustin & Tanya Hall

APOSTLES’ CREED (All)

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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will 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.

BAPTISMAL WELCOME

(The newly baptized is welcomed with the following after a reading from the Elder.)

C Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

OPENING SENTENCES

Num. 21:9, Eph. 2:4-5; John 3:16

L Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone,

C he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L But God, . . . even when we were dead in our trespasses,

- C** made us alive together with Christ.
- L** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,
- C** that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

PRAYER

SONG

“Cornerstone” Mote/Liljero/Myrin/Morgan/Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly trust in Jesus' Name. *(Repeat)*

Chorus: Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

My anchor holds within the veil.

Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.

Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all. He is Lord. Lord of all. *(Chorus)*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found.

Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless stand before the throne.

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OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way.⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.”⁶ Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.⁸ And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.”⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit

that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

APOSTLES’ CREED

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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.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

SONG

“Resurrecting” Brown/Brock/Ntlele/Furtick/Joye

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now

The Savior knelt to wash our feet, now at his feet we bow

The one who wore our sin and shame now robed in majesty

The radiance of perfect love now shines for all to see

Chorus: Your name, Your name is victory All praise will rise to Christ our king
Your name, Your name is victory All praise will rise to Christ our king

The fear that held us now gives way to him who is our peace

His final breath upon the cross is now alive in me (*Chorus*)

By your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat

The resurrected king is resurrecting me

In your name I come alive to declare your victory

The resurrected king is resurrecting me (*Repeat*)

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain was borrowed for three days

His body there would not remain, our God has robbed the grave

Our God has robbed the grave (*Chorus*)

By your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat

The resurrected king is resurrecting me

In your name I come alive to declare your victory

The resurrected king is resurrecting me The resurrected king is resurrecting me

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Confession and Forgiveness

1 John 1:8-9; Psalm 51:1-4a, 10

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

L As we gather in God’s presence today for worship, it is important that we come humbly, confessing our sins to God our Father that we might receive from Him His incredible forgiveness and be fully restored. Let us then, confess our sin to God using the words of David:

C Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Amen.

L Friends in Christ, God in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce that grace of God to each of you; and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

L Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.

Heavenly Father, many people follow the course of this world carrying out their desires, by nature children of wrath. You sent Your Son that the world might be saved through Him. Today we pray for people who influence our culture and society but without faith in our Savior – open their eyes to look up to Christ on the cross, working faith in their hearts, and making them alive together with Christ. We pray for our pastors, teachers, DCE's, youth leaders, missionaries, and all who lead and teach Your people. Protect and bless them as they minister to us, proclaim Your Word, and point us to Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Compassionate God, Your mercy endures forever. Deliver all who cry to You, especially those who are hungry or without homes. Give life in places where death seems triumphant; grant healing to those who are sick, (*especially...*); visit and comfort those who mourn... Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Merciful Lord, by Your grace we have been saved. Fill us to overflowing with that grace, that we may show mercy to others. By Your Holy Spirit, move among us all so that we may serve as Jesus served and be powerful witnesses to Your love.

C hear our prayer.

- L** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.
- C** Amen.

The LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.

SONG

"My Savior My God"

Shust/Greenwell

I am not skilled to understand, What God has willed, what God has planned.

I only know at His right hand, Stands one who is my Savior.

I take Him at His word and deed, Christ died to save me; this I read.

And in my heart I find a need, Of Him to be my Savior.

That He would leave His place on high, And come for sinful man to die.

You count it strange, so once did I, Before I knew my Savior.

My Savior loves, My Savior lives, My Savior's always there for me.

My God: He was, my God; He is, My God is always gonna be. *(Repeat)*

Yes, living, dying, let me bring, My strength, my solace from this spring;

That He who lives to be my King, Once died to be my Savior.

That He would leave His place on high, And come for sinful man to die.

You count it strange, so once did I, Before I knew my Savior.

My Savior loves, My Savior lives, My Savior's always there for me.

My God: He was, my God; He is. My God is always gonna be. *(Repeat)*

My Savior lives, My Savior loves, My Savior lives, My Savior loves, My Savior lives.

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SERMON

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CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG

“God So Loved”

Bergthold/Cash/Cash/Cash/Cash

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross Jesus is waiting there with open arms

Chorus: For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Praise God! Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him! Praise Him for the wonders of His love *(Repeat) (Chorus)*

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting God so loved the world

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PRESIDING MINISTER: *Rev. Zach J. Holdorf, Senior Pastor*

LITURGIST: *Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor*

ELDERS: *5pm—Seth Sneider; 11am—Troy Pagel*

ACOLYTES: *5pm—Landon Sneider, Andrew Bolin; 11am—*

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

LARGE PRINT—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS—for ages 3-6 years & 7-12 years old, are available on the table in the Narthex.

NURSERY—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery located near the Narthex will be available for parent use on Sunday mornings. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8 School, our Childcare (*infant—13 years*), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.

RESTROOMS—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.

JOINING TRINITY—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.

VISION STATEMENT:

To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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