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The Israelites repeatedly had broken the covenants God made with them, and yet in today's Old Testament Reading He promises a new covenant. This one, however, will not be based on the external Law of God; by pure grace, it will be written on the hearts of God's people. To do that, God sent His Son, who paid for all sin by offering Himself as both priest and sacrifice. Although we are all imperfect, knowing that we have been forgiven only by the grace of God, we have the desire to love one another. As we recall our Lord's Passion in the coming weeks, we will recognize that love means forgiving, giving oneself for others. Jesus puts it bluntly in the Gospel: The greatest in the kingdom of God is the one who serves all the others. And, of course, the greatest is our Lord Jesus, who loves us to death.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG "We Fall Down" Tomlin

We fall down, We lay our crowns

At the feet of Jesus, The greatness of mercy and love At the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy, And we cry holy, holy, holy, And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

(Repeat from beginning)

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INVOCATION

- **I** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

PRAISE THE LORD!

Psalm 119:9-16

- How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.
- With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!

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- L I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
- Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!
- L With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.
- In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.
- L I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.
- I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

EPISTLE Hebrews 5:1-10

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³ Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶ as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

HOLY GOSPELMark 10:32-45

And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saving, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." ³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹ And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. 42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them. "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

NICENE CREED

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.

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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 worshipped 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 \pm of the world to come. 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

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Confession and Forgiveness

(Ps. 124:8; Ps. 130:3-4; Jeremiah 31:3-4 NIV)

- L Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- ID Brothers and sisters in Christ, "Long ago the LORD said to Israel: "I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself. I will rebuild you." Today God speaks those same words to you. He loves you. He forgives you. No matter what you've done, He still treasures you as His precious child. And today He wants to rebuild your life again. And so I announce that grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus 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

- Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances. Heavenly Father, Your Son came not to be served but to serve. Help us humbly serve one another in our homes, communities and congregation as Christ has so humbly served us. We especially pray for our elected leaders work in their hearts and give them wisdom to make decisions that please and glorify You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Loving Father, as Your only begotten Son learned obedience though what He suffered, we pray that You would bless, sustain and relieve all who suffer in our midst, especially..., that walking the way of the cross with Your Son, they may know the fullness of His eternal salvation. Lord in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Merciful Lord, we pray for all who travel in the upcoming weeks, especially the student musicians from Living Word Lutheran High School as they travel to present a concert at Trinity on March 29. Grant them safety as they journey and success in their ministry of music. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- L We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

The 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.

SONG

"Follow You Anywhere" Younker/Ingram/Stanfill/Wickham

You make it easy to love You You are good and You are kind

You are good and You are kind, You bring joy into my life

You make it easy to trust You

You have never left my side, You've been faithful ev'ry time

All I want is You Jesus, All I want is You

Chorus: You are the refuge I run to

You are the fire that leads me through the night

I'll follow You anywhere There's a million reasons to trust You Nothing to fear for You are by my side I'll follow You anywhere

O Jesus You came to my rescue

Took my place upon that cross, You redeemed what I had lost

Now my whole world revolving around You

You're the center of my life, You're the treasure You're the prize

All I want is You Jesus, All I want is You (Chorus)

Follow You anywhere oh; I'll follow You anywhere oh

Wherever You lead me, Whatever it costs me All I want is You, Jesus all I want is You (3x) (Chorus)

Follow You anywhere oh; I'll follow You anywhere oh Follow You anywhere

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION— * Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION SONG "You are My King"

Foote

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted; You were condemned. I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me Because You died and rose again. (Repeat)

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me? Amazing love, I know it's true; It's my joy to honor You. (Repeat)

In all I do I honor You.

You are my King, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted; You were condemned. I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me Because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me? Amazing love, I know it's true; It's my joy to honor You. In all I do let me honor You!

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BLESSING

SERMON

"The High Priest"

Rev. Timothy D. Smith

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

- **L** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG "Send Me Out" Fee

Jesus Lord of my salvation Savior of my soul
Send me out to the world to make You known
Jesus King of ev'ry nation This world's only hope
Send me out to the world to make You known Send me out to the world

Chorus: I wanna be Your hands and feet

I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak

I wanna run to the ones in need In the name of Jesus I wanna give my life away All for Your kingdom's sake Shine a light in the darkest place In the name of Jesus

In the name of Jesus

Carry to the broken-hearted Mercy You have shown
Send me out to the world to make You known
To the ones in need of rescue Lead me I will go
Send me out to the world to make You known Send me out to the world (Chorus)

Here am I, I will go Send me out to make You known There is hope for ev'ry soul Send me out send me out Here am I, I will go Send me out to make You known There is hope for ev'ry soul So send me out *(Chorus x2)*

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LITURGIST: Rev. Zach J. Holdorf, Senior Pastor ELDERS: 5pm—Seth Sneider; 11am—Troy Pagel ACOLYTES: 5pm—; 11am—Jaidyn Oelke, Max Gorr

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!

BLENDED 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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