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FOCUS The images Jesus uses as He proclaims the kingdom of God often come from the world of agriculture. His parables are filled with plants and trees and birds and animals. Grapes, grapevines, and vineyards are all used as illustrations by Jesus as He teaches the people who are His first hearers and us also. As people who have been grafted as branches into Christ the Vine through Holy Baptism, we seek ways to strengthen that connection as the Holy Spirit works in and through us. We now nourish our faith as branches in Christ’s vineyard as we grow in Him by Word and Sacrament.

WELCOME

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

RITE of BLESSING: FRONT STEPS

OPENING SONG “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

Founds

Verse: Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I’m so glad You’re in my life; I’m so glad You came to save us.

Chorus: You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

(Verse) (Chorus 2x)

Lord, I lift Your name on high *(Repeat)*

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OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 34:8; 104:24, 31; 147:11

L The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

C in those who hope in His steadfast love.

- L** Taste and see that the LORD is good!
C **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**
L O LORD, how manifold are Your works!
C **In wisdom have You made them all.**
L May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
C **may the LORD rejoice in His works.**

PRAYER

SONG

“In Christ Alone”

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In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength my song;
 This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
 My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 'Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
 For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
 Then, bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
 'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place.²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”

³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.” ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

EPISTLE

1 John 4:1-11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

[Jesus said] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

CONFESSION of FAITH

The Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed and its meaning from Martin Luther’s Small Catechism

- L** As we celebrate the risen Christ this Easter season, we now speak together the words of the Apostles’ Creed regarding our Savior, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.
- C** **[I believe 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.**
- L** What does this mean?
- C** **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

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 4:20; John 15:5

- L** “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar.” Let us repent of our lost condition and seek refuge in the mercy of God.
- C** **God, be merciful to me, a sinner. For the sake of Christ forgive me for my selfishness and refusal to walk in love. Draw me to love You, not only for Your eternal gifts to me but because You are my God and my eternal King. Amen.**
- L** Jesus says, “I am the vine; you are the branches.” Whoever abides by faith in Him receives forgiveness, life, and salvation. In the name of Christ and by His authority, 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 Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [*names*, and] all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION— ** Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

COMMUNION SONG “Jesus Son of God” Tomlin/Maher/Ingram

You came down from Heaven's throne. This earth You formed was not Your home.
A love like this the world had never known.

A crown of thorns to mock Your name. Forgiveness fell upon Your face.
A love like this the world had never known.

Chorus: On the altar of our praise, Let there be no higher name:
Jesus Son, of God. You laid down Your perfect life;
You are the sacrifice, Jesus, Son of God. You are Jesus Son of God.

You took our sin, You bore our shame, You rose to life, You defeated the grave,
And a love like this the world has never known. 'Cause You took our sin,
You bore our shame, You rose to life, You defeated the grave.
A love like this the world has never known. (*Chorus*)

Bridge 1: Be lifted higher than all You've overcome.
Your name be louder than any other song.
There is no power that can come against Your love.
The cross was enough, The cross was enough,
The cross was enough, The cross was enough.

Chorus: On the altar of our praise, Let there be no higher name:
Jesus, Son of God. You laid down Your perfect life;
You are the sacrifice, Jesus Son of God. (*Repeat Chorus*)
You are Jesus Son of God

Bridge 2: Be lifted higher than all You've overcome.
Your name be louder than any other song.
There is no power that can come against Your love.
The cross was enough, The cross was enough. (*Repeat*)

The cross was enough, The cross was enough,
The cross was enough, The cross was enough.

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BLESSING

SERMON

“Abide”

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CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

- L** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- L** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord!
- C** Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG

“Lord Reign in Me”

Brown

Over all the earth, You reign on high, Ev’ry mountain stream, every sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim Is that You'd reign in me again.

Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r; Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am, So won't You reign in me again.

Over every thought, over ev’ry word, May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;
'Cause You mean more to me Than any earthly thing.
So won't You reign in me again.

Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r; Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am, So won't You reign in me again. *(Repeat)*

Won't You reign in me again, won't You reign in me again.

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

ELDERS: *5pm—Raun Egner, Seth Sneider; 11am—Skyler Lynn*

ACOLYTES: *5pm— ; 11am—*

TECH: *5pm— ; 11am—Jaidyn Oelke*

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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