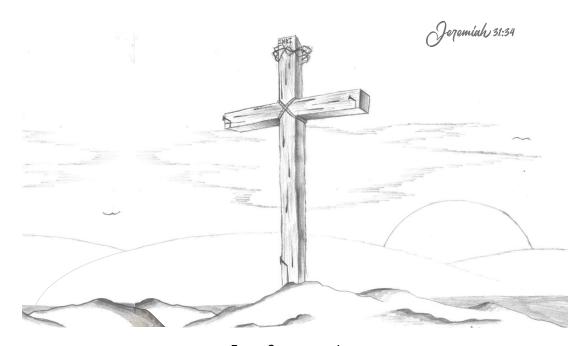


I will forgive
their iniquity,
and I will remember
their sin no more.



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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.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Cherwien
"My Song Is Love Unknown" Vieker/Costello

RINGING of the BELLS

WELCOME





INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the

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

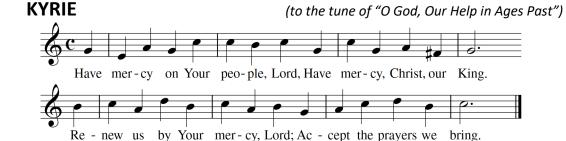
Confession and Absolution

(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.
- L 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.



SALUTATION and PRAYER of the DAY

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

OLD TESTAMENTJeremiah 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."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

MUSICICAL OFFERING

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

4th & 5th Grade—Video on Screens

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.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:32-45

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

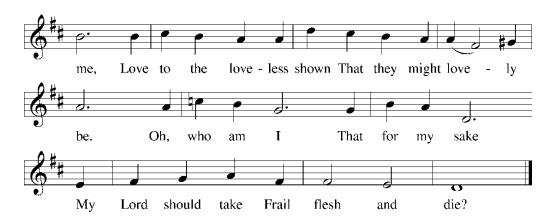
And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered 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."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN





Choir: He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;

But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.

But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!

Men: Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.

Women: Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.

Choir: They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes That He His foes From thence might free.

ALL: Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!

Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.

This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

SERMON "The High Priest" Rev. Timothy D. Smith

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.

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 + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER 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.
- We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen. 8

OFFERTORY HYMN



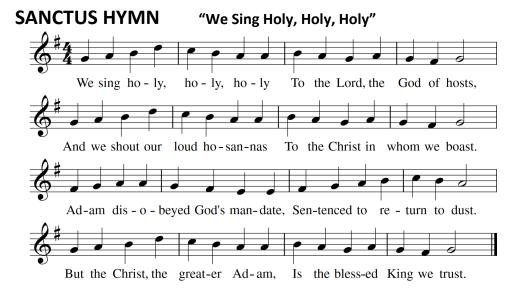
Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **L** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



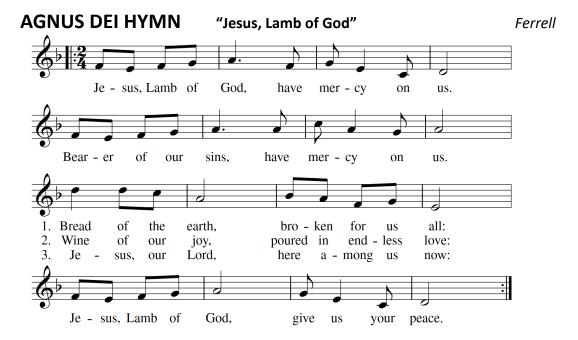
The LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS of INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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



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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts"

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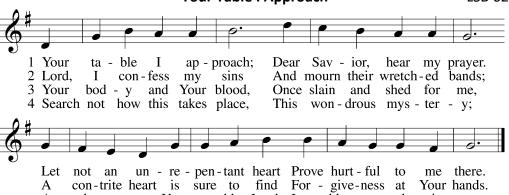
Sanctuary Choir

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, The fount of life, the light of all: From every bliss that imparts We turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

Your truth unchanged has ever stood; You plead with all to call on you; To those who seek you, you are good; To those who find you, life is new.

We taste you, ever-living bread, And long to feast upon you still; We drink of you, the fountainhead; Our thirsting souls from you we fill.

O Jesus, ever with us stay! Make all our moments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin away! Shed o'er the world your holy light.



A con-trite heart is sure to find For - give-ness at Your hands. Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty. God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined
 May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6. Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- Let us pray. We give thanks to You, gracious God, that You have refreshed us in body and spirit through the gift of this Sacrament, and we implore You that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us to share Your covenantal blessings in love with the people we encounter each day; 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

- 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

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

DISMISSAL

- Co in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

"Christ Our Human Likeness Sharing"



- 1. Christ, our hu-man like ness shar-ing, Heav-en's love on earth por-trayed;
- 2. Hear the word that Christ has spo-ken, Help the weak, the hun-gry feed;
- 3. Christ, in ev 'ry con gre ga tion Build Your tem ple, stone by stone,
- 4. Come, O liv ing Christ, re new us, As of old in wind and flame;



Christ the Shep-herd, ten - ding, car-ing, In His death our ran - som paid: See the pow'rs of dark-ness bro-ken, Sin-ners par-doned, cap-tives freed: With Your word as firm foun-da-tion For a faith ma-tured and grown: With the Spir-it's pow'r en-due us, Ser-vants of Your sav-ing name:



Christ the Sav-ior, Christ the Ser-vant, Be Your life in us dis - played. Christ the Sav-ior, Christ the Ser-vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need. Christ the Sav-ior, Christ the Ser-vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known. Christ the Sav-ior, Christ the Ser-vant, Christ whose king-dom we pro - claim.

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune in D Major"

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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!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY— 8am & 9:30am Sunday BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY— 5pm Saturday & 11am 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

- **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 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *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-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **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.

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

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