

*"Love one another as I
have loved you."*

— John 15:12 —



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FOCUS "In the sight of God" is a phrase used throughout Scripture. It reminds us of God's unceasing care and concern for His creation. In Proverbs: "Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man" (Proverbs 3:3-4). All our life is in God's amazingly loving sight as He watches over all His creation and especially over people. Out of love for Christ and one another, we can strive to see others around us in the same way that God sees them.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

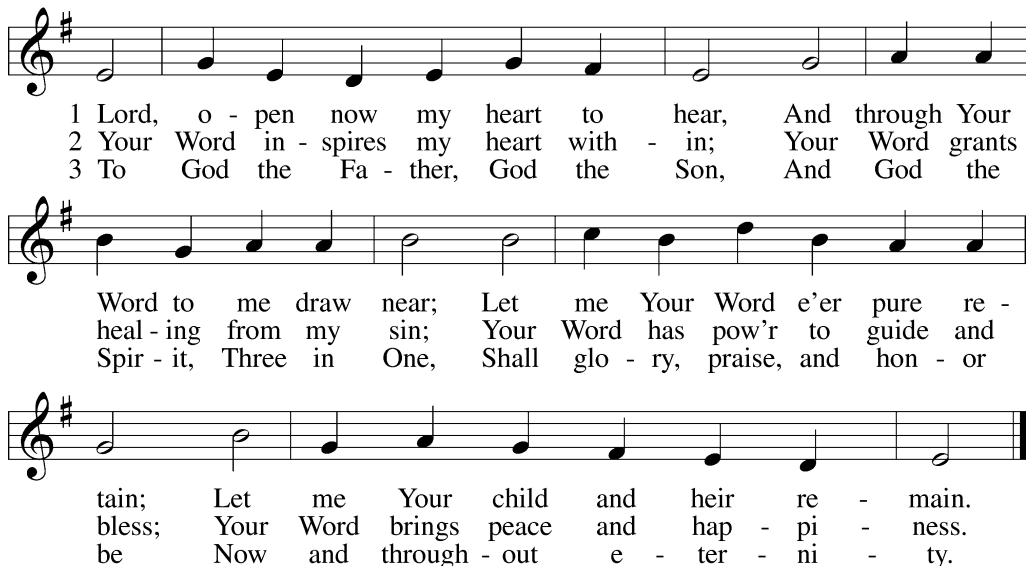
RINGING of the BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"

LSB 908



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants the
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the

Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or

tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

INVOCATION

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 146:1-2, 5, 10

- L** Praise the LORD!
C **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**
L I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
C **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
L Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C **whose hope is in the LORD his God.**
L The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
C **Praise the LORD!**

Confession and Absolution

- L** As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy. Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
- C** **Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**
- L** God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

INTROIT


Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

- L** Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.
- C** **Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**
- L** Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of His praise be heard,
- C** **who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.**
- L** Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His
steadfast love from me!
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- L** Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

HYMN of PRAISE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LSB 790, v.1,3,5



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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SALUTATION and PRAYER of the DAY

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- L** Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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

FIRST READING

Colossians 3:15-25

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

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

PSALM

Psalm 98

Verses (sung by the Cantor)

1. *God has done such marvelous things; Refrain*
2. *Justice, love, and peace abound; Refrain*
3. *Sing with the harp and the trumpet strong; Refrain*
4. *Seas be glad, let the oceans roar; Refrain*



Verses (sung by the Cantor)

1. *God's great might all the earth now sings. Refrain*
2. *Israel's strength in the Lord is found. Refrain*
3. *To the Lord let your praise prolong. Refrain*
4. *Praises sound from shore to shore. Refrain*



Verses (sung by the Cantor)

1. *God's great power now is shown "God has triumphed," make it known. Refrain*
2. *When in need the people did call, God's great might was shown to all. Refrain*
3. *To the King lift up your voice. Shout your praise, in God rejoice. Refrain*
4. *God now comes to rule in might. God brings justice, truth and light. Refrain*



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EPISTLE

1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Jump Up for Joy and Shout”

4K, 5K & 1st Grade Music Video

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

HYMN of the DAY

"Oh, Blest the House"

LSB 862



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus
2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in
3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their
4 Oh, blest that house; it pros - pers well. In peace and
5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol - ly
hope and love a - bound; They trust their God and serve Him
chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care or
joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives is
prom - ise make and say: Though all the world for - sake His



His— How sad and poor and dark it is!
still And do in all His ho - ly will!
cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
shown How rich - ly God can bless His own.
Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

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SERMON

"Blessed to Be a Blessing"

Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Pegorsch

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admon-ishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do every-thing in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(Colossians 3:15-17)

"Mother's Day"

To be a mother is a _____.

I. ...Examples from the _____...

A. Genesis 3

B. _____ and _____

II. Next, we turn to the book of _____ and see a

_____ in _____...

- A. No doubt you remember that a _____ was _____
in _____...
- B. ...A Hebrew _____ who was _____
- C. A question...the _____ of _____...

III. Another _____ who came with a lot of _____. (Luke 2)

IV. The Apostle Paul...would give us a word of _____

_____...

- A. First, Paul writes...(Colossians 3:15)
- B. Secondly, Paul writes...(Colossians 3:16)
- C. Thirdly, _____, the Lord has an
_____ word also for you
- D. Next, St. Paul has a word for _____ and
_____ (Colossians 3:20)
- E. Finally, as a _____

A Mother's Prayer

*I wash the dirt from little feet, and as I wash I pray,
"Lord keep them ever pure and true, to walk the narrow way."*

*I wash the dirt from little hands, And earnestly I ask,
"Lord may they ever yielded be, to do the humblest task."*

*I wash the dirt from little knees, and pray, "Lord may they be,
The place where victories are won, and other sought for Thee."*

*I scrub the clothes that soil so soon and pray, "Lord may her dress,
Throughout eternal ages be, Thy robe of righteousness."*

—Author Unknown

CONFESSON of FAITH

The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed and it's meaning from Martin Luther's Small Catechism

L Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

C 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.



What does this mean?



I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER of the CHURCH



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

We thank God for the Church and pray that God's people live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we be blessed with all grace and evidence the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us.

We pray for our families, especially for mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers on this special day. Remembering Hannah, Lois and Eunice, and Mary, the mother of our Lord, we give you thanks and praise for the examples of faithful women.

HYMN

"For All the Faithful Women"

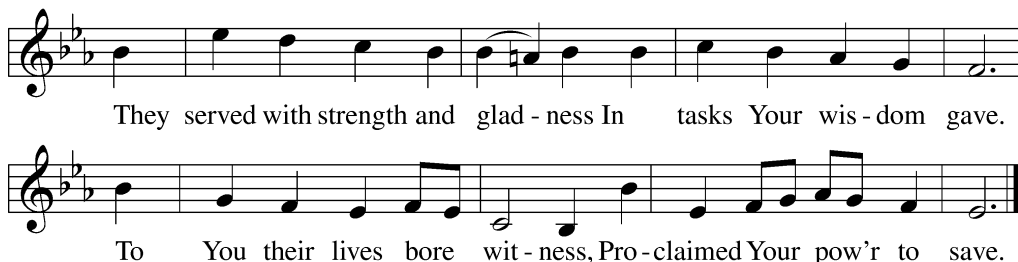
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1 For all the faith - ful wom - en Who served in days of old,



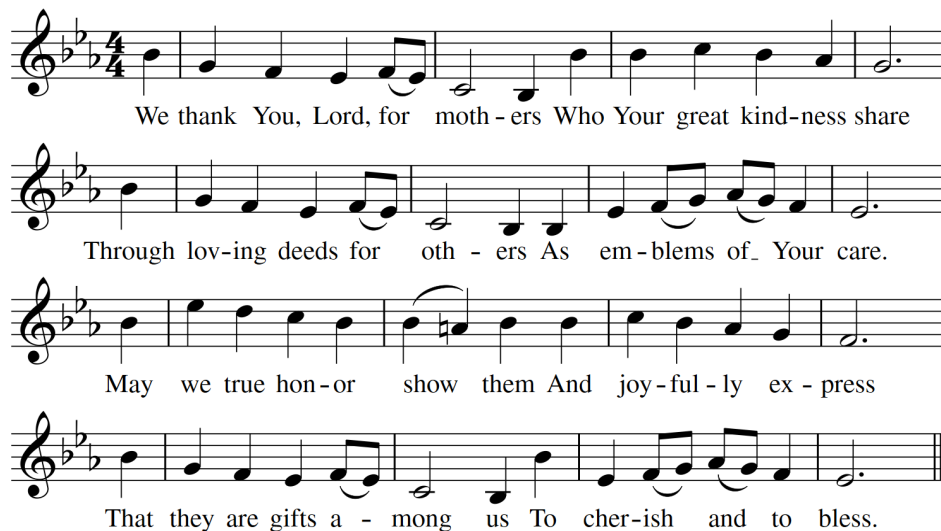
To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.



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- L** Lord Jesus, today we pray for mothers we love and mothers we struggle to love. For adoptive mothers, stepmothers and foster mothers. For those who long to be mothers. For those who miss their mothers. For everyone who has mothered us in the faith. Give rest, healing, wisdom, strength, and peace.

HYMN “We Thank You, Lord, for Mothers”



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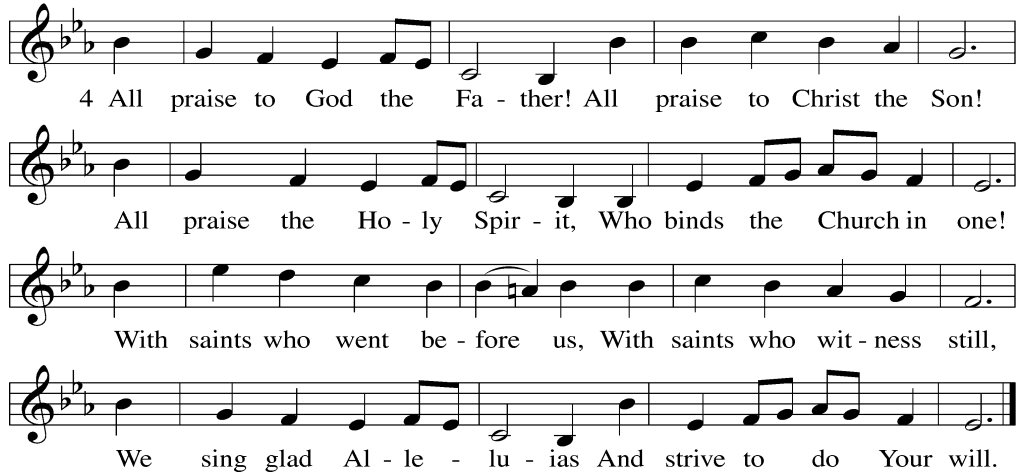
- L** We ask the blessing of our bounteous God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut-in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those whose needs are known to us, [*especially* . . .]. Lord, grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.

Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives, seeing each person through Your loving eyes, until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

HYMN

"For All the Faithful Women"

LSB 855, v.4



4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!
With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,
We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

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- L** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray...

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.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- L** 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

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB 895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ever more.

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POSTLUDE

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ELDERS: *8am—Todd Hauer; 9:30am—Michael Hase*

ACOLYTES: *8am— ; 9:30am—Sophia Blaser*

TECH: *8am— ; 9:30am—Ayla Graff*

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 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 & 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.

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.