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FOCUS In adversity and blessing, we belong to the Lord. Joseph became an emissary of God’s mercy despite His brothers’ evil intent. As we navigate and process quarrels, judgments, and opinions, human adversity distorts our life with Christ. We belong to Him as we strive to live. We belong to Him as we prepare to die. Christ resolves adversity from His heart, resolving disputes with wisdom, love, and forgiveness. This, too, is our blessing to receive and to share.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING of the BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” *LSB 793*

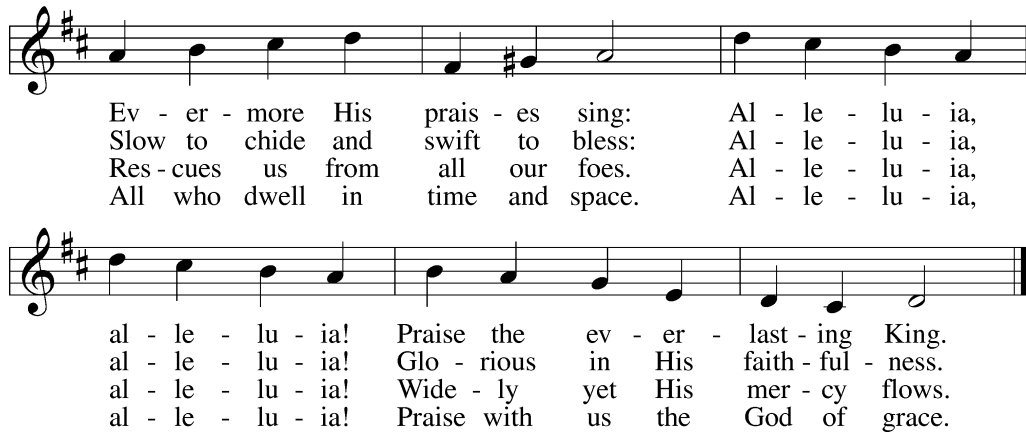


1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther-like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,





Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
 Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
 Res - cued us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
 All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
 al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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INVOCATION

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

Confession and Absolution

- L** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for self-examination.)

Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness to all who are penitent.

- C** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- L** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

HYMN of PRAISE

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LSB 816

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal

praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -

ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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SALUTATION

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER of the DAY

L Let us pray. Gracious Lord, You have rescued us from our bondage to sin and given us a new life and identity in Baptism. Grant us Your grace that we live in peace with all people and show to those around us the same forgiveness that You have shown to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"If We Are Living"

Arr. Marty Haugen

Trans. Deborah Schmitz

EPISTLE

Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? ...

Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

HYMN of the DAY “Come, Imagine Life Together” *Text: Starke, v.1-3*



1. Come, i - mag - ine life to - geth - er, Far be - yond what we've con - ceived,
 2. One in bod - y, one in Spir - it, One in hope, one Lord of all,
 3. We in Christ are God's pure house - hold, No more strang - ers but God's own,

Urged by love to live lives wor - thy Of the call - ing we've re - ceived:
 One in faith, one God and Fa - ther, One our blest bap - tis - mal call;
 Built on proph - ets and a - pos - tles, Christ Him - self our Cor - ner - stone;

Ev - er pa - tient, gent - ly car - ing, God's be - lov - ed fam - i - ly,
 One our Sav - ior in Christ Je - sus, Ours His blood - bought vic - to - ry,
 We His Church, a liv - ing tem - ple, Reach - ing up - ward, point - ing toward -

Each for - giv - en and for - giv - ing In the Spir - it's u - ni - ty.
 Ours His Spir - it - sealed re - demp - tion— His our praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 Our true home, where an - gel host sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"

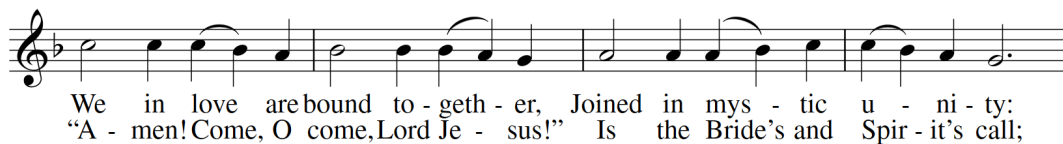
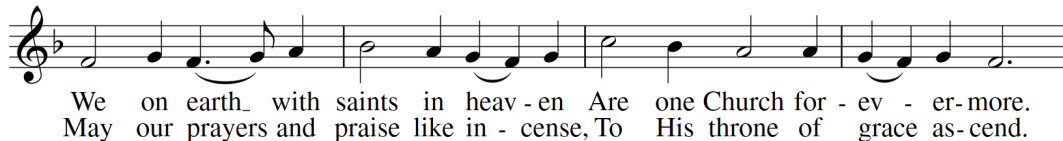
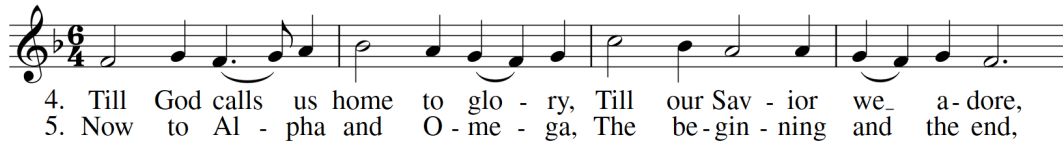
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SERMON

“Belonging to the Lord”

Rev. Zach J. Holdorf

HYMN of the DAY “Come, Imagine Life Together” *Text: Starke, v.4-5*



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PRAYER of the CHURCH

- L** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- Lord, grant that we not judge without mercy but forgive without limit, that we who have known the fullness of Your mercy in Christ also manifest a compassionate heart against those who sin against us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Lord, grant to Your Church Your Spirit and power, that we be supplied with faithful pastors and church workers to serve us in Your name, and that we hear and heed the voice of Your Word and walk in holiness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Lord, grant to those who lead us in this nation and in all the nations wisdom and integrity, that they pursue what is good and right and just according to Your Word and commands, and serve the common good. Deliver us from terror and threat, and give Your peace to the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Lord, grant to the sick and all who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or soul the blessing of Your mercy, with forgiveness according to Your will, and Your presence and comfort to sustain them through the day of trouble. Hear us especially on behalf of those for whom our intercession has been requested, [names], and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Lord, grant to the homeless, the widowed, the orphaned, and the unemployed Your strength to bear up under the weight of their trials and Your guidance to bring them to the places where their needs may be answered. Open our hearts to care for them and support them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Lord, grant to us grateful hearts that with our voices we offer You the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and with our tithes and offerings show forth our confidence in Your loving care and our desire to support the work of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

(Local concerns may be added here.)

L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, 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.

BENEDICAMUS

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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.

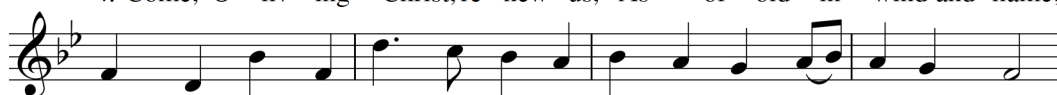
CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Our Human Likeness Sharing”

LSB 847



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.

Tune: Regent Square

POSTLUDE

PRESIDING MINISTER: *Rev. Zach J. Holdorf, Senior Pastor*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor*
ORGANIST: *Mr. Matthew Hoehne, Director of Music*
ELDERS: *8am—Ted Gruhn; 9:30am—Craig Singkofer*

Look for the Accompanying Worship Service Video

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<https://waam.viebit.com/>

Watch on TV

Local TV Channel 980 (*Charter Spectrum*)

9pm Wednesday, 2pm Thursday, and 8am Friday

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

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**—two nurseries are for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. The lower level nursery located near the SLC will be available for parent use as well on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. *Please Note: The upper and lower level nurseries 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 Day School, our Early Childhood Learning Center (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 to 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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