

To live is Christ



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FOCUS A part of us expects justice from God. We think that fairness ought to reign—that each of us should get what we deserve. But this is a dead end. God does not give us what we deserve but acts with mercy and grace beyond belief. He is scandalously generous and lavish with us—giving us what we do not deserve and have not earned. We are tempted to ask God for equity and what we deserve, but God is determined to give us so much more in Christ. Only in faith can we learn to let God be God, to honor His generosity with the only response He desires: faith and thanksgiving. Today we pray the Lord to break through to our hearts and minds with His abundant grace and to rejoice that He is more than fair—He is merciful!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Largo”
“Largo and Allegro”

Telemann
Corelli

RINGING of the BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“With the Lord Begin Your Task”

LSB 869



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.





Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,
 Morn-ing, eve-ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
 All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,
 Good will fol - low ev - 'ry-where While you here must wan - der;
 Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;
 In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.
 Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.
 Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
 You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.
 Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

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INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 27:9

- L** Hide not Your face from me.
C Turn not Your servant away in anger,
L O You who have been my help.
C Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

Confession and Absolution

- L** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
C I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.
L Is this your sincere confession?
C I am sorry for all my sins, and I ask for grace that I may do better. Amen.
L As you believe, so let it be. 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

“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”

LSB 790, v.1,4

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-
a-fend-tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
Sure-ly His good-ness and mer-cy shall
health and sal-va-tion! Let all who hear Now to His
dai-ly at-tend you. Pon-der a-new What the Al-
tem-ple draw near, Join-ing in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
might-y can do As with His love He be-friends you.

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SALUTATION

- L** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER of the DAY

- L** Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 TESTAMENT

Isaiah 55:6-9

“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling/Give Thanks” *arr. Albrecht*
Flute—Rebekah Hoehne; Oboe—Jenna Hansen

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:18b-30

Yes, and I will rejoice,¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance,²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard)

L The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them: “You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.”

- C** So they went. He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them:
- L** “Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?”
- C** “Because no one has hired us.”
- L** “You also go and work in my vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman: “Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.” The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner:
- C** “These men who were hired last worked only one hour. You have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.”
- L** “Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous? So the last will be first, and the first will be last.
- L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

HYMN of the DAY

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

LSB 827



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call-ing, “Who will go and work to - day?
 2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re - spond-ing soon;
 3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
 4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com-ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?”
 Some are called in heat of mid-day, Oth - ers late in af - ter-noon;
 Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
 When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de-scend.





Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.
Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.
Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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SERMON

"Faith That Endures" Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Pegorsch

Yes, and I will rejoice,¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus

*Christ this will turn out for my deliverance,²⁰ as it is my eager expectation
and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as
always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.*

²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. (Philippians 1:18b-21)

I. Are there times when confronted by serious _____ or
_____, we look in the _____ places
instead of _____...

II. At this time in Philippi, having served the Lord for many years,
_____ both _____ and _____
Paul gives the Philippians some solid advice concerning _____
and _____.

(At home, read 2 Corinthians 11 and Romans 5:3-5)

III. ...Because of his faithfulness to Christ, Paul found himself
_____ and in _____.

(At home, read 1 Timothy 2:4 and Matthew 28:18-20)

St. Paul faced that _____ ...Philippians 1:21
(Psalm 9:1)

CREEDAL HYMN

"We All Believe in One True God"

LSB 953



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus - tains and com - forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

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PRAYER of the CHURCH

L Lord God, You have promised to hear the prayers of Your people, and so we come to You this day offering You petitions and supplications for all manner and needs of people.

You have invited us to seek Your face and to call upon You while You are near. Lord, grant to us such confidence in Your grace and favor that we seek Your wisdom, walk in Your ways, and delight in Your gift of salvation with thanksgiving in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L We delight in dwelling in Your house, O Lord. Bless Your Church and those who minister to us in Your name. Guide them to preach faithfully the whole counsel of Your Word so that we be steadfast in faith in the face of temptation, threat, and trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L You are our light and our salvation and in You we rest our fears. Lord, grant Your aid, comfort, and strength to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Be especially with the sick for whom we pray this day, [*especially . . .*]. Heal them in accordance with Your will and sustain them through their afflictions until the perfect healing comes in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- L** Your power is greater than all and Your mercy is without limit. Lord, look with compassion upon our world of violence and terror. Bless those who govern here and everywhere that they protect the weak, promote the cause of virtue, administer justice to the criminal, and act with mercy toward those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** You have shown us generosity greater than we deserve, O Lord. Silence our complaints when we would question Your mercy, and teach us to be satisfied by Your grace in all that we need for this mortal life and find contentment in God's promise of the life to come. Teach us to rejoice over every sinner who repents and for everyone who comes to You in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** All these and whatsoever other things we need, we ask You to grant us in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Into Your hands, O gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

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

PROPER PREFACE

- L** It is truly our duty and our delight, O Lord, to acknowledge Your goodness, holy God, mighty and eternal Father, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Daily and richly You supply all that we need and You bestow upon us the salvation for which Your Son gave His life. As He has emptied Himself in suffering for us, grant to us faith to trust in His redemption and grace to live holy, upright, and godly lives in His name. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we give You praise and thanksgiving and, in union with all Your saints, we join our voices in their song of praise:

SANCTUS

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Day and night we join to praise Your love and maj - es - ty.
 We re - joice to join the hymns of earth and sky and sea.

You a - lone are ho - ly, wor - thy, and right - eous.
 Gen - e - ra - tions praise You, with saints and an - gels.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Ho - ly and blest through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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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

PROCLAMATION of CHRIST

- L** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- L** Remembering how You delivered the saints of old and knowing what Jesus Christ has accomplished for us upon the cross, we give You thanks and praise. ...

Guard our new lives born of water and the Spirit and guide us that we honor You with the words of our mouth and the actions of our lives. Deliver us from envy and teach us to rejoice in Your grace, sufficient for all our needs. Bring us at last to that day when we shall dwell in Your presence on high and know You face-to-face.

C Amen.

PAX DOMINI

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

HYMN

"Lamb of God"

LSB 550



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and

sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain
 O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!

O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Your Table I Approach”

LSB 628



- 1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
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.

- 5 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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“Lord of All Hopefulness”

LSB 738

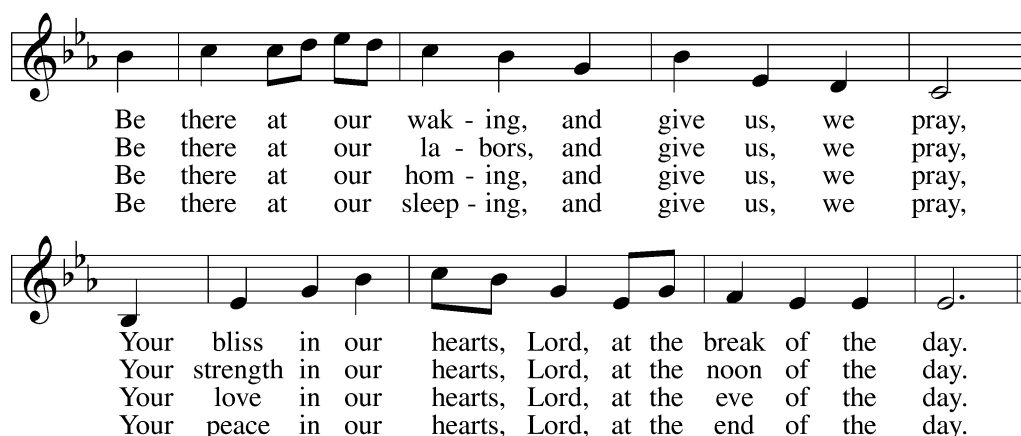


- 1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:





Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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The BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- L** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
C for His steadfast love endures forever!

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**"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"***LSB 918*

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious
bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,
Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,
bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to
more;
shield;
Thee;
Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee.

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POSTLUDE**"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"***Weber*

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LITURGIST: *Rev. Zach J. Holdorf, Senior Pastor*

ORGANIST: *Mr. Matthew Hoehne, Director of Music*

INSTRUMENTALISTS: *Flute—Rebekah Hoehne; Oboe—Jenna Hansen*

ELDERS: *8am—Raun Egner; 9:30am—*

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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.
- **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 indicate so on the *Friendship & Attendance Book* 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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