



Lutheran Church & Christian School



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Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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Mission Statement

[Who We Are]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School strive to:

**HUMBLY AND KNOWINGLY FOLLOW JESUS,
SEEKING JOY THROUGH HIM IN WORSHIP,
TEACHING, AND PRAYER.**



Vision Statement

[Who We Endeavor to Be]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School endeavor to:

**LIVE [up] BY FAITH, BE KNOWN [out] BY
CHRIST'S LOVE, and REJOICE [in] HIS
FORGIVENESS.**

"Redeemed and restored, we are rejoicing in Jesus!"

AS WE GATHER

By way of God's grace and the Holy Spirit, the Lord equipped His people for a vibrant life with Him and lived out in the world. One of the ways He did this was through various spiritual practices, or disciplines. Each drawn from God's Word, these faith strengthening practices, governed by the movement of the Holy Spirit, accompanied the 1st Century Christians, propelling them into a life of witness and service.

Tonight's worship centers on the spiritual practice of the Lord's Supper. With no epitaph for His borrowed tomb, or words emblazoned across His grave, Jesus in His final hours gave a lasting gift, a grace-filled meal to be celebrated in His honor. In the Breaking of the Bread – the Lord's Supper – He imparts forgiveness, life and salvation for all who come in faith and humility, longing to be fed by the true Bread of Life. This "practice" of coming to His Table of grace is a lasting testament of love – *"given and shed for you!"* Welcome to His Table of mercy. Welcome to grace!

PRELUDE

PRESERVICE SONG *"Beautiful Scandalous Night" (Words and Music by Derald Daugherty & Steven Hindalong © 1995 New Spring | Never Say Never Songs)*

*Refrain: At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree,
 on that beautiful, scandalous night you and me
 Were atoned by His blood, and forever washed white,
 on that beautiful scandalous night.*

INTRODUCTION

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, Your covenant of love for us came to full fruition in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Guide us to be so moved by the depth of Christ's new covenant of love, that we love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our Baptism.

Pastor: The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be and abide with you all.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: The cup of blessing that we bless,

Congregation: Is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?

Pastor: The bread that we break,

Congregation: Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

Pastor: Because there is one bread,

Congregation: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of that one bread.

Pastor: So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Congregation: For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

A time of silence of personal reflection and meditation.

CONFESSION AND GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and 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.

Congregation: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Pastor: Now is the time of God's favor;

Congregation: **now is the day of salvation.**

Pastor: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

Congregation: **that the light of Your face may shine on us.**

Pastor: May Your justice shine like the sun;

Congregation: **and may the poor be lifted up.**

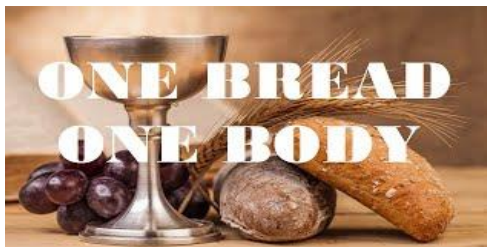
HYMN OF PREPARATION "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

LSB 423

For this and all subsequent hymns, please see PowerPoint slides or the hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty Father, whose Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**



OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 24:3-11* (The covenant with Israel confirmed.)

³ Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴ And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶ And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." ⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹ And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *1 Corinthians 10:16-17* (The Lord's Supper.)

¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR "Remember Me" (*Words & Music by Gene Grier and Lowell Everson*)

GOSPEL READING Mark 14:12-25 (*The New Covenant ratified in the Lord's Supper.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.
Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹² And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³ And He sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is My guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ And when it was evening, He came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me, one who is eating with Me." ¹⁹ They began to be sorrowful and to say to Him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰ He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with Me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

²² And as they were eating, He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is My body." ²³ And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "When You Woke that Thursday Morning"

LSB 445

MEDITATION

Notes:

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What is participating in the Lord's Supper like for you?

When, in life, do you feel the Lord's presence more deeply when you commune?

At the Table of the Lord we receive the precious forgiveness for our sins. What else do you hope to receive at the Lord's Table?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Prepare yourself for receiving Holy Communion on one of the upcoming Sundays. Read John 13:1-17. Imagine yourself there at Table with Jesus. What are your feelings and thoughts? How does it feel to have Jesus wash your feet? How does it feel to partake of the bread and drink the cup knowing your own betrayals? Confess your sins, and then run to the Table of His grace.

Prepare for Holy Communion on one of the upcoming Sundays by reviewing the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal. Then, again, run to the Lord's Table of grace for the gift that awaits!

PETITIONS AND PRAISES OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. And so we pray: Your perfect love, O Lord, has borne our sin and delivered us from death. Give to us the grace of Your forgiveness so that we may enjoy the blessing of a clear conscience and serve You without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus, Your love has gathered the lonely and lost and created the Church, where sinners may come and find a place at Your table of grace and mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus, Your love supports the wounded in body and spirit, and Your grace sustains the sick and suffering. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus, Your love welcomes the brokenhearted and binds up those who are crushed in spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus, Your love has promised to hear our prayer and to answer us with all that is good and right and true. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus, Your love sets a table before us in the presence of our enemies to receive the food and drink of Your body and blood.

Congregation: Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.

Sharing of God's peace.



OFFERTORY “Kindness” (*Words & Music by Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio & Jesses Reeves*
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*Chorus: It’s Your kindness, Lord, that leads us to repentance,
 Your favor, Lord, is our desire,
 And it’s Your beauty, Lord, that makes us stand in silence,
 And Your love, Your love is better than life.*

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor:	The Lord be with you.	<i>2 Timothy 4:22</i>
Congregation:	And also with you.	
Pastor:	Lift up your hearts.	<i>[Colossians 3:1]</i>
Congregation:	We lift them to the Lord.	
Pastor:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	<i>[Psalm 136]</i>
Congregation:	It is right to give Him thanks and praise.	

EXHORTATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: “I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents his body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that he showed us when he saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death and hell by his blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, his body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in his name, according to his command, and with his own words administer and receive the Testament.”

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Please see PowerPoint slides or the back of the hymnal.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Precious Jesus" (Words & Music by Steve Hindalong © 2000 New Spring)

I remember You, precious Jesus, I remember You.

Healer of my heart, Lover of my soul.

On Your sacred head, a crown of thorns pressed on Your sacred head.

*Chorus: Mighty King of the universe, merciful Lamb,
For my sin you suffered and bled.
Still, Father forgive them, they don't understand;
Sweet Savior I heard what You said.*

I remember You, precious Jesus, I remember You.

Healer of my heart, Lover of my soul.

Bridge: Solo

*Bridge 2: Risen from the grave, Christ immortal, risen from the grave.
At Jerusalem's gate how You wept for the lost, even as palm
branches waved.
Then You proved how You loved us on Calvary's cross, and rose up
on the third day, so that all who believed might be saved.*

And we remember You, precious Jesus, we remember You.

And Jesus, we love You, precious Jesus, Jesus we love You.

And Jesus, we love You, precious Jesus, Jesus we love You.

Healer of our hearts. Lover of our souls.



DISTRIBUTION

For those desiring to receive the LORD’S SUPPER today, please refer to the laminated card in the pew racks. Those not receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head to receive a blessing.

At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.

All who are communing are encouraged to review the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the Questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

Congregation: His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

GOSPEL READING Mark 14:26-31 *(The final journey to the Cross begins.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷ And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’” ²⁸ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

²⁹ Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” ³⁰ And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” ³¹ But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And they all said the same.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR “Jesus Went to the Garden” (Words and Music by Steve Hindalong and Marc Byrd © 2003 Never Say Never Songs | New Spring | Meaux Mercy)

At this time, the altar is stripped and the chancel is cleared in preparation for Good Friday. The congregation is invited to meditate on Psalm 22.

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.
- ³ Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴ In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵ To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- ⁷ All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- ⁸ “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”
- ⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
- ¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- ¹¹ Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

¹² Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
¹³ they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—
¹⁷ I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me;
¹⁸ they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!
²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

²² I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

- ²⁴ For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.
- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- ²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.
- ²⁸ For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.
- ³⁰ Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- ³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.



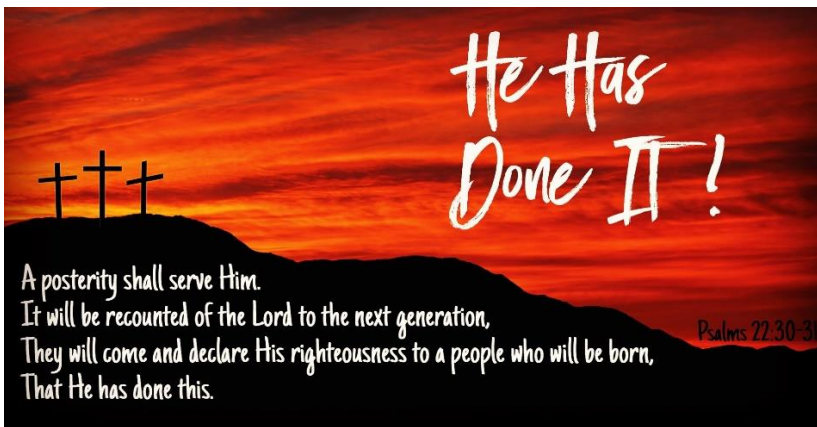
CLOSING ADMONITIONS Mark 14:41-42

⁴¹ And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

DEPARTING HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

LSB 436

As this service is continued with our Good Friday services tomorrow at Noon & 7:00 p.m., the Benediction is omitted. Having tasted of Jesus’ gifts “for you,” we now journey to The Cross, to behold our Savior and our Life.



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