Trinity Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement

To grow in faith in the Triune God, we teach and study God's Word, receive the sacraments and serve as a joyful witness to believers a

Regarding Communion

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our service this morning. Scripture indicates that, in Holy Communion:

- Christ gives us his true body and blood with the bread and wine, which believers eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29; John 6:51-58; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-25).
- Those who commune without repentance and faith can do so to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-32).
- By communing, we profess unity in our beliefs with the people communing with us (1 Corinthians 10:16-18).

At this congregation, therefore, all who commune are to examine themselves in repentance. Those not yet baptized and instructed in the Christian faith, or who do not share the beliefs of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked not to commune and to speak to the pastor about receiving instruction. Any who desire may receive a blessing instead of Communion by coming forward and crossing their arms on their chest. Thank you.

De-alcoholized wine is offered at communion in the center circle of the individual cups.

Please sign the <u>red record book</u> found in your pew. If you plan to take communion, mark "communion"

Hymns and content are from the Lutheran Service Book

Vespers Service

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3)

Opening Versicles

- The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
- C Amen.
- **P** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
- to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
- **P** to herald Your love in the morning,
- **C** Your truth at the close of the day.

Psalm 51

Selected Verses

- Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
- according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- **P** ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
- **C** and cleanse me from my sin!
- **P** ³For I know my transgressions,
- **C** and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
- so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
- Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
- and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
- wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- **P** ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- and renew a right spirit within me.

- P ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, \mathbf{C} and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- P ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, \mathbf{C}
- and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- \mathbf{P} ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
- \mathbf{C} a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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.

Prayer

- P O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that. being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen.

Readings

First Reading

1 Peter 1:15-17

¹⁵But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written,

"You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile.

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

Passion Reading

Mark 14:1-25

¹It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, ²for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people."

³And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. 8She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

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?" ¹³And 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, ¹⁴and 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?' ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And 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." ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For 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."

²²And 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." ²³And he took a

cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, 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."

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

Hymn #507 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
 - Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee.

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

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Sermon

Offering

E-giving is also available on our website trinityluthernanchurchparkhills.com

Versicles

- P Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- **C** listen to my cry.
- **P** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
- **C** hide me in the shadow of Your wings.
- **P** In righteousness I shall see You;
- when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

Prayer

Special Prayers

- Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

P Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

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

- P The grace of our Lord → Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.

Closing Hymn #704 "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

1 Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright, Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face.

- 2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.
- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word. Let what You will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.
- 4 Grant that I only You may love And seek those things which are above Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.

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Announcements

- **P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God

Postlude (We exit to Witness)

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