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welcome to trinity

We're glad you are here! You've come to a place where you can experience a real God with real grace for your real life, a place where you can connect with our Savior and His people! If you're a guest with us today, we consider it a privilege to have you with us and hope you'll come again. Please share your name with us by signing the Connect Card in the Trinity Today in your bulletin. Please include your address, phone number, and email. If you have any questions about the service or need assistance with anything, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers for help!

DEAR PARENTS: Out of all the responsibilities parents have in raising their children, leading them to know and connect with Jesus is the most important. We know it can sometimes be a challenge, but we commend and thank you for what you do when you bring your kids to church. Your family—with all its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy—aren't just tolerated, but you're a vital part of the community gathered in worship. Normally, we have "busy" bags for younger children and a staffed nursery for children ages 4 and under. Right now, in order to prevent the spread of germs and maintain the health of your children, we are not offering the bags, and the nursery remains unstaffed for the time being.

WIRELESS HEARING ASSIST HEADSETS are available in the back of the sanctuary so that you can hear better during worship. Feel free to ask an usher for one at any time.

FREE PARKING: Everyone is welcome to park on Sunday morning, free of charge, in the Central Parking Lot (directly across Washington Avenue from Trinity's Campus).



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THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR (HOLY COMMUNION)

In Holy Communion (Lord's Supper), we believe and joyfully confess that, as Jesus Himself says, He gives us His true body and blood to eat and drink with the bread and wine! We call this the "Real Presence." Jesus gives this gift of Himself to us to forgive our sins, strengthen our faith and our union with Him, and strengthen our unity with one another as His Church (*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17*). Our Lord invites to His table baptized Christians who trust in Him alone for forgiveness and salvation, who trust His Words that He is present and offering forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament, who repent of all sin, who forgive others as He forgives us, and who are able to "examine" themselves (*1 Corinthians 11:28*) regarding these things.

As we share in Christ's body and blood together, the Bible says we also confess the Gospel and our unity in it (*1 Corinthians 11:26*). Because of this, we practice "Close Communion." This means that those who commune together do so with the intent of being united in the faith we confess and in our life together. We want all to partake of the Lord's Supper. Because we desire everyone who communes at Trinity to do so in the unity that our Lord intends and to receive the fullness of the gifts He offers (*1 Corinthians 11:27-30*), we lovingly ask any who have not yet been instructed in the faith of Scripture, who have doubts about the church's teachings, or who have united themselves in membership to a church that is not in fellowship with the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod to first speak with the pastor about communing.

If you are a Christian but are not receiving Communion, we invite and welcome you to the Lord's altar for a blessing. Please cross your arms to indicate you have come for a blessing.

We offer both individual and common cup. If you are unable to come to the front easily, please let the pastor or one of the ushers know. The pastor will bring the Sacrament to you at your seat. We encourage parents to bring your non-communing children for a blessing.

COVID-19 Precautions We Have in Place – For those vaccinated, wearing a mask is optional. For those not vaccinated, it is highly recommended when entering and exiting the building and during singing. Please maintain social distance of at least 6 feet; please don't sit in pews that are roped off. Please take your worship bulletins with you when you leave. Wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer regularly.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome and Announcements

Please note that during portions of the service where there are responsive speaking parts, P=Pastor, A=Assistant, and C=Congregation.

LSB = Lutheran Service Book (burgundy hymnal)

As We Gather

Today we consider why we follow Jesus. In the Gospel, we see many people stop following Jesus because His words offend them. When Jesus asks the disciples if they want to stop following Him as well, Peter answers, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Not only does Jesus have the words of eternal life, but He also gives us the food of eternal life—His body and blood. As we gather for worship, we gather around God’s Word and God’s Meal—the Lord’s Supper.

✠ Preparation ✠

Prelude

Please stand

Opening Hymn *Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens* *LSB 589*

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Invocation comes from the Latin “to call upon.” The words “In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” are spoken at the beginning of the service and remind us of our baptism.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

C Insight is knowing the holy one and seeking justice.

P The way of the Lord leads to eternal life.

C The way of the world leads only to death.

P Through His death and resurrection, Jesus opens the way of eternal life.

C Jesus has given us the words of eternal life.

P Jesus gives us the food of eternal life, His body and blood.

C Come, let us listen to His words, walk His way, and delight in His food.

Confession and Absolution

P Though Jesus has come down from the heavens as the bread of life for us, we sometimes listen to other people's words. We sometimes choose to follow those who do not follow Jesus. We sometimes delight in earthly pleasures rather than the daily bread God has given us. Yet, our heavenly Father calls us back to Him, for His way is a way of forgiveness.

P Heavenly Father,

C we have lived according to our own wisdom and desires. We have ignored Your words and wisdom. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us on the way of resurrection and eternal life, on account of Jesus. Amen.

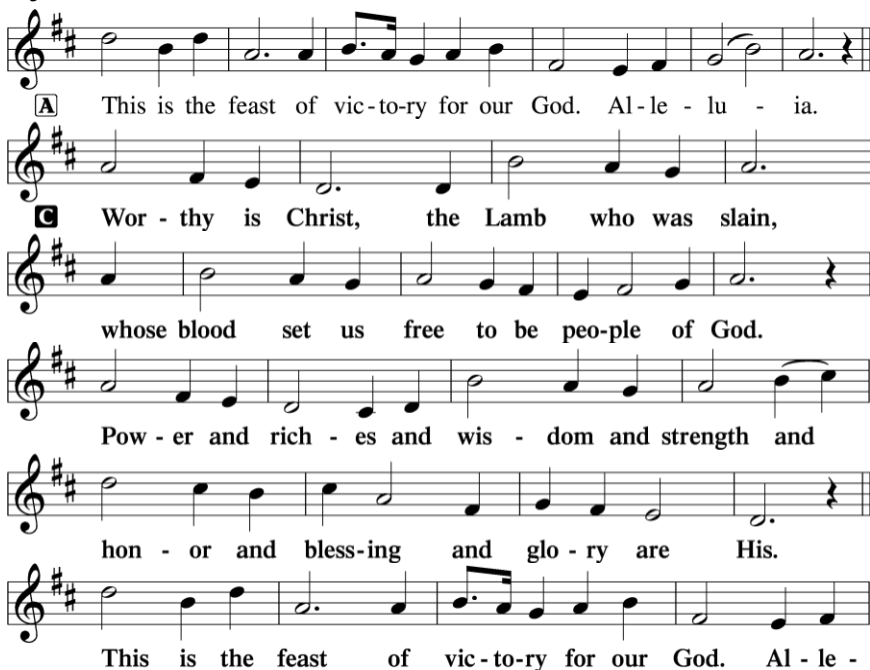
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. Jesus, the living bread from heaven, has given His body and shed His blood so that you would be forgiven and have eternal life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. We are forgiven. We have eternal life with Christ. Amen.

✝ Service of the Word ✝

Hymn of Praise ~ *This is the Feast*

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and
hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Collect is a brief prayer that is connected to a theme in the Scripture readings for the day.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the living bread come down from heaven to give us life eternal. Strengthen us as we follow Your wisdom, Your way, and Your Word, that we remain steadfast in the true faith until Your glorious return; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 9:1–10

¹*Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.*

²*She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.*

³*She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town,*

⁴*“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”*

To him who lacks sense she says,

⁵*“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.*

⁶*Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”*

⁷*Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.*

⁸*Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.*

⁹*Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.*

¹⁰*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:6–21

⁶*Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”*

¹⁵*Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The Verse is a portion, or portions, of scripture sung or spoken before the Holy Gospel, usually with "Alleluias" at the beginning and end.

P Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

C You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 6:51–69

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵¹[Jesus said:] *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."*

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, *"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"* ⁵³So Jesus said to them, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."*

⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, *"This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?"* ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, *"Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe."* (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, *"This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."*

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, *"Do you want to go away as well?"*

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* LSB 655

Sermon

Rev. Michael Croom

Please stand

Nicene Creed

This is one of the Christian Church's ancient statements of faith, dating all the way back to the 4th Century A.D. The faith we confess in the Creed connects us to one another and Christians past and present.

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✙ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

Lord Jesus Christ, You descend from the heavens to feed Your people with the food of eternal life. As we follow You, help us to feed others both with earthly food and with heavenly food. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

C let me with holy food be fed.

P Lord, we bring before You all those who have stopped following You. We pray that You would soften their hearts and give us wisdom to share Your words of eternal life so that they might follow You again. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

C let me with holy food be fed.

P Lord, Your ways are not our ways. Your thoughts are not our thoughts. Help us not to seek our own way but to seek Your way and Your wisdom. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

C let me with holy food be fed.

P Lord, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions. Break their bondage and lead them to get the help they need. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

C let me with holy food be fed.

P Lord, aid all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they bring Your Word to Your people so that more and more people follow Your way. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

C let me with holy food be fed.

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, *[especially . . .]*. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

C let me with holy food be fed.

P Lord Jesus, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guiding, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Tithes and Offerings

At this time, we are not passing the offering plate to receive tithes and offerings. There is an offering plate on each side at the front of the sanctuary. You may bring your offering before or after service or at the time of Communion.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to read the statement regarding the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion) on page two of this bulletin and in Spanish on page fourteen.

Preface and Proper Preface

The Preface and Proper Preface are the opening words to the Communion portion of the service. They express greeting in the Lord and great thanksgiving and praise to God.

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the living bread that came down from heaven to bring us eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus ~Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

The Sanctus is Latin for "holy." It is a hymn of praise.

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

P 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.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

Pax Domini ~ "The Peace of the Lord"

John 20:19

Pax Domini is Latin for "the peace of the Lord."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ "Lamb of God"

John 1:29

Agnus Dei is Latin for "Lamb of God," the words used by John the Baptist to describe Jesus as the sacrifice for our sins.

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



Please be seated

Communion Distribution

Distribution Hymns

What Is This Bread LSB 629

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread LSB 625

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table LSB 618

O God, My Faithful God LSB 696

Please stand

Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You sent Your Son to be the living bread from heaven. As we have feasted upon His body and blood for our forgiveness, strengthen us to continually follow Him and hear His Word; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The Benediction is a blessing from the Lord, spoken by the pastor at the end of the service.

P 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.

Closing Hymn

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578

The Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

✠ **Go in Peace, Serve the Lord** ✠

*The altar flowers for today are given by Mark and Pam Olson to the
glory of God and in honor of their wedding anniversary on
August 17th*

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EL SACRAMENTO DEL ALTAR (SANTA COMUNIÓN)

Amorosamente le invitamos, a que hablen primero con el pastor acerca de la comunión antes de pasar. Si deseas recibir la bendición puedes pasar con tus brazos cruzados sobre el pecho en señal de bendición, es una alegría para nosotros compartir la bendición contigo e invitarte a estudiar para participar de este don celestial.

En la Santa Cena (Cena del Señor), creemos y confesamos con alegría que, como Jesús mismo dice, ¡Él nos da Su verdadero cuerpo y sangre para comer y beber con el pan y el vino! Llamamos a esto la "Presencia Real." Jesús nos da este don de sí mismo para perdonar nuestros pecados, fortalecer nuestra fe y nuestra unión con Él, y fortalecer nuestra unidad unos con otros como Su Iglesia (*Mateo 26:26-28; Marcos 14:22-24; Lucas 22:19-20; 1 Corintios 11:17-34; 1 Corintios 10:16-17*). Nuestro Señor invita a Su mesa a los cristianos bautizados que confían sólo en Él para el perdón y la salvación, que confían en Sus Palabras, que Él está presente y ofrece perdón y gracia en el Sacramento, que se arrepienten de todo pecado, que perdonan a los demás como Él nos perdona, y que son capaces de "examinarse" ellos mismos (*1 Corintios 11:28*) con respecto a estas cosas.

Al compartir el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo juntos, la Biblia dice que también confesamos el Evangelio y nuestra unidad en él (*1 Corintios 11:26*). Debido a esto, practicamos la "Comunión Cerrada." Esto significa que aquellos que comulgan juntos lo hacen con la intención de estar unidos en la fe que confesamos y en nuestra vida, juntos. Queremos que todos compartamos de la Cena del Señor. Porque deseamos que todos los que comulgan en la iglesia Trinity lo hagan en la unidad que nuestro Señor enseña y reciban la plenitud de los dones que Él ofrece (*1 Corintios 11:27-30*), amorosamente le pedimos a cualquiera que aún no ha sido instruido en la fe de las Escrituras, que tiene dudas sobre las enseñanzas de la iglesia, o que tiene su membresía en una iglesia que no está en comunión con la Iglesia Luterana-Sínodo de Missouri LCMS, que hable primero con el pastor acerca de la comunión.

Ofrecemos tanto copa común como copas individuales. Si usted es cristiano pero no está recibiendo la Comunión, lo invitamos y le damos la bienvenida al altar del Señor para una bendición. Por favor, crucen los brazos sobre su pecho para indicar que han venido para una bendición.

Actualmente, sólo ofrecemos una copa individual. Si no puede ir hasta el frente fácilmente, por favor hágaselo saber al pastor o a uno de los ujieres. El pastor les traerá el Sacramento a usted en su asiento. Animamos a los padres a traer a sus hijos no comulgantes para una bendición.

Precauciones de COVID-19 que hemos implementado: Para los vacunados, el uso de una mascarilla es opcional. Para los que no están vacunados, es muy recomendable al entrar y salir del edificio hasta el momento de sentarse y para cantar. Mantenga una distancia social de al menos 6 pies; por favor, no se siente en los bancos acordonados. Por favor lleve sus boletines de adoración cuando se vaya. Lávese las manos y / o use desinfectante para manos con regularidad.