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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 for life 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 is a vital part of our community gathered in worship. If you need it, we have "busy" bags to help keep your young children occupied during the service. The bags are located near both entrances to the sanctuary. We also have a staffed nursery for children *ages 4 and under* if there is a need to take your child out of the sanctuary. It is located on the front left-hand side of the sanctuary.

WIRELESS HEARING ASSIST HEADSETS are available in the back of the sanctuary if you need assistance with hearing 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 Best Park Parking Lot (directly across Washington Avenue from Trinity's Campus).



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Our mission: Connecting people to Christ for life.

Our vision: experience : connect : reflect

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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 everyone 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 anyone who is not currently a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS), yet desires to receive the Sacrament, to first speak with the pastor about communing. Pastor Croom would love to talk to you about receiving our Lord's true body and blood with us!

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.

For Good Health – We ask everyone to please observe social distancing in accordance with your own comfort level as well as that of the people around you. Please wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer regularly. Hand sanitizer is located on each side of the sanctuary in the center windows and on the first pew in the transept.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service, Setting Four

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

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

LSB = Lutheran Service Book (burgundy hymnal)

Prelude

Please stand

Opening Hymn *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

LSB 803

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.

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Confession and Absolution

We confess our sins in accordance with our Lord’s command and promise to forgive, especially in 1 John 1:8-9. The pastor forgives, or absolves, the sins of the penitent in Christ’s stead and in faithfulness to His command in John 20:19-23 and also His gifting the absolving of sins to the church (Matthew 16:19), to be carried out by His called shepherds.



L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

L If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Psalms 130:3-4

L Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, 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.

[Luke 18:13]

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

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Psalm

Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 5a

L ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

L ¹The LORD is my shepherd;

C I shall not want.

L ²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

C He leads me beside still waters.

L ³He restores my soul.

C He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

L ¹⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

C I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

L ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

L Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

C As it was in the beginning it is now and will be forever.

L ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



The Kyrie is Greek for "Kyrie eleison" which means "Lord, have mercy".



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise ~ Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



The Gloria in Excelsis is Latin for “glory in the highest,” words joyfully spoken by angels at the announcement of Jesus’ birth.



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. “A - men!” our glad re - ply.

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.

L The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

L Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

“On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,

of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

*⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.*

*⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.*

*⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”*

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand



Alleluia and Verse

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



John 20:31



Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into

the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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. As with the other two Creeds (Apostles' and Athanasian), the Nicene Creed was written to combat false teachings about God, especially Christ and the denial that He was God from eternity. In this confession, we confess the core teachings of Scripture about God and His relationship with us and work for us. 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.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Samuel Granado

Hymn of the Day *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*

LSB 458 (verses 1-4, 6)

Sermon

Stacy Johnson (Head Elder At Trinity)



Please stand

Sharing of the Peace

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3



L Peace be with you.

C And also with you.

 *For those who are comfortable participating, we greet one another in the name of the Lord saying, “Peace be with you,” or “The peace of the Lord be with you,” as a testimony to our oneness in Christ.* 

Please be seated

Giving of Tithes and Offerings



 *In faithfulness to our Lord’s command and urging in both Old and New Testaments, we return to Him our firstfruits in the tithes and offerings we bring in support of His ministry and mission to grow as disciples in our faith and to make more disciples.* 

*A Stewardship thought from LCMS: **Matthew 22:5** – “**But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.**” The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think that there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God’s invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world’s bowl of pottage?*

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

 *In accordance with the Lord’s urging His Church to pray for all people in 1 Timothy 2:1-4, the Prayer of the Church includes petitions for a variety of people and their needs, including our own. The congregation actively participates in the prayer with the plea, “Lord, hear our prayer” or “Lord, have mercy,” asking that He grant these petitions we pray to Him.* 

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

Heavenly King, Your Son, Jesus Christ, purchased the Church with His precious blood. Preserve her in the pure teaching of Your Word, in the right use of the Sacraments, and in the unity of the faith.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Heavenly King, You send out Your invitation that all who believe in Your Son should take their seats at His feast. By the proclamation of Your Church, gather many, however evil they may be, to repent and fill Your eternal banquet hall. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Heavenly King, bless all families and the homes in which our people dwell. Grant grace to husbands and wives, that they may fulfill their

vocations to one another and to their children. Grant also that, as a family, they may faithfully teach and learn the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Heavenly King, keep the coming of Your Son always at the forefront of heart and mind, that subject for His sake to the fleeting powers of this world, we may live in continual godliness and the peace that passes all understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Heavenly King for whom we wait, You promise to wipe away the tears from all faces. Bless [...] all who weep here, that at the last they may be comforted, restored and received into the banquet of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Heavenly King, give us such joy in pursuing what is true, just, pure and worthy of praise that, spurning the temptations of this world, we would suffer no anxiety. Let our trust be placed fully in Christ and let our hope rest in the life of the world to come; 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.

Lord's Prayer

L Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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

[Psalm 103:1]



Benedicamus is Latin for "bless we [the Lord]."

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

 *The Benediction is a blessing from the Lord, usually spoken by the pastor at the end of the service. This is not just “a hope” for you or wishful thinking, but a sure blessing given by God in Numbers 6:24-26 to be declared by His appointed ministers.* 

- L** The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*

LSB 680

The Dismissal

- L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

✠ **Go in Peace, Serve the Lord** ✠

Readings for Sunday, October 22, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1–7

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15–22

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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 actualmente no es un miembro de una congregación de la Iglesia Luterana-Sínodo de Missouri (LCMS), que hable primero con el pastor acerca de la comunión. ¡Al Pastor Croom le encantaría hablar con usted acerca de recibir el cuerpo y la sangre de nuestro Señor con nosotros!

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.

Para Una Buena Salud - les pedimos a todos que mantengan distanciamiento social de acuerdo con su propio nivel de comodidad y el de las personas que lo rodean. Lávese las manos y/o use desinfectante para manos regularmente. gel antibacterial de manos se encuentra a cada lado del santuario en las ventanas centrales y en el primer banco en el transepto.