


THE DIVINE SERVICE: RITE ONE

[Based on pp. 41–59 in the black
hymnal—the Evangelical
Lutheran Hymnary (ELH)]

PART 1: THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

 We prepare ourselves for worshiping God by acknowledging our unworthiness to stand before Him, and by receiving His forgiveness through absolution (forgiveness).

Call to Worship · Epiphany 1

[Isaiah 6:1; Revelation 19:6 (EHV)]

ASTOR: *Today we pray to the God who shows His humanity through His life and His glory through His miracles. Even as a young boy, Jesus loved God's Word above all else. May He strengthen us to make God's Word and worship the top priority for our families today.*

"I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted.

CONGREGATION: **And I heard the roar of a large crowd saying: 'Alleluia! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.'"**

First Hymn · "Within My Father's House"

[ELH 185]

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| 1. Within the Father's house
The Son has found His home,
And to His Temple suddenly
The Lord of Life has come. | 2. The teachers of the Law
Gaze on the wondrous Child
And marvel at His gracious words
Of wisdom undefiled. |
| 3. Till we behold Your face
And know as we are known
You, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Co-equal Three in One. | |

-Stand-

Confession of Sin

[ELH p 41, all]

1 *Let us confess our sins to God and pray:*

We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word and deed. In Your perfect justice, You should reject and condemn us for all eternity.

2 **Therefore we come before You with sorrowful hearts, dreading Your holy justice and terrorized by everlasting death. Our sins are a great enemy and we should hate them in every way as long as we live.**

3 *But merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we run to You—our infinitely merciful God—for refuge. We pray to You for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. We beg You, dearest Father, to forgive our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts so we are fully assured of Your grace.*

4 **We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Prayer for Mercy ~ Kyrie Eleison

[Mark 10:47 • ELH p. 42]

1 O God the Fa-ther in heav - en, have mer-cy up-on us.

2 O God the Son, Re - deem-er of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

3 O God the Ho-ly Ghost, true Com-fort-er, have mer-cy up-on us.

Forgiveness of Sin ~ Absolution

[Mt 11:28; John 3:16; Mark 16:16 (EHV)]

☞ Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:

He says, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life." Indeed, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PART 2: THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

After receiving the forgiveness of sins, we thank God by singing His praises and praying to Him. He then increases our faith through His holy Word which we hear through the Lessons and the Psalms, and especially through the Sermon where God's Word is applied to our lives today.

Song of Praise ~ Gloria

[Luke 2:14, John 1:29 • text: ELH 35, alt. • tune: CW 69]

☞ All glo - ry be to God on high Who has our world be - friend - ed!
 To us no harm shall now come by, The strife at last is end - ed.
 God shows His grac - ious will to men, And peace shall dwell on
 earth a - gain. O thank Him for His good - ness!

Blessing of People and Pastor ~ Salutation

[Ruth 2:4, 2 Tim 4:22]

☞ *The Lord be with you.*

☞ **And with your spirit as you minister to us.**

☞ *Let us pray:*

Prayer of the Day • Epiphany 1

☞ *Lord God, heavenly Father, in mercy You have established the Christian home among us. We ask You to rule and direct our hearts so that we may be good examples to children and others with whom we have a family relationship. May we and not offend them by word or deed, but faithfully teach them to love Your Church and hear Your blessed Word above all other earthly priorities.*

☞ **We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our living Lord, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.**

-Be seated-

Lesson • Romans 12:1–5

Making worship our highest priority goes against “the pattern of this world.” To truly offer our bodies “as a living sacrifice,” we need to humble ourselves before the world and take our place as part of the “one body of Christ.”

I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. ²Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

³So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. ⁴For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. ⁵In the same way, though we are many,

we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. (EHV)

☞ *This is the Word of our Lord.*

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel Acclamation • Psalm 100:1–2 (EHV)

☞ *Alleluia! Alleluia! Shout to the LORD with joy, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness. Alleluia!*



Gospel • Luke 2:41–52



The holy family traveled to Jerusalem for Jesus' *bar mitzvah*—the equivalent of Confirmation. Jesus shows that God's Word and worship are His top priority.


Every year his parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. ⁴¹When he was twelve years old, they went up according to the custom of the Festival. ⁴²When the days had ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it. ⁴³Since they thought he was in their group, they went a day's journey. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁴When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

⁴⁵After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁶And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁷When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us this way? See, your father and I have been anxiously looking for you."

⁴⁸He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be taking care of my Father's business?" ⁴⁹They did not understand what he was telling them.

⁵⁰He went down with them and came to Nazareth. He was always obedient to them.

And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people. (EHV)

 *This is the Gospel of our Lord.*



 **God be prais-ed for His glad ti - dings.**

-Be seated-

Hymn • My Faith Looks Up to Thee

[ELH 184]

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| <p>1. My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!</p> | <p>2. May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!</p> |
| <p>3. While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide.
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.</p> | |

Sermon • Luke 2:41-52

Find Jesus

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Confession of Faith ~ Nicene Creed

[ELH p. 47]

☞ Having heard the Word of God, we confess our holy faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:

☞ 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall 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 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.

Reception of Offerings and Prayer



Offerings are brought by those who are thankful to God for saving them through Jesus. Before the service starts we collect the offering in the designated areas in the entryway and Gathering Room.

For those who wish to give digitally, please use the link to our PayPal account to the left, or consult our Church Website: www.trinityels.org

Prayer of the Church

☞ Heavenly Father, may Your will be done in this world.

☞ May the governments You have established run well for the benefit of Your people.

☞ May Your pure Word which is taught by Your holy Church be preserved in every place.

☞ May many more people enter into Your kingdom by faith.

☞ *Keep us, who are gathered here, in the true faith.*

☞ **As You re-created us in our Baptisms, we pray that You continue to enlighten us through Your Word, and strengthen us through Your holy Supper.**

☞ *[Special prayers may be added here]*

☞ *Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions:*

-A few moments of silence for personal prayers-

☞ *We ask this all in the name of Jesus Christ.*

☞ **Amen.**

PART 3: THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION



Following Christ's command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.




FOR OUR GUESTS: Please note that Holy Trinity practices "Close Communion" (or "Membership Communion"). This means we only Commune with people who believe and teach the same doctrine which we do (ELS or WELS). This is necessary because Christ commands us to be unified as a congregation (Ephesians 4:3; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17). He warns that—much like abusing a powerful medicine—those who improperly receive Holy Communion receive Divine judgment rather than blessing (1 Corinthians 11:27, 29). And, contrary to the way many congregations practice today, "Close Communion" is the ancient practice of the Christian church (Acts 2:42). Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, please speak with the pastor BEFORE the service to find out how our "Close Communion" practice affects you.


Great Thanksgiving


[2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136]

☞ *The Lord be with you.*


☞ **And with your spirit.**

 *Lift up your hearts.*

 **We lift them up to the Lord.**

 *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

 **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

 *It is truly good and right... evermore singing Your praise:*

Song of Saints and Angels ~ Sanctus

[Is 6: 3, Mt 21:9 • text: Rev. Arden Mead • tune: CW 492]



 **Lo, the heav'n ly host re - joic-es: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"**



Lo, God's peo-ple join their voic-es: "God of hosts, by all a dored,




Heav'n and earth pro - claim Your glo - ry!" Blest is He who comes our King!



Let hos-an-nas spread the stor - y, Heaven's prais-es ech-o-ing.


Lord's Prayer

[Lk 11:2-4; Mt 6:9-13]

 **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.**

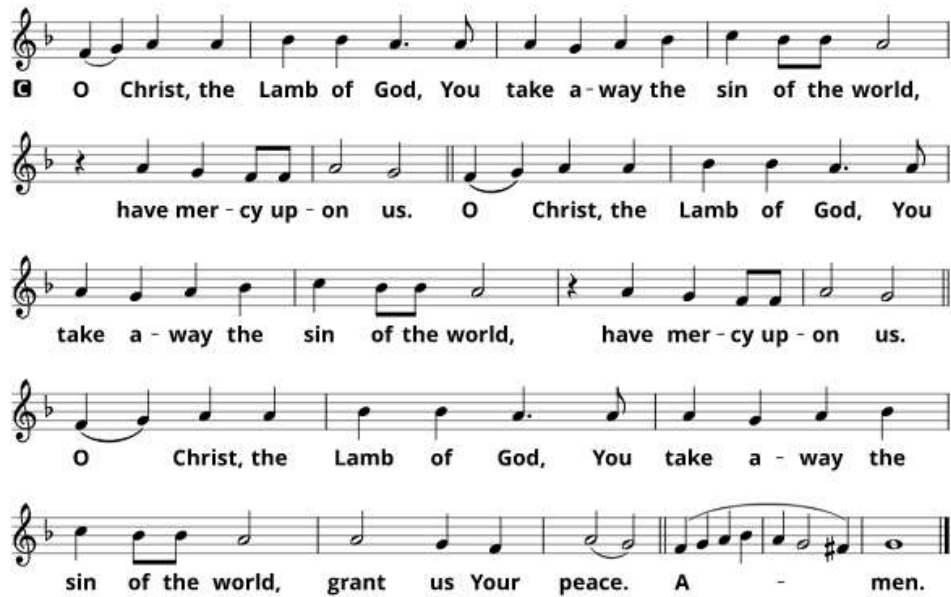
Words of Institution

[Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25;
Through these words, the presence of Our Lord's Body and Blood is effected in our midst.]

 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night... in remembrance of me.*

Song to the Lamb ~ Agnus Dei

[Jn 1:29 • ELH p. 55]



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world,
 have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You
 take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
 O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world, grant us Your peace. A - men.

-Be seated-

Distribution

[Communicants come forward at the direction of the ushers.
 During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn]

Hymn • "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

[ELH 313]

1. I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
 For weak and weary is my soul;
 Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
 To satisfy and make me whole.

(Refrain)
 Lord, may Thy body and Thy Blood
 Be for my soul the highest good!
2. O grant that I in manner worthy
 May now approach Thy heav'nly Board
 And, as I lowly bow before Thee,
 Look only unto Thee, O Lord. *(Ref)*
3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
 Because I have a sinful heart,
 Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
 For Thou my faithful Shepherd art. *(Ref)*

4. O let me loathe all sin forever
As death and poison to my soul,
That I through willful sinning never
May see Thy judgment take its toll!
(Refrain)
Lord, may Thy body and Thy Blood
Be for my soul the highest good!
5. Thy heart is filled with fervent
yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *(Ref)*
6. Weary am I and heavy laden,
With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *(Ref)*
7. Thou here wilt find a heart most lowly
That humbly falls before Thy feet,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely
Thy merit pleads, as it is meet. *(Ref)*
8. By faith I call Thy holy table
The testament of Thy deep love;
For, lo, thereby I now am able
To see how love Thy heart doth move. *(Ref)*
9. What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. *(Ref)*
10. This feast is manna, wealth abounding
Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r, To
angels joy, to hell confounding,
And life for me in death's dark hour. *(Ref)*
11. Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever,
By them my hungry soul is fed. *(Ref)*
12. With Thee, Lord, I am now united;
I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted
It finds its only joy in Thee. *(Ref)*
13. Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise. *(Ref)*
14. Though death may threaten with
disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer,
For He who is of death the Master
With aid and comfort e'er is near. *(Ref)*
15. My heart has now become Thy
dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall
live in joy eternally. *(Ref)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

[ELH p. 56, alt.]

☞ *Let us give thanks and pray:*

We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Supper. We pray that through it, You would mercifully strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another.

☞ **We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

God's Final Blessing ~ Benediction

[Num 6:24-26]

☞ *The Lord bless you and keep you... and give you peace ✝.*

☞ **Amen.**

Closing Hymn • "God Loves Me Dearly"

[ELH 175]

**1. God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.**

(Refrain)

**Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.**

**2. I was in slav'ry,
Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working
To make me free. (Refrain)**

**3. Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed. (Refrain)**

-Be seated-

Worship Notes

- Liturgist: Pastor Daniel J. Hartwig; Preacher: Vicar Erich Neumann
- Organist: Bob Klug
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