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Welcome to Worship!

	<p>To the friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the visitor we welcome you most sincerely; and to those seeking a church home we offer fellowship in Christ and the opportunity to actively join in sharing the Good News: Jesus Christ our Savior was born in Bethlehem, crucified on Calvary and risen from the grave for all people. Please sign our guest register.</p>
	<p>If you need to leave the service temporarily, the audio-video of the service is broadcast in the Gathering Room. A rest room is located in the hallway across from the elevator. As you exit the sanctuary turn to your left – go through the short hallway and turn right. The baby changer is located inside the restroom. Please note that the last four pews are reserved for parents with small children.</p>
	<p>Regarding standing for hymns or readings – At various times during the worship service the congregation is invited to stand. If this gets to be too difficult – please feel free to remain seated.</p>
	<p>We are a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body in fellowship with the WELS. We hold to the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of God and that we are justified before God by grace for the sake of Jesus Christ through faith.</p>
	<p>Trinity Lutheran Congregation supports a private Elementary School (Preschool through Grade 8). We teach all subjects from a Christian perspective as we prepare children for life in this world and the next. If you desire more information, please contact our Principal, Mr. Chris Avila, Email at chris.avila@trinityels.org ~ Cell Phone – 608-769-1979 or School Phone 262-675-6627.</p>
	<p>In order to maintain a reverent atmosphere for worship and praise, please make sure all cell phones and other electronic devices are put on "silent," or, better yet, turned off.</p>

Remember Your Offerings!

- Your offerings are important to YOU:
"Honor the LORD with your wealth" (Proverbs 3:9, EHV)
- Your offerings are important to GOD:
"Jesus responded, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one [else] found to return and give glory to God...?'" (Luke 17:17-18, EHV)
- Your offerings are important to the CHURCH:
"On the first day of every week, each of you is to set something aside in keeping with whatever he gains, saving it up at home, so that when I come, no collections will need to be carried out." (1 Corinthians 16:2, EHV)



LEAVE YOUR OFFERINGS IN THE COLLECTION AREAS IN THE ENTRYWAY OR GATHERING ROOM.

OR USE THE LINK ABOVE TO GIVE DIGITALLY. †

10:30 a.m. - Children's Anthem "This Little Light of Mine"

Call to Worship

[Jeremiah 29:11-12 (EHV)]

PASTOR: Today we pray for God to guard and defend us against our spiritual enemies in this world. Because we live under the authority of our earthly government, we pray that God gives us attitudes of love and peace when we disagree with our leaders and each other, and that He uses our government to keep society stable so we can freely spread His Word.

"I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, plans to give you peace, not disaster, plans to give you hope and a future.

CONGREGATION: Then you will call on me and come to pray to me, and I will listen to you."

First Hymn • Jeremiah 29:11-12

[text: Dr. Christoph Tietze • tune: ELH 347]

1. God pro-claims for all to hear, "Lis - ten to My wis - dom: I con - sid - er
 2. Lord, You fav - ored once Your land, Brought back Ja - cob's for - tunes And for - gave Your
 3. Glo - ry to the Tri - une God; Prais - es to the Fa - ther; Prais - es al - so

peace for you And not your af - flic - tion. When you call up - on My name,
 peo - ple's sins, Par - doned their trans - gres - sions. You with - drew from them Your wrath,
 to the Son, Who be - came our bro - ther; Sing the Ho - ly Spir - it's praise,

I will hear and help you. I will bring you home from lands Where your cap - tors held you."
 Turn - ing from Your an - ger. Now re - store us, sav - ing God; Let Your rage not lin - ger.
 Peace - ful dove, de - scend - ing; As at first it was, is now, And will be un - end - ing.

-Stand-

Confession of Sins and Forgiveness

[Ps 3:7, 143:11, 27:9, 51:15]

☞ In the Name of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we call on You, dear heavenly Father:

☞ Almighty Lord God, we stand in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word and to worship You with thanksgiving and prayer.

☞ Rise up, O Lord! Save me, my God!

☞ For the sake of Your name, O Lord, preserve my life.

☞ Do not hide Your face from me. You have been my help.

☞ Do not reject me or forsake me, O God who saves me.

☞ O Lord, open my lips:

☞ And my mouth will declare Your praise.

☞ Hear us as we pray, O Lord:

☞ Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life.

☞ Lift up your hearts! For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, God has had mercy upon you, forgiven you all your sin, and will bring those who believe in Him to everlasting life at the end.

Peace ☩ be with you.

Song of Praise

[text: ELH 66 • tune: ELH 32]



1. Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With an - gels round the throne.
 2. "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be ex - alt - ed thus."
 3. Let all cre - a - tion join in one To bless the sac - red name

Ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
 "Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, For He was slain for us.
 Of Him that sits up - on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

Prayer of the Day

☞ Let us pray:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You have given us a government which provides us with a climate of peace day by day. We pray that You strengthen us, as citizens, to not disturb this peace by rebellion or anger toward our government. We also pray that You use our government to keep our society and nation peaceful so that we may continue to freely spread the good news of sins forgiven through Jesus.

☞ 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-

First Lesson • Deuteronomy 10:12–20



Israel's leader, Moses, is getting ready to die. Before he does, he tells the people to remain faithful to the Lord by loving the aliens among them—the people with different ethnic backgrounds.

So now, Israel, what is the LORD your God asking of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart

and with all your soul, ¹³to keep the commandments of the LORD and his statutes that I am commanding you today for your own good.

¹⁴Indeed, the heavens and the heaven of heavens, the earth and everything that is on it—these belong to the LORD your God. ¹⁵Still, the LORD attached himself to your fathers, loved them, and he chose their descendants after them (that's you!) from all peoples, as it is today.

¹⁶So cut away the tough shell of your sinful nature, and do not be stubborn any longer.

¹⁷The LORD your God is God of Gods and Lord of Lords, the great God, the mighty one and the awesome one, who does not show favoritism and does not take a bribe. ¹⁸He carries out justice for the fatherless and widows. He loves the alien who dwells among you and gives him food and clothing. ¹⁹So you are to love the alien, because you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

²⁰Fear the LORD your God, serve him, cling to him, and take your oaths in his name. (EHV)

🔊 Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear:

[Matthew 13:43 (EHV)]

📖 The Word of the Lord.

Hymn • “How Can I Thank You, Lord”

[text: ELH 423 • tune: ELH 503]



1. How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your lov - ing - kind - ness, That You have pa - tient -

3. Lord, You have raised me up To joy and ex - ul - ta - tion, And led me on the

4. Grant that Your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways giv - en So I don't fall a -

ly Stayed with me in sin's blind - ness? When dead in man - y sins And

way That I may know sal - va - tion. My sins are washed a - way, For

gain And lose the way to heav - en; May He still give me strength In

tress pass - es I lay, I kin - dled, ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.

this I thank You, Lord; And with my heart and soul I trust Your ho - ly Word.

my in - firm - i - ty And e'er re - new my heart To serve You willing - ly.

Second Lesson • Philippians 3:17–21



St. Paul reminds us that we are really citizens of two separate countries: We live under our national government but we are also citizens of God's Church. Because we are citizens of heaven, our earthly citizenship will also reflect Christ's love.

Brothers, join together in imitating me and in paying attention to those who are walking according to the pattern we gave you. ¹⁸To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹By the power that enables him to subject all

things to himself, he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body. (EHV)

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[Matthew 13:43 (EHV)]

☞ The Word of the Lord.

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

[Psalm 115:11 (EHV)]

☞ Alleluia, alleluia. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD—he is their help and their shield.
Alleluia.



Gospel • Matthew 22:15–22



Emphasizing that we are citizens of two countries, Jesus tells us to obey both God and earthly government by giving each what it deserves.

The Pharisees went out and plotted together how to trap [Jesus] in his words. ¹⁶“They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are truthful and teach the way of God in accord with the truth. You are not concerned about gaining anyone’s approval because you are not swayed by appearances.” So tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸But Jesus knew their evil purpose and said, “Why are you testing me, hypocrites?

¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.”

They brought him a denarius.

²⁰He asked them, “Whose image and inscription is this?”

²¹“Caesar’s,” they replied to him.

Then he said to them, “Therefore give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to

God the things that are God's."

²²When they heard this, they were amazed. Then they left him and went away. (EHV)

 This is the Gospel of our Lord.



-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

[ELH 523]

1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow - ring o'er the wrecks of time.
 2. When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de - ceive, and fears an - noy,
 3. When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and love up - on my way,
 4. Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, By the Cross are sanc - ti - fied;

All the light of sa - cred sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 Nev - er shall the Cross for - sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 From the Cross the ra - diance stream - ing Adds more lust - er to the day.
 Peace is there that knows no meas - ure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Sermon • Matthew 22:15-22

Obedience to God and Country

1. To Country: _____ Hardships
2. To God: _____ Hardships
3. To Both: Service for _____

Apostles' Creed

[ELH37]

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

☞ I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting.
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 digital giving platform to the left, or consult our Church Website: www.trinityels.org

Prayer of the Church

☞ Everlasting and merciful God, we fervently ask You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

☞ To have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

☞ Look in mercy on Your church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments rightly administered.

☞ Grant faithful pastors to Your Church who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will.

☞ Send out workers into Your harvest and open the door of faith to all unbelievers. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant them repentance resulting in life.

☞ God, in the greatness of your mercy, answer us with the certainty of salvation from You.

- ☞ Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring every evil counsel and purpose to nothing.
- ☞ Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority.
- ☞ Equip them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we might live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity.
- ☞ Lord, hear and be merciful to us. Lord, be a helper for us.
- ☞ According to Your Promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the fatherless. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful. Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death.
- ☞ Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name.
- ☞ Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Grant us good and seasonable weather, and bless us with upright Christian wisdom in all that we do.
- ☞ O Lord, be with all in distress. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.
- ☞ We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought at a great price.
- ☞ Keep us all from offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love.
- ☞ Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table, give those who commune with You peace and life everlasting.
- ☞ Let all rejoice who take refuge in You. Let them sing for joy because You protect them.

-Special prayers may be added here-


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


-Silence for personal prayer-

- ☞ Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.
- ☞ Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!

Lord's Prayer

[Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4]

 Hear us as we pray:

 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.

-Be seated-

Hymn • "Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus"

[ELH 379]



1. Je - sus, Je - sus, on - ly Je - sus Can my heart - felt long - ing still.
 3. What to me may seem a trea - sure But dis - pleas - ing is to Thee--
 5. Je - sus, con - stant be my prais - es, For Thou un - to me did bring

Lo, I pledge my - self to Je - sus, What He wills a - lone to will,
 O re - move such harm - ful plea - sure; Give in - stead what prof - its me.
 Thine own self and all Thy grac - es That I joy - ful - ly may sing:

For my heart, which He has filled, Ev - er cries, "Lord, as Thou wilt."
 Let my heart by Thee be stilled; Make it Thine, Lord, as Thou wilt.
 Be it un - to me, my Shield, As Thou wilt, Lord, as Thou wilt.

-Stand-

Prayer of Thanksgiving

☞ Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, Lord God the Father, that You have given us Your only-begotten Son.

☞ Whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.

☞ We give thanks to You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have carried in Your sacred body all our sins.

☞ By Your blood You have blotted out all our transgressions.

☞ We give thanks to You, Lord the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith.

☞ Through You, we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

☞ O God, grant us Your grace to remain in this saving faith until we see You face to face in life eternal.

☞ We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

Final Blessing

[2 Cor 13:14]

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

☞ Amen.

Closing Hymn • “God of Mercy, God of Grace”

[ELH 582]

1. God of mer-cy, God of grace, Show the bright-ness of Your face.
 2. Let the peo-ple praise You, Lord! Earth shall then her fruits af-ford.

Shine up-on us, Sav-ior, shine; Fill Your Church with light di-vine,
 God to us His bless-ing give, We to God de-vot-ed live;

And Your sav-ing health ex-tend To the earth's re-mot-est end.
 All be-low and all a-bove One in joy and light and love.

-Be seated-

10:30 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten Anthem “This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine, Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine, Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine, Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

Don't let Satan [blow] it out! I'm going to let it shine, Don't let Satan [blow] it out! I'm going to let it shine, Don't let Satan [blow] it out! I'm going to let it shine, Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

All around the neighborhood, I'm going to let it shine, All around the neighborhood, I'm going to let it shine, All around the neighborhood, I'm going to let it shine, Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, Let it shine, all the time, let it shine