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Heaven's Eternal Joy



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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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 <a href="mailto:chris.avila@trinityels.org">chris.avila@trinityels.org</a> or Phone at School (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. ↑



**Late Service, Children's Anthem (grades 3-4) • "King of Kings"**

[p. 6-7]

**Call to Worship • Heaven's Eternal Joy**

[Isaiah 35:10 (EHV)]

**ASTOR:** Today we pray for God to keep His holy Church strong until He returns in glory at the end. Though we will be tempted to be so comfortable in this world that we do not properly prepare ourselves for the end, may we always keep our spiritual lamps full with the burning oil of God's Word and Sacraments so that we are ready when He comes to take us to heaven.

"Then those ransomed by the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with a joyful shout.

**ONGREGATION:** Everlasting joy will crown their heads. Happiness and joy will overtake them."

**Hymn • "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"**

[text: ELH 543 • tune: CWH 493]

1. Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers And let your lights ap - pear; The eve - ning is ad -  
 2. The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near; Go forth as He ap -  
 4. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear; A - rise, O Sun so

vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near. The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And  
 proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear. The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The  
 longed for, O'er this dark earth - ly sphere. With hearts and hands up - lift - ed We

soon is draw - ing nigh. Up, rise and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
 gates wide o - pen stand. A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bridegroom is at hand.  
 plead, O Lord, to see The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free.

-Stand-

**Confession of Sins**

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

☞ 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.

☞ 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.

☞ 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.

☞ 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]

The musical score is written for three staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). It includes a short 'Introduction' of four measures, followed by a four-measure rest, and then the lyrics 'O God the Fa-ther in heav-en, have mer-cy up-on us.' The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'O God the Son, Re-deem-er of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.' The third staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics 'O God the Ho-ly Ghost, true Com-fort-er, have mer-cy up-on us.' The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm.

## Forgiveness of Sin ~ Absolution

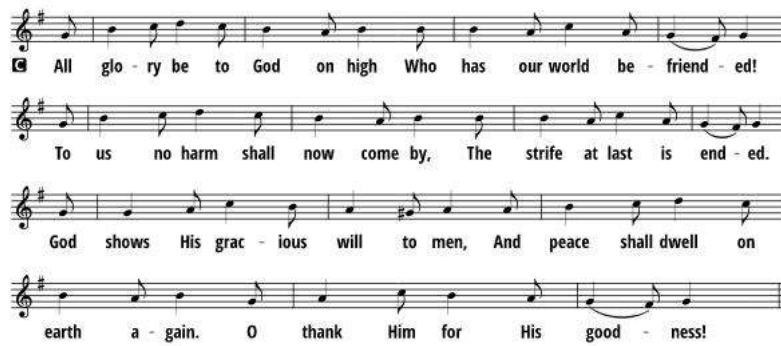
☒ Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:

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.

## 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!

## Prayer of the Day • Heaven's Eternal Joy

☒ Let us pray:

Lord God, heavenly Father, as we wait for the final coming of Your Son, make us carefully watch for it and prepare for it properly. Then when He arrives at the end, may we not be found sleeping, but ready to be taken into the wedding hall of heaven where we will be with You forever.

☒ 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 • 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11



While so many feel safe and secure in their earthly lives, the truth is that the end is coming. Paul tells us to be prepared for the end.

Concerning the times and dates, brothers, there is no need to write to you, <sup>2</sup>for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When people are saying, “Peace and security,” destruction will suddenly come on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will certainly not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you, brothers, are not in the dark so that this day takes you by surprise like a thief, <sup>5</sup>for you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and sober.

<sup>7</sup>To be sure, those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup>You see, God did not appoint us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup>He died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are also doing. (EHV)

Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear:

[Matthew 13:43 (EHV)]

The Word of the Lord.

### Early Service, Children's Anthem (Grades 3–4) • “King of Kings”

1. In the darkness we are waiting without hope, without light,  
 'Til from Heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes.  
 To fulfill the law and prophets To a virgin came the word  
 From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

REFRAIN: Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, three in one.  
 God of glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings.

2. To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost  
 to redeem the whole creation you did not despise the cross.  
 For even in your suffering you saw to the other side  
 knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake you died.

FINAL REFRAIN (with Congregation):



-Stand-

**Gospel Acclamation • Heaven's Eternal Joy**

[Revelation 21:2 (EHV)]

Alleluia, alleluia. I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Alleluia.

**Gospel • Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus gives us a reminder to be sober until the end. This is not an easy task in a world filled with so much sin, but He strengthens us through His Word.

[Jesus says:] <sup>1</sup>"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, 'No, there may not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later, the other virgins also came and said, 'Lord, Lord, let us in.' <sup>12</sup>But he answered, 'Amen I tell you: I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.'" (EHV)

This is the Gospel of our Lord.



Be seated

## Hymn • “Wake, Awake For Night is Flying”

[CW 206]

1. Wake, a-wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch-men on the heights are cry - ing,  
2. Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And all her heart with joy is spring-ing;

"A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es  
She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom, For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious,

And at the thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are all you vir - gins wise?  
The strong in grace, in truth vic - to - rious; Her Star is ris'n, her Light has come.

The Bride - groom comes— a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take! Al - le - lu - ia!  
"Now come, O Bless - ed One, Christ Je - sus, God's own Son. Hail! Ho - san - nah!

With bri - dal care Your - selves pre - pare To meet the Bridegroom who is near."  
The joy - ful call We an - swer all And fol - low to the wed - ding hall."

**Sermon • Matthew 25:1–13**

Don't Run on Empty

1. So You're Always \_\_\_\_\_

2. So You Let \_\_\_\_\_ Prepare You

-Stand-

**Confession of Faith ~ Nicene Creed**

☒ 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 digital giving platform to the left, or consult our Church Website: [www.trinityels.org](http://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 offered here-
- ☞ Hear us, Lord, as we give You our private petitions.
- Silence for private prayer-
- ☞ We ask this all in the name of Jesus Christ.
- ☞ Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer. Amen.

## PART 3: THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Questions and prayers for preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal pp. 38–40.

☞ FOR OUR GUESTS: Please note that 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, His people.
- ☞ And with your spirit as you minister to us.
- ☞ Lift up your hearts in joy.
- ☞ 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 ho-san - nas spread the stor - y, Heav - en'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.

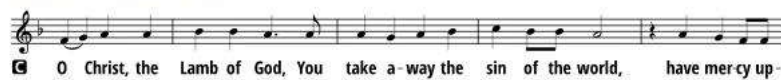
### Words of Institution

[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]

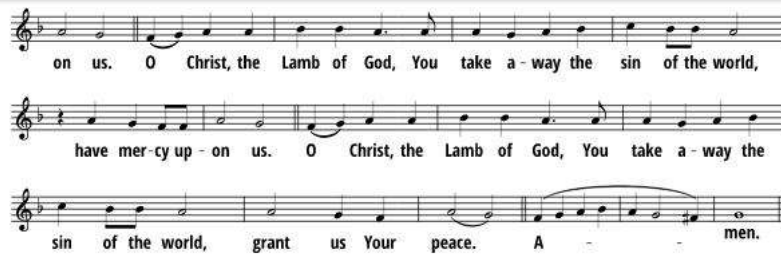
☞ Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night... in remembrance of me.

### Song to the Lamb ~ Agnus Dei

[Jn 1:29]



☞ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world, have mercy up-



-Be seated-

## Distribution

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

### "The World is Very Evil"

[ELH 534 sts 1-13]

1. The world is ver-y e-vil, The times are wax-ing late; Be so-ber and keep  
2. A-rise, a-rise, good Chris-tian, Let right to wrong suc-ceed; Let pen-i-ten-tial  
vig-il, The Judge is at the gate; The Judge that comes in mer-cy, The  
sor-row To heav'n-ly glad-ness lead To light that has no eve-ning, That  
Judge that comes with might, To ter-min-ate the e-vil And glo-ri-fy the right.  
knows no moon nor sun, The light so new and gold-en, The light that is but one.

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	<p>3. Brief life is here our portion; Brief sorrow, short-lived care; The life that knows no ending, The tearless life, is there. O happy retribution: Short toil, eternal rest; For mortals and for sinners A mansion with the blest!</p> <p>4. And now we fight the battle, But then shall wear the crown Of full and everlasting And passionless renown; And now we watch and struggle, And now we live in hope, And Zion in her anguish With Babylon must cope.</p> <p>5. But He whom now we trust in Shall then be seen and known; And they that know and see Him Shall have Him for their own. And there is David's fountain And life in fullest glow; And there the light is golden, And milk and honey flow.</p> <p>6. O home of fadeless splendor, Of flow'rs that bear no thorn, Where they shall dwell as children Who here as exiles mourn. Midst pow'r that knows no limit, Where knowledge has no bound, The beatific vision Shall glad the saints around.</p>	<p>7. Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blessed, Beneath your contemplation Sink heart and voice oppressed. I know not, O I know not, What joys await us there, What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare.</p> <p>8. They stand, those halls of Zion, All jubilant with song And bright with many an angel And all the martyr throng. The Prince is ever in them; The daylight is serene; The pastures of the blessed Are decked in glorious sheen.</p> <p>9. There is the throne of David; And there, from care released, The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast; And they who with their Leader Have conquered in the fight Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.</p> <p>10. For you, O dear, dear country, My eyes their vigils keep; For very love, beholding Your happy name, they weep. The mention of your glory Is healing to the soul And medicine in sickness And love and life made whole.</p>		

11. O one and only mansion, O Paradise so true, Where tears are ever banished And endless smiles ensue! The Lamb is all your splendor, The Crucified your praise; His praise and benediction Your ransomed people raise.	12. With jasper glow your bulwarks, Your streets with em'ralds blaze; The sardius and the topaz Unite in you their rays; Your ageless walls are bonded With gold and jewels unpriced; The saints build up your fabric, The cornerstone is Christ.
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13. You have no shore, fair ocean;  
You have no time, bright day,  
Dear fountain of refreshment  
To pilgrims far away!  
Upon the Rock of Ages  
They build your holy square;  
Yours is the victor's trophy  
And yours the glory there.

-Stand-

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

☞ 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 • “The World is Very Evil”

[ELH 534 &amp; 14]



14. O sweet and bless-ed coun-try, The home of God's e-lect! O sweet and bless-ed coun-try That ea-ger hearts ex-pect! Je-sus, in mer-cy bring us To that dear land of rest, Who are, with God the Fa-ther And Spir-it, ev-er blest.

-Be seated-

## Worship Notes

- Preacher: Pastor Daniel Hartwig
- Organist: Donna Moll
- Ushers: Thursday - Group 7  
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- Justin & Sadie Kannenberg – Air Force
- Andrew Wolff – Air Force
- Gabby Culbert – Army

## Flowers on the Altar

Are placed there to the Glory of God and in memory of Oscar Miller by Bob and Barb Miller, Dave and Nicole Miller and Curt and Debbie Meinert. He was called to his heavenly home 40 years ago on Thanksgiving day in 1981.