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The Holy Spirit's Church • 1

"Heaven and Hell are Real"



"With one mind and one voice we glorify God the Father."









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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><i>Please sign our guest register.</i></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><i>Please note that the last four pews are reserved for parents with small children.</i></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 – <i>please feel free to remain seated.</i></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. Jim Speerschneider, Email at mrjim@trinityels.org 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)

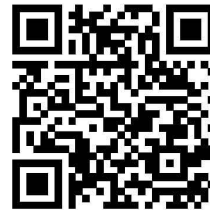
- Your offerings are important to GOD:

"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. ↑**



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship • *The Holy Spirit's Church 1*

[Psalm 13:5-6 (EHV)]

PASTOR: *Today we pray for God to strengthen us, His Church, through His Holy Spirit. May He protect us from getting too comfortable with worldly pleasures and instead point us, through His Word, to heaven as our real home.*

"I trust in your mercy. My heart rejoices in your salvation.

CONGREGATION: **I will sing to the LORD because he has accomplished his purpose for me."**

First Hymn • "O Word of God, Incarnate"

[text: ELH 171 • tune: CW 279]

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high, O
 2. The Church from You, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the gift di - vine, And

Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky, We
 still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine. It

praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page, A
 is the chart and com - pass That, all life's jour - ney through, A -

lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
 mong life's rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.

Confession of Sins

P *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.

G **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.**

P *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.

G **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]



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

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

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

Forgiveness of Sin ~ Absolution

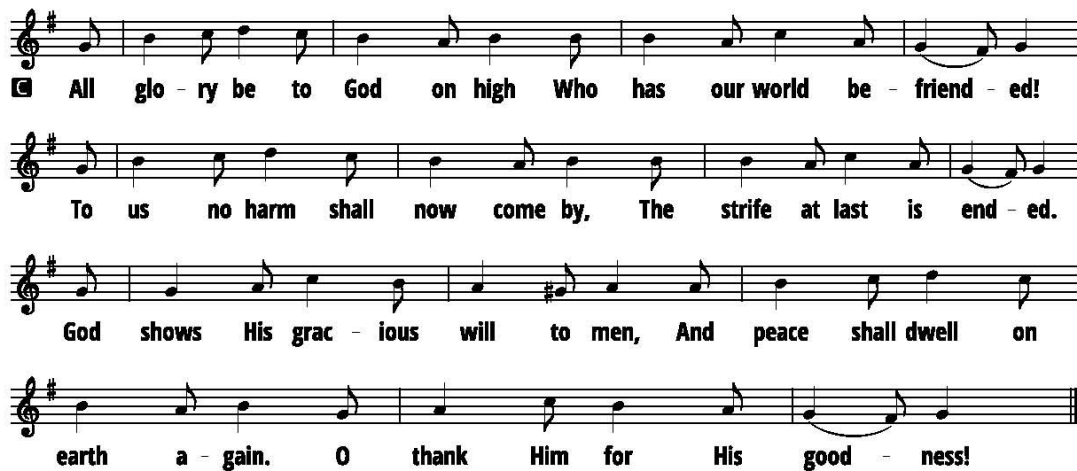
☞ Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:

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 • The Holy Spirit's Church 1

☞ The Lord be with you, His people.

☞ And with your spirit as you minister to us.

☞ Let us pray:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we ask You to rule our hearts by Your Holy Spirit. Prevent us from becoming like the rich man who heard Your Word fruitlessly and become so fixated on worldly things that he forgot about the eternal things of heaven. Rather, strengthen us to be servants to those who are needy and to avoid wild living or sinful pride. In all trials and misfortunes keep us from despair and grant us a healthy trust in Your Fatherly care.

☞ 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.

Lesson • 1 John 4:16–21

The centerpiece of our Christian life on earth is love—not as a shallow preference, but the self-sacrificing love we can only know through God's love for us.

We also have come to know and trust the love that God has for us.

God is love. Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. ¹⁷In this way his love has been brought to its goal among us, so that we may have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are just like Jesus. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but complete love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who continues to be afraid has not been brought to the goal in love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, “I love God,” but hates his brother, he is a liar. For how can anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, love God, whom he has not seen? ²¹This then is the command we have from him: The one who loves God should also love his brother. (EHV)

☞ *Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear:*

[Matthew 13:43 (EHV)]

📖 The Word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation • The Holy Spirit's Church 1

[Psalm 7:1]

☞ *Alleluia, alleluia. O LORD my God, in you I take refuge. Save me from all my pursuers and deliver me. Alleluia.*



Gospel • Luke 16:19–31

Jesus tells a parable illustrating the importance of believing in His Word in this life to keep us focusing on the life to come.

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. ²⁰A beggar named Lazarus had been laid at his gate. Lazarus was covered with sores and ²¹longed to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Besides this, the dogs also came and licked his sores. ²²Eventually the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In hell, where he was in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴He called out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in misery in this flame.’

²⁵“But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in misery. ²⁶Besides all this, a great chasm has been set in place between us and you, so that those who want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷“He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father’s home, ²⁸because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹“Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.’

³⁰“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹“Abraham replied to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” (EHV)

P *This is the Gospel of our Lord.*



-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • "What Is The World To Me?"

[ELH 446]

1. What is the world to me? With all its vaunt-ed plea-sure When
 4. The world seeks af-ter wealth And all that Mam-mon of-fers, Yet
 7. The world will not a-bide, It, like a flash will van-ish; With

You, and You a-lone, Lord Je-sus, are my Trea-sure! You on-ly, dear-est
 ne-ver is con-tent Though gold should fill its cof-fers. I have a high-er
 all its glo-rious pomp Pale death it can-not ban-ish; Its rich-es pass a-

Lord, My soul's De-light shall be; You are my Peace, my Rest. What is the world to me!
 good, Con-tent with it I'll be: My Je-sus is my Wealth. What is the world to me!
 way, And all its joys must flee; But Je-sus does a-bide. What is the world to me!

Sermon • Luke 16:19–31

Priorities

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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

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 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



-Be seated-

Distribution

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

"I Come, O Savior, To Your Table"

[ELH 313]

1. I come, O Sav - ior, to Your ta - ble, For weak and wea - ry is my soul;
2. O grant that I in man - ner wor - thy May now trust sole - ly in Your Word,

O Je - sus, You a - lone are a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole.
And, conscious of the sin be - fore me, Look on - ly un - to You, O Lord.

(Refrain:) Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good.

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| <p>3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet You Your lamb will banish never,
Nor will Your faithfulness depart. (Refrain)</p> <p>4. Oh, let me loathe all sin forever
As death and poison to my soul,
That I through willful sinning never
May see Your judgment take its toll! (Refrain)</p> | <p>5. Your heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to You in faith are turning;
So let me, too, come trustingly. (Refrain)</p> <p>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 Your guest. (Refrain)</p> |
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| <p>7. You here will find a heart most lowly
That feels unworthy in Your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely
Your merit pleads, as it is right. <i>(Refrain)</i></p> <p>8. By faith I call Your holy table
The testament of Your deep love;
For by Your gift I now am able
To know the heart of God above. <i>(Refrain)</i></p> <p>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. <i>(Refrain)</i></p> <p>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. <i>(Refrain)</i></p> <p>11. Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Your blood which You for me have shed—
These are my life and strength forever,
By them my hungry soul is fed. <i>(Refrain)</i></p> | <p>12. With You, Lord, I am now united;
I live in You and You in me.
No sorrow fills my soul; delighted,
It finds its peace on Calvary. <i>(Refrain)</i></p> <p>13. Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is near, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise. <i>(Refrain)</i></p> <p>14. Though death may threaten with disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer,
For He who is of death the Master
With help and strength is always near.
<i>(Refrain)</i></p> <p>15. My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally. <i>(Refrain)</i></p> |
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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 • "I'm But A Stranger Here"

[ELH 474]

1. I'm but a stran-ger here; Heav'n is my home. Earth is a des-ert drear;
 3. There at my Sav-ior's side— Heav'n is my home. I shall be glo-ri-fied;
 Heav'n is my home. Dan-ger and sor-row stand Round me on ev-'ry hand.
 Heav'n is my home. There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,
 Heav'n is my fa-ther-land; Heav'n is my home.
 And there, I too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.

-Be seated-

Worship Notes

- Preacher: Vicar Erich Neumann
- Organist: Donna Moll
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