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# The Holy Spirit's Church • 4



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



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# Welcome to Worship!



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.

# 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.  $\uparrow$ 

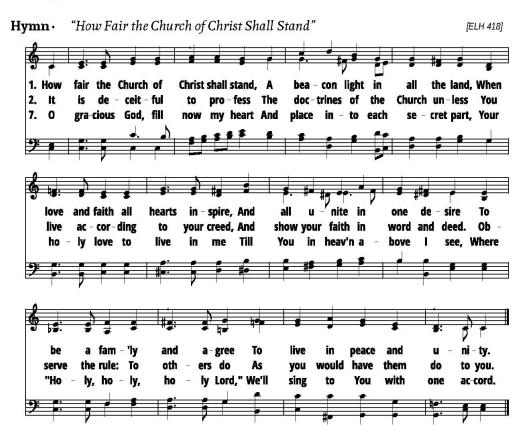
### Call to Worship. The Holy Spirit's Church 4

[Psalm 27:1-2 (EHV)]

PASTOR Today we pray for God to strengthen us, His Church, through His Holy Spirit. May He strengthen our unity as a congregation by giving us each a proper sense of self-judgment and preventing us from being sinfully "judgmental" toward others.

"The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

© ONGREGATION When evildoers advance against me it is they who will stumble and fall."



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### Confession of Sins and Forgiveness

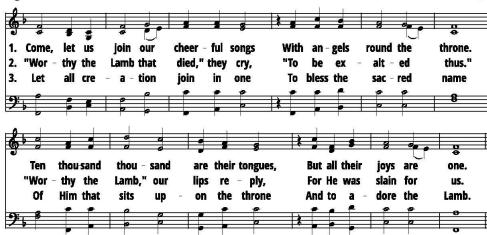
[Ps 3:7, 143:11, 27:9, 51:15]

- 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.
- P Rise up, O Lord! Save me, my God!
- G For the sake of Your name, O Lord, preserve my life.
- P Do not hide Your face from me. You have been my help.
- Do not reject me or forsake me, O God who saves me.
- P O Lord, open my lips;
- **G** And my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P 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.



[TEXT: ELH 66; TUNE: ELH 32]



# Prayer of the Day · The Holy Spirit's Church 4

P Let us pray:

Lord God, You are merciful and promised us that You will neither judge nor condemn us, but graciously forgive our sins through Christ. We pray that You plant in our hearts a confident faith in Your mercy for us, so that we can show mercy to our neighbors by not being "judgmental" toward them. Help us to only judge ourselves, and strengthen us to willingly forgive others and lead Christian lives of mercy.

**@** 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.

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First Lesson · Isaiah 58:6-12

Kindness towards our neighbor and speaking out for the oppressed is the call of the Christian in this world.

This [is] the kind of fast that I would choose:

to loosen the chains of wickedness,

to tear apart the ropes of a yoke,

to release the oppressed so they go free,

and to tear every yoke to pieces?

 $^7 \mathrm{Isn't}$  a true fast that you share your bread with the hungry

and bring the homeless and afflicted into a house?

Yes, when you see a naked person, you are to cover him,

and do not hide yourself from your own flesh and blood.

8Then your light will break forth like dawn,

and your healing will spring up quickly.

Your righteousness will go out ahead of you,

and the Glory of the LORD will follow you.

<sup>9</sup>Then you will call, and the LORD will answer.

You will cry out, and he will say, "Here I am!"

If you remove the bar of the yoke from among you,

and if you stop finger-pointing and speaking wickedly,

<sup>10</sup>if you offer your life for the hungry,

and if you satisfy the desires of the afflicted,

then your light will shine in the darkness,

and your darkest gloom will shine like the noonday sun.

<sup>11</sup>Then the LORD will lead you continually.

He will satisfy your desire in arid places,

and he will strengthen your bones.

Then you will be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water, whose waters will not fail.

<sup>12</sup>Then your ancient ruins will be rebuilt,

and you will restore the foundations from past generations.

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Then you will be called the repairer of broken walls, the restorer of streets to live on. (EHV)

P Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear:

G The Word of the Lord.

[Matthew 13:43 (EHV)]



#### Second Lesson · Romans 8:18-23

We have unity in the Church because all people coequally share in the sufferings of this world, and are also co-heirs of God's salvation.

I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup>For creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in the hope <sup>21</sup>that even creation itself will be set free from slavery to corruption, in order to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

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 $^{22}$ For we know that all of creation is groaning with birth pains right up to the present time.  $^{23}$ And not only creation, but also we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we eagerly await our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. (EHV)

P Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear:

G The Word of the Lord.

[Matthew 13:43 (EHV)]

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#### **Gospel Acclamation** • The Holy Spirit's Church 4

[Psalm 9:4, 9 (EHV)]

Alleluia, alleluia. You have upheld my rights and my cause. You sat on the throne, judging righteously. The LORD will be a refuge for those who have been crushed, a refuge for times of trouble. Alleluia.



#### **Gospel** • *Luke 6:36–42*

Jesus calls all Christians to be merciful to our neighbors. Such mercy is only possible when we realize our own sin first-and-foremost, and then share Christ's love with others.

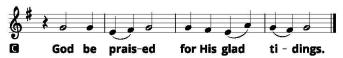
Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

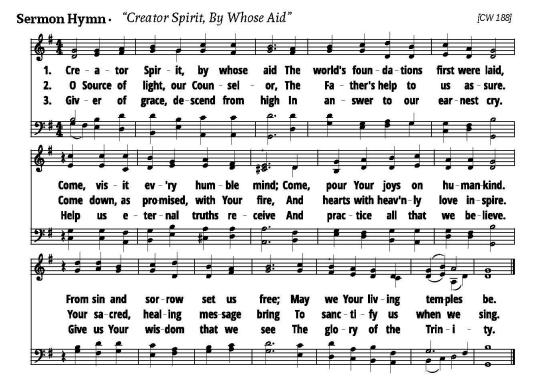
<sup>37</sup>"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup>Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. In fact, the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you."

<sup>39</sup>He also told them a parable: "A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Won't they both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup>A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher. <sup>41</sup>Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but fail to notice the beam in your own eye? <sup>42</sup>Or how can you tell your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck in your eye,' when you do not see the beam in your own eye?

Hypocrite! First remove the beam from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck in your brother's eye. (EHV)

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.





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#### **Sermon** • *Luke 6:36-42*

#### Be Judging, But Not "Judgmental"

<ol> <li>Recognizing Your Own</li> </ol>	
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- 2. Seeing and Learning the \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Motivated By, and Resulting in \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Apostles' Creed**

P 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 PayPal account to the left, or consult our Church Website: www.trinityels.org

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#### Prayer of the Church

P 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.

P 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 and the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant them repentance resulting in life.

# **G** God, in the greatness of your mercy, answer us with the certainty of salvation from you.

P 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.

P 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.

#### **G** 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.

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-Special prayers may be added here-

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

-Silence for personal prayer-

- P 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!

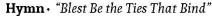
## Lord's Prayer

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

- P 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.

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[ELH 420]





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### 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.
- P 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.
- P 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.
- P 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.

#### **G** Amen.

