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Last Judgment



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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 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. †

Call to Worship • Last Judgment

[Psalm 54:1-2 (EHV)]

ASTOR: Today we pray for God to keep His holy Church strong until He returns in glory at the end. As we live our lives today may we remember to keep close to Him through His Word and Sacraments. Then, when He comes again on the Last Day, we will be gathered as His sheep in heaven.

"God, save me by your name. By your power judge me justly.

ONGREGATION: God, hear my prayer. Turn your ear to the words of my mouth."

First Hymn • "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

[ELH 532]

1. Je - sus Christ, my sure De-fense And my Sav - ior, still is liv - ing.
 2. Je - sus, my Re-deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to life shall wak - en
 4. I am flesh and must re - turn To the dust from which I'm tak - en;
 5. Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - gain My own flesh and blood be wear - ing.

Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence Rests up - on the hope He's giv - ing,
 End - less joy my Sav - ior gives; Shall my cour - age, then, be shak - en?
 But by faith I now dis - cern That from death I shall a - wak - en
 In this bod - y I will then God, my Lord, be clear - ly view - ing.

Though the night of death is fraught Still with man - y anx - ious thoughts.
 Shall I fear? How could the Head Rise and leave His mem - bers dead?
 With my Sav - ior to a - bide In His glo - ry, at His side.
 In this flesh I then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.

-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 thousand 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 • Last Judgment

☞ Let us pray:

O eternal and merciful God, we believe that You will come to judge the living and the dead. We pray that You keep us in the fold of Your Church here on earth so that we will be ready for the Last Day through Your Word and Sacraments. Then, when the Last Day comes, spare us from the destruction awaiting the unbelieving goats and bring us as Your sheep into the pastures of heaven.

☞ 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 • Isaiah 40:9-11



God's prophet Isaiah proclaims the joyful final result of salvation. God will come again at the end and will gather His believers together as His sheep in heaven.

Get up on a high mountain, O Zion, you herald of good news.
 Lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, you herald of good news.

Lift it up! Do not be afraid! Say to the cities of Judah,
 "Here is your God!" "Look, God the LORD will come with strength,
 and his arm is ruling for him. Look, his reward is with him.
 The result of his work is in front of him. "Like a shepherd he will care for his flock.
 With his arm he will gather the lambs. He will lift them up on his lap.
 He will gently lead the nursing mothers. (EHV)

☑ Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear:

[Matthew 13:43 (EHV)]

📖 The Word of the Lord.

Hymn • "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

[ELH 532]



8. Then take com - fort and re - joice, For His mem - bers Christ will cher - ish.
 9. Laugh and mock the gloom - y grave And at death no long - er trem - ble;
 10. O that you would set your hearts High a - bove all earth - ly pleas - ures.

Fear not, they will hear His voice; Dy - ing, they shall nev - er per - ish;
 He, the Lord, who came to save, Will at last His own as - sem - ble.
 Take in - stead what He im - parts Who has giv - en last - ing treas - ures.

For the ver - y grave is stirred When the trum - pet's blast is heard.
 They will go their Lord to meet, Tread - ing death be - neath their feet.
 There your heart's af - fec - tions give Where you shall for - ev - er live.

Second Lesson • 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

The apostle Paul wants to encourage and comfort us by reminding us of the truth that we will rise from the dead at the end. Now we can comfort one another with these words!

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you do not grieve in the same way as the others, who have no hope. ¹⁴Indeed, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then in the same way we also believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus.

¹⁵In fact, we tell you this by the word of the Lord: We who are alive and left until the coming of the Lord will certainly not go on ahead of those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore, encourage one another with these words. (EHV)

Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear:

[Matthew 13:43 (EHV)]

The Word of the Lord.

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation • Last Judgment

[Isaiah 35:10a (EHV)]

Alleluia, alleluia. Those ransomed by the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with a joyful shout, and everlasting joy will crown their heads. Alleluia.

**Gospel • Matthew 25:31–46**

Jesus prepares us for the end by encouraging us to live lives of Christian love. This does not mean we need to keep a checklist of good things we need to do. Rather, Jesus gives us our good works and forgives us our sins through faith in Him.

[Jesus says:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ³⁶I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.'

³⁷"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or lacking clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

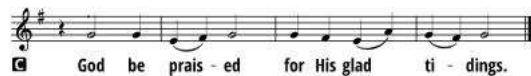
⁴⁰"The King will answer them, 'Amen I tell you: Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.'

⁴¹"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you did not give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink. ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, lacking clothes and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not take care of me.'

⁴⁴"Then they will also answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or lacking clothes or sick or in prison and did not serve you?'

⁴⁵"At that time he will answer them, 'Amen I tell you: Just as you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me.' ⁴⁶"And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." (EHV)

☞ This is the Gospel of our Lord.



-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • “The Day is Surely Drawing Near”

[ELH 538]

1. The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When God's Son, the A - noint - ed,
 2. A trump - et loud shall then re - sound And all the earth be shak - en.
 7. O Je - sus Christ, do not de - lay, Come quick - ly with sal - va - tion.

Shall in great maj - es - ty ap - pear As Judge of all ap - point - ed.
 Then all who in their graves are found Shall from their sleep a - wak - en;
 We of - ten trem - ble on our way In fear and trib - u - la - tion.

All earth - ly laugh - ter then shall cease When flames on flames will
 But all that live shall in that hour By the Al - might - y's
 Hear us, O Lord, in Your mer - cy. Come, might - y Judge, and

still in - crease, As Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.
 bound - less pow'r Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 make us free From ev - 'ry ev - il! A - men.

Sermon • Matthew 25:31–46

Judgment is _____, not _____

1. The Setting is Glory
2. The Evidence is Visible
3. The Verdict is Announced

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.

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<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.</p> <p>☞ Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority.</p> <p>☞ 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.</p> <p>☞ Lord, hear and be merciful to us. Lord, be a helper for us.</p> <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.</p> <p>☞ Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name.</p> <p>☞ 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.</p> <p>☞ O Lord, be with all in distress. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.</p> <p>☞ We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought at a great price.</p> <p>☞ Keep us all from offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love.</p> <p>☞ 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.</p> <p>☞ Let all rejoice who take refuge in You. Let them sing for joy because You protect them.</p> <p>-Special prayers may be added here-</p> <p>☞ Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions:</p> <p>-Silence for personal prayer-</p> <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.</p> <p>☞ Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!</p>			

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 • "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

[ELH 539]

1. Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, Name ev - er dear to me!
2. O hap - py har - bor of the saints! O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
3. In you no sick - ness may be seen, No hurt, no ache, no sore;
9. Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home! My soul still longs to be

When shall my la - bors have an end? Your joys when shall I see?
In you no sor - row may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
In you there is no dread of death, But life for - ev - er - more.
In you, where all my lab - ors end And I your joys will see.

-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 • “My Hope is Built”

[ELH 197]

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; I
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, and blood Sup - port me in the whelm - ing flood; When
 dare not trust the sweet - est frame But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name. On
 ev 'ry earth - ly prop gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay. On
 Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.
 Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

-Be seated-

Worship Notes

- Preacher: Pastor Daniel Hartwig
- Organist: Thursday – Donna Moll Sunday: Sarah Hartwig
- Ushers: Thursday - Group 7
Sunday – Group 2
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- Andrew Wolff – Air Force
- Gabby Culbert – Army.