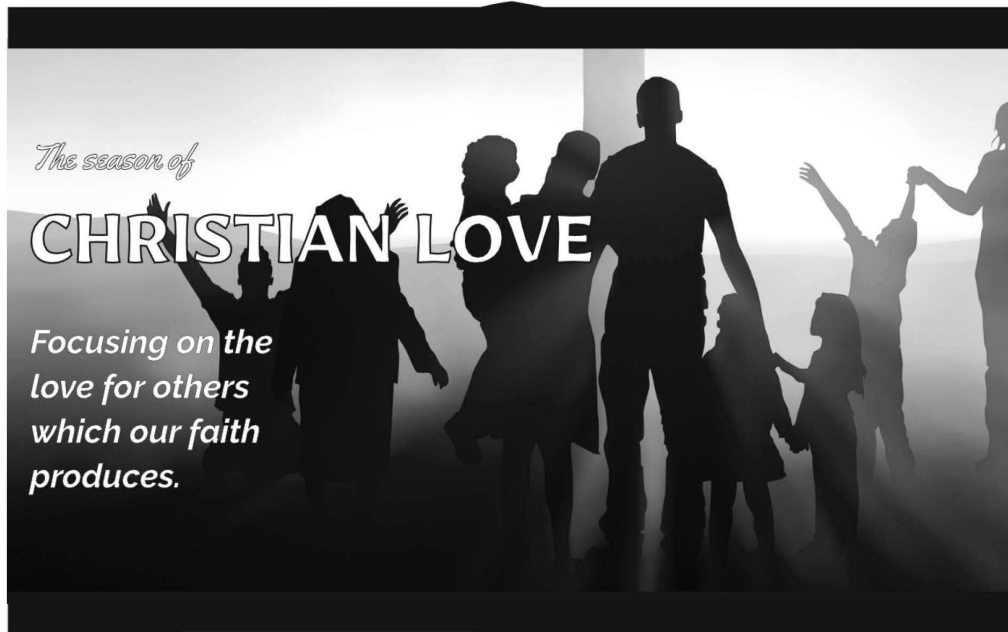


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**God Calls Us To Be Wise Stewards**

*Christian Faith and Love 4*



*"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 <b>Gathering Room</b>. 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 <b>standing for hymns or readings</b> – 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 <b>Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS)</b>, 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 <b>private Elementary School</b> (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 <b>cell phones</b> 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 • Christian Faith and Love 4**

[Psalm 54:4-5 (EHV)]

**P**ASTOR: *Today we pray for God to fill us with Christian faith and love toward our neighbors. May He strengthen us to be faithful stewards of the gifts He has given us and to use them shrewdly to share the good news of our eternal dwellings in heaven for Jesus' sake.*

*"God is my helper. The LORD is the one who preserves my life.*

**C**ONGREGATION: **Let evil return on those who oppress me. In your faithfulness destroy them."**

**Hymn • "O That I Had A Thousand Voices"**

[ELH 443]



1. O that I had a thou-sand voic-es To praise my God with thou-sand tongues!  
 2. O all you pow'rs that He im-plant-ed, A-rise, and si-lence keep no more;  
 4. All crea-tures that have breath and mo-tion, That fill the earth, the sea, the sky,

My heart, which in the Lord re-joice, Would then pro-claim in grate-ful songs  
 Put forth the strength that He has grant-ed, Your no-blest work is to a-dore.  
 Now join me in my heart's de-votion, Help me to raise His prais-es high,

To all, wher-ever I might be, What great things God has done for me.  
 O soul and bo-dy, it is good To of-fer heart-felt praise to God.  
 My hu-man words can-not ex-press The full-ness of His right-eous-ness.

-Stand-

## 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

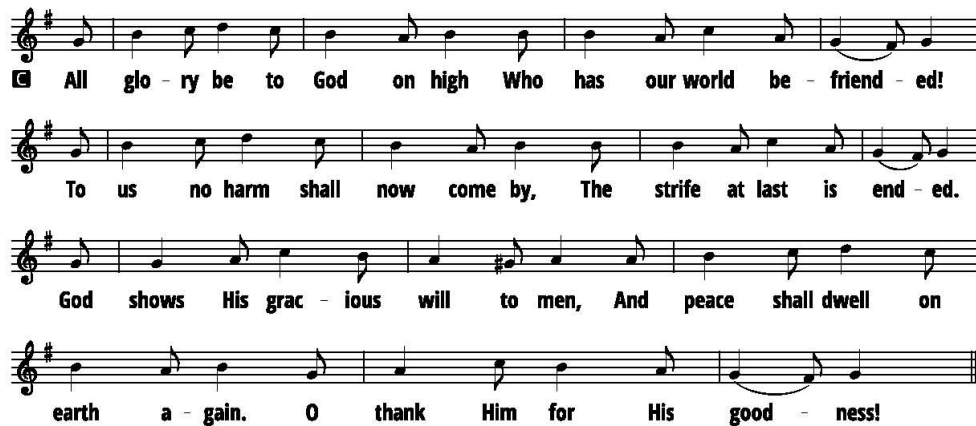
☞ Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:

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 • Christian Faith and Love 4

☞ Let us pray:

Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given us tremendous blessings with our daily bread. We ask You to preserve us from covetousness and fill us with generosity to share Your gifts with others. Help us to abide in Your grace our whole lives and be faithful stewards of Your gifts until You excuse us from our stewardship by calling us before Your judgment seat in Christ's grace.

☞ 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 Corinthians 10:6–13**

In the Old Testament, God saved the Israelites from their Egyptian slavery. Yet, many still turned away from God for the sake of their own worldly comfort. Because “God is faithful” to us, may He strengthen us to pass the “test” of this world’s temptations to sins against Him.

[Accounts of the newly freed Israelites rejecting God as they were leaving Egypt] took place as examples to warn us not to desire evil things the way they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters like some of them—as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and got up to celebrate wildly” [Exodus 32:6]. <sup>8</sup>And let us not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. <sup>9</sup>Let us not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and so were being destroyed by the serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not grumble, as some of them grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.

<sup>12</sup>So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it. (EHV)

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

[Matthew 13:43 (EHV)]

📖 **The Word of the Lord.**

-Stand-

**Gospel Acclamation • Christian Faith and Love 4**

[Psalm 112:1 (EHV)]

☞ *Alleluia, alleluia. How blessed is a man who fears the Lord. In his commands he delights greatly. Alleluia.*



**Gospel •** *Luke 16:1–9*

In this parable (an earthly story with a heavenly meaning), the dishonest manager behaves illegally but cleverly. The manager “commended the dishonest manager” for his cleverness, not his sinfulness. May we use our cleverness to be faithful and not dishonest managers.

Jesus said to his disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager who was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>The rich man called him in and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you can no longer be manager.’

<sup>3</sup>“The manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, since my master is taking away the management position from me? I am not strong enough to dig. I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from my position as manager, people will receive me into their houses.’

<sup>5</sup>“He called each one of his master’s debtors to him. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘Six hundred gallons of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write three hundred.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘Six hundred bushels of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and write four hundred and eighty.’

<sup>8</sup>“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the children of the light are. <sup>9</sup>I tell you, make friends for yourselves with unrighteous mammon, so that when it runs out, they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings.”  
(EHV)

☐ *This is the Gospel of our Lord.*



-Be seated-

## 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!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "What Is The World To Me". It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the hymn with a final line of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, suitable for a hymn book.



**Sermon • Luke 16:1–9****Learn From Other's Mistakes**

1. Know the \_\_\_\_\_
2. Think About the \_\_\_\_\_
3. Don't Repeat the \_\_\_\_\_

-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]



-Be seated-

## Distribution

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

*"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"*

[text: ELH 314 • tune: CW 309]

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of staves. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the fifth system.

1. Draw near and take the bo - dy of the Lord, And drink the ho - ly  
2. Sal - va - tion's Giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son, By His dear cross and  
blood for you out - poured. Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
blood the world has won. By that pure bod - y and that ho - ly blood  
Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
Saved and re - freshed, we give our thanks to God.

3. Victims were slain in Israel's history  
Which symbolized this heav'nly mystery.  
He, Lord of light, and Savior of our race,  
Has given to His saints a wondrous grace.
4. He that His saints in this world rules and shields  
To all believers life eternal yields,  
With heav'nly bread makes them that hunger whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.
5. Come forward, then, with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
Before Your altar, Lord, Your servants bow;  
In this Your feast of love be with us now.

## 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

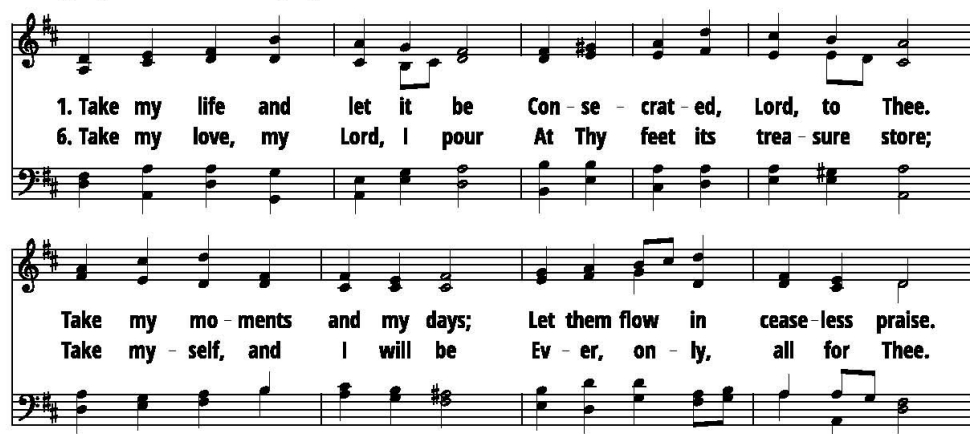
[Num 6:24-26]

☞ *The Lord bless you and keep you... and give you peace ☩ .*

☞ **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn • "Take My Life and Let It Be"

[ELH 444]



1. Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.  
 6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.