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God Calls Us to Love Others as He Loves Us Christian Faith and Love 8 RSS



"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.



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Please note that the last four pews are reserved for parents with small children.



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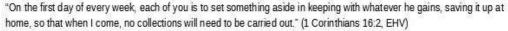
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# Remember Your Offerings!

- 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:



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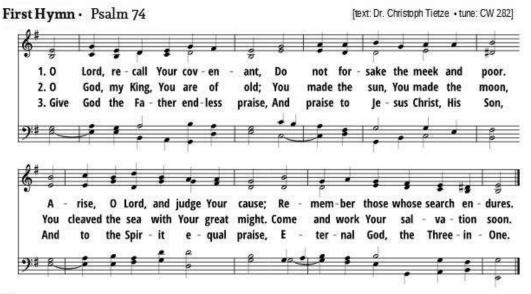
### Call to Worship · Christian Faith and Love 8

[Psalm 74:20-23 (EHV)]

PASTOR Today we pray for God to fill us with Christian faith and love toward our neighbors.
May He help us serve our neighbors like good Samaritans, reflecting Christ's love for us in all we do.

"Pay attention to the covenant. Do not let the oppressed turn back in disgrace.

GONGREGATION Rise up, O God, and prosecute your case. Do not forget the sound of your foes."



-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.

- 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;
- 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]



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### Prayer of the Day. Christian Faith and Love 8

P Let us pray:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for letting us hear the Gospel in our lives. Through it, we know Your fatherly will and clearly see Your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray that You let the light of Your holy Word shine on us and govern our hearts so that we see and serve our neighbors like the Good Samaritan did, and reflect Christ's love for us in our words and actions towards others.

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 · Leviticus 19:9-18

God reminds His people—the ancient Israelites—that as they get comfortable in their new land, they should not get lazy and forget to serve their neighbor's needs.

When you reap the harvest from your land, you are not to finish reaping all the way to the edge of the field. Do not gather up the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup>Do not strip your vineyard clean, and do not pick up the fallen grapes from your vineyard, but leave them for the poor and the alien who live with you. I am the LORD your God.

"You shall not steal. You shall not swindle. You shall not lie to one another. "You shall not swear falsely by my name so that you do not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not exploit your neighbor. You shall not rob him. You shall not keep the wages of a day laborer with you overnight until morning.

"You shall not curse a deaf person, nor shall you put an obstacle in front of a blind person, but you must fear your God. I am the LORD.

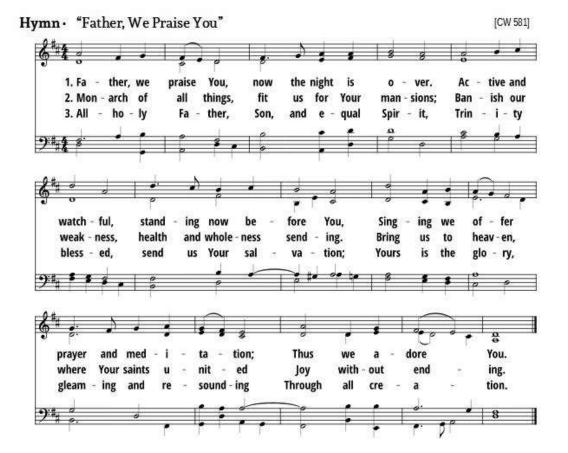
<sup>15</sup>You shall not act unjustly in court cases. Do not show favoritism to a poor person, and do not show undue honor to an important person. You must judge your fellow citizens with justice.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not go around spreading slander among your people. You shall not testify falsely against your neighbor in a capital case. I am the LORD. <sup>17</sup>You shall not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. You must openly rebuke your fellow citizen so that you do not become responsible for his sin. <sup>18</sup>You must not take revenge. You must not bear a grudge against the members of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD. (EHV)

P Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear:

[Matthew 13:43 (EHV)]

The Word of the Lord.



#### Second Lesson · Galatians 3:15–22

The purpose of the Law is to show us how to love our neighbors, but because we are sinful, the Law often simply shows us our sins like a mirror.

God's covenant of grace always shows us our Savior. These teachings are different, but the Gospel always wins.

Brothers, I am speaking in human terms. When someone has established a last will and testament, no one nullifies it or adds to it. <sup>16</sup>The promises God spoke referred to Abraham and to his seed. It doesn't say, "And to seeds," as if it were referring to many, but, as referring to one, "And to your seed," who is Christ. <sup>17</sup>What I am saying is this: The law, which came into being 430 years after the covenant established earlier by God in Christ, does not annul that covenant, with the result that it invalidates the promise. <sup>18</sup>In fact, if the inheritance is by the law, it is no longer by the promise. But God graciously gave it to Abraham by a promise.

<sup>19</sup>Then what about the law? It was added for the purpose of revealing transgressions, until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. It was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. <sup>20</sup>Now a mediator is not needed for one party, but God is one.

<sup>20</sup>Then is the law against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given that could give life, certainly righteousness would have been derived from the law. <sup>22</sup>But Scripture imprisoned all things under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ would be given to those who believe. (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 · Christian Faith and Love 7

[Psalm 81:1 (EHV)]

P. Alleluia, alleluia. Sing a loud song to God, our strength. Shout to the God of Jacob! Alleluia.



#### Gospel · Luke 10:23-37

If we are going to call ourselves "Christians," and follow Jesus, then He calls us to show love toward our neighbors like He showed love to us. Here, Jesus shows us who our neighbors really are and how we are to truly love them.

Turning to the disciples, [Jesus] said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! "Indeed, I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see the things that you are seeing, yet did not see them, and to hear the things that you are hearing, yet did not hear them."

<sup>25</sup>Just then, an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26"What is written in the law?" he asked him. "What do you read there?"

<sup>27</sup>He replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind [Deuteronomy 6:5] and, love your neighbor as yourself [Leviticus 19:18]"

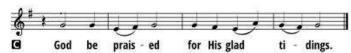
<sup>28</sup>He said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

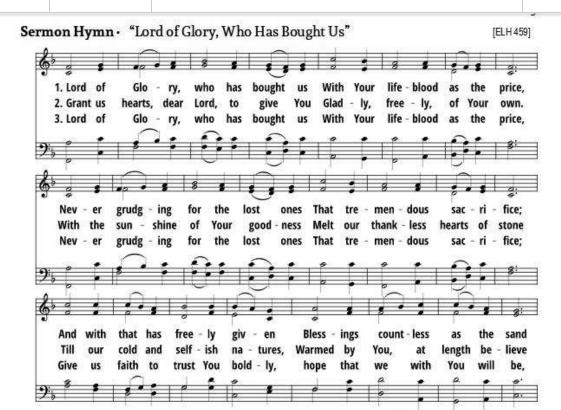
<sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He fell among robbers who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>It just so happened that a priest was going down that way. But when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>In the same way, a Levite also happened to go there, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>A Samaritan, as he traveled, came to where the man was. When he saw him, he felt sorry for the man. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He put him on his own animal, took him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>39</sup>The next day, when he left, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. Whatever extra you spend, I will repay you when I return.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three do you think acted like a neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?"

<sup>37</sup>The one who showed mercy to him," he replied. Then Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (EHV)

This is the Gospel of our Lord.



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**Sermon** • Luke 10:23–37

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Go And Do Likewise!

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- 3. What Must We Do?

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Apostles' Creed [ELH37]

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 digital giving platform to the left, or consult our Church Website: www.trinityels.org

#### Prayer of the Church

- Le 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.
- E 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.
- E 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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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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- @ 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.
- 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.
- Let all rejoice who take refuge in You. Let them sing for joy because You protect them.
  - -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.
- G 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.

-Be seated-



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#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P 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
- G We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

Final Blessing [2 Cor 13:14]

- P 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.



-Be seated-