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God Calls Us Not To Worry Christian Faith and Love 9



"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.



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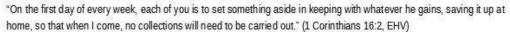
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In order to maintain a reverent atmosphere for worship and praise, please make sure all cell phones and other electronic devices are put on "silent," or, better yet, turned off.

# 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:



Leave your offerings in the collection areas in the entryway or Gathering Room, or use the link above to give digitally. †



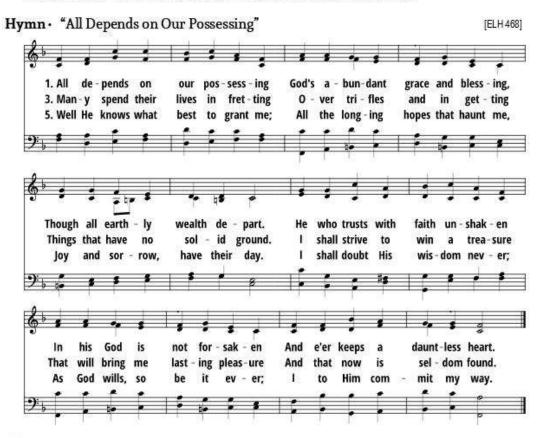
## Call to Worship · Christian Faith and Love 9

[Psalm 86:1-3 (EHV)]

PLASTOR: Today we pray for God to fill us with Christian faith and love toward our neighbors. As we live in this world, may we not covet our neighbor's wealth nor sinfully worry that God canno help us. Rather, let us trust in Him to preserve us according to His holy will.

"Turn your ear, O Lord. Save your servant, who trusts in you.

GONGREGATION: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long."



-Stand-

#### Confession of Sins

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.

- 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.
- E 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.
- 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.

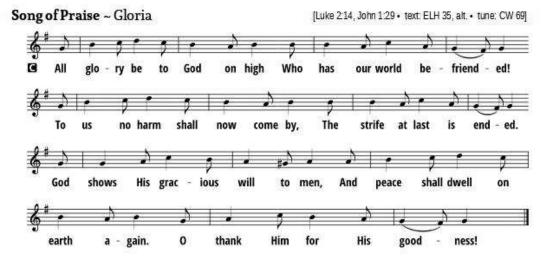


## Forgiveness of Sin ~ Absolution

P 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  $\pm$  and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## Prayer of the Day · Christian Faith and Love 9

P Let us pray:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for all the benefits You give us each day as You graciously sustain us. We ask You to preserve us from making earthly wealth an idol, or by sinfully worrying about things over which we have no control. Give us an unwavering trust that You are turning all things for good and that You give us all that we need—especially eternal life and salvation.

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 · Galatians 5:25-6:10

God calls us to be content in our lives. Here, He reminds us that if we live to serve ourselves we will probably not be content. If we always look for opportunities to serve others, it will be easier to find contentment in what God gives us.

If we live by the spirit, let us also walk in step with it. \*Let us not become conceited, provoking one another and envying one another.

<sup>61</sup>Brothers, if a person is caught in some trespass, you who are spiritual should restore such a person in a spirit of humility, carefully watching yourself so that you are not also tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if someone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>Let each person test his own work, and then he will take pride in regard to himself and not his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each man will bear his own burden.

"Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with his teacher.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived. God is not mocked. To be sure, whatever a man sows, he will also reap. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, the one who sows for his own sinful flesh will reap destruction from the sinful flesh. But the one who sows for the spirit will reap eternal life from the spirit. <sup>9</sup>Let us not become weary of doing good, because at the appointed time we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who belong to the household of faith. (EHV)

P Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear:

[Matthew 13:43 (EHV)]

G The Word of the Lord.

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### Gospel Acclamation · Christian Faith and Love 9

[Psalm 95:1 (EHV)]

P Alleluia, alleluia. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD. Let us give a loud shout to the Rock who saves us. Alleluia.



#### Gospel · Matthew 6:24–34

Worrying gets us nowhere! God provides for His whole creation and we—His children—are the most important part of creation to God. If He cares so much for flowers and birds, He will definitely care much more for us!

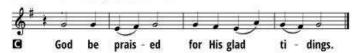
[Jesus says:] "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.

<sup>25</sup>"For this reason I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

worry about clothing? Consider how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin, but I tell you that not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will he not clothe you even more, you of little faith?

<sup>314</sup>So do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the unbelievers chase after all these things. Certainly your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (EHV)

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.



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#### Sermon · Matthew 6:24-34

God Knows What You Need

| 1 | Our Selfishness   |
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| 2 | His Righteousness |

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#### Confession of Faith ~ Nicene Creed

- P 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.

Our Worries

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.

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### 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

- P Heavenly Father, may Your will be done in this world.
- May the governments You have established run well for the benefit of Your people.
- P 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.
- P 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-
- P Hear us, Lord, as we give You our private petitions.
  - -Silence for private prayer-
- P We ask this all in the name of Jesus Christ.
- I Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer. Amen.

## PART 3: THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

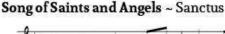
Questions and prayers for preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal pp. 38-40.

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 warms 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]

- P The Lord be with you, His people.
- And with your spirit as you minister to us.
- Lift up your hearts in joy.
- **G** 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.
- P It is truly good and right... evermore singing Your praise:



[Is 6:3, Mt 21:9 • text: Rev. Arden Mead • tune; CW 492]



## 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.]

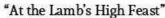
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night... in remembrance of me.



-Be seated-

Distribution

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



[ELH 310]



- 3. Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

- Now no more can death appall,
   Now no more the grave enthrall;
   You have opened paradise,
   And Your saints in You shall rise.
   Alleluia!
- 7. Easter triumph, Easter joy!
  This alone can sin destroy;
  From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
  Newborn souls in You to be.
  Alleluia!
- 8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

-Stand-

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P 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 
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G Amen.



-Be seated-