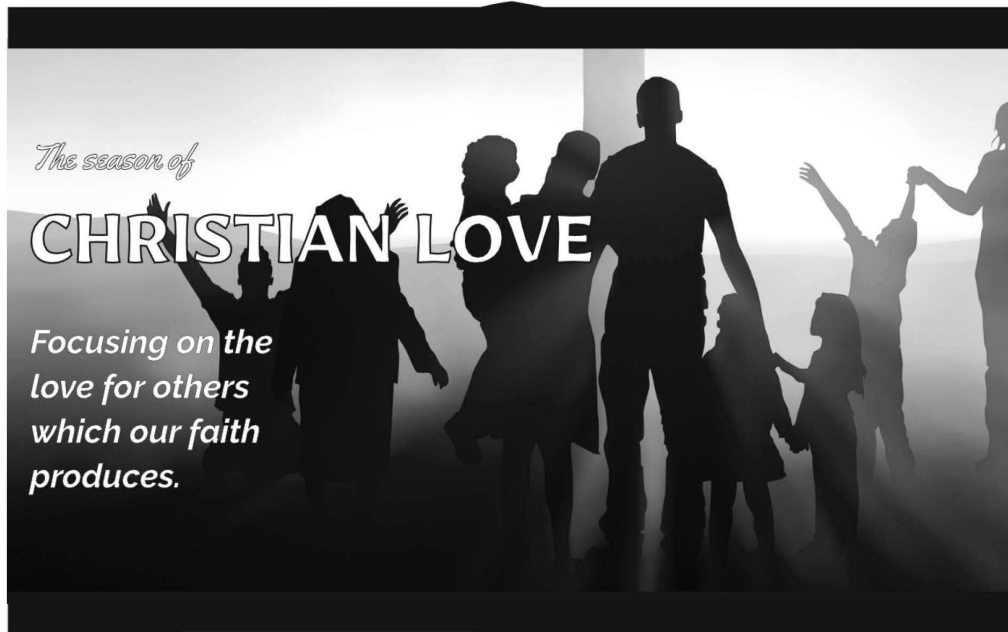


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**Beware of False Prophets**

*Christian Faith and Love 3*



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









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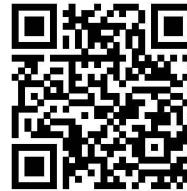
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## Welcome to Worship!

	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. <i>Please sign our guest register.</i>
	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. <i>Please note that the last four pews are reserved for parents with small children.</i>
	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>
	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.
	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> ~ Cell Phone – 608-769-1979 or School Phone 262-675-6627.
	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.

## 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 3**

[Psalm 48:9–10a (EHV)]

**P**ASTOR *Today we pray for God to fill us with Christian faith and love toward our neighbors. May He fill us with a loving concern for His truth even when we are tempted by the false teachings sheepishly preached by this world's ravenous wolves.*

*"Inside your temple, O God, we meditate on your mercy. Your praise, O God, reaches to the ends of the earth, just as your fame does.*

**C**ONGREGATION **The LORD is their strength. He is a stronghold of salvation for his anointed king."**

**First Hymn • Psalm 48**

[text: Dr. Christoph Tietze • tune: ELH 280]

1. With - in Your tem - ple, might - y Lord, We pon - der and re - ceive Your love.  
 2. Great is the Lord and to be praised In His most awe - some ho - ly place;  
 3. All glo - ry to the Fath - er, Son, And to the Ho - ly Spir - it be;

Your name and praise sur - round the earth, And Your right hand does what is just.  
 His sac - red moun - tain is the joy Of ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry race.  
 As from the first it was, is now, And will be for e - ter - ni - ty.

-Stand-

**Confession of Sins and Forgiveness**

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

**P** In the Name of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we call on You, dear heavenly Father:

**C** 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.

**G** 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:

**G** 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.

**P** 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 • Christian Faith and Love 3****P** *Let us pray:*

*Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You have given us saving knowledge through Your Word. We pray that You keep us in this knowledge until we enter eternal life. Send us faithful pastors who preach Your Word without causing unnecessary offense or promoting false doctrine. Defend us from all false teachers who look like sheep but are actually ravenous wolves. May Your Church always be built solely upon Your truth.*

**G** **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 • Jeremiah 23:16–24**

God warns that other false prophets will come and speak, but you will know their message is false if it goes against God's clear Word.

This is what the LORD of Armies says.

Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you.

They are giving you false hope.

They proclaim visions that come from their own hearts  
and not from the mouth of the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>They keep saying to those who despise me,

“The LORD has said that you will have peace.”

And to everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart,  
they say, “No harm will come to you.”

<sup>18</sup>But have any of them stood in the council of the LORD,  
to see and hear his word?

Who has listened to his word and heard it?

<sup>19</sup>Look, a storm from the LORD!

His wrath has gone out,  
like a whirlwind twisting down,  
whirling over the heads of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The LORD's anger will not turn back until he has completely fulfilled the purposes of his

heart. In later days you will understand it fully.

<sup>21</sup>I did not send these prophets, yet they ran.

I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council,

they would have made my people hear my words,

and they would have turned them from their evil ways

and from their evil deeds.

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God who is only nearby, declares the LORD,

and not a God far away?

<sup>24</sup>Can anyone hide in secret places

so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord.

Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. (EHV)

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

[Matthew 13:43 (EHV)]

📖 **The Word of the Lord.**

### Hymn • “O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

[ELH 441]

1. O that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!

2. Or - der my foot - steps by Your Word And make my heart sin - cere;

3. As - sist my soul, which of - ten strays, A strict - er watch to keep,

O that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will.

Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.

And though I of - ten leave Your way, Re - store Your wan - d'ring sheep.

**Second Lesson • Romans 8:12–17**

Because of our sin, we are not naturally God's children, but He adopts us in His grace. Because we are His children, we also inherit everything He gives.

Brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, "Abba, Father!" <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God's children.

<sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him. (EHV)

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

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**Gospel Acclamation • Christian Faith and Love 3**

Psalm 78:1 (EHV)

☐ *Alleluia, alleluia. Give ear, O my people, to my instruction. Turn your ear to the words of my mouth. Alleluia.*

**Gospel • Matthew 7:15–23**

☐  If we are God's children we will naturally produce God's fruit in our lives. We will only know what God's fruit is by following His pure Word.

*[Jesus says:]* “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>By their fruit you will recognize them. You do not gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles, do you? <sup>17</sup>So then, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>So then, by their fruit you will recognize them. <sup>21</sup>Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup>Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and drive out demons in your name and perform many miracles in your name?’ <sup>23</sup>Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.’” (EHV)

☐ *This is the Gospel of our Lord.*



-Be seated-



## Hymn • "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"

[CW 185]

1. O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior  
2. Help us that we Your sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may trea - sure;  
3. Then when our earth - ly race is won, Death's bit - ter hour im - pend - ing,

In faith and fer - vent love em - brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er,  
And let that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure.  
May Your good work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,

So that when death is near at hand We at His cross may firm - ly stand  
Make us to die to ev - 'ry sin; Each day cre - ate us new with - in  
Un - til we glad - ly may commend Our souls in - to our Sav - ior's hand

And there find our Sal - va - tion.  
That fruits of faith may flour - ish.  
To rest in peace e - ter - nal.

**Sermon • Matthew 7:15–23****Watch Out For Wolves**

1. They Come in \_\_\_\_\_
2. They Produce \_\_\_\_\_
3. They Have A Distinctive \_\_\_\_\_
4. By Keeping Your Eye on Something \_\_\_\_\_

-Stand-

**Apostles' Creed**

**P** *Having heard the Word of God, we confess our holy faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:*

**I** **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](http://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.**

☞ *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.**

☞ *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.*

☞ **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.**

*-Special prayers may be added here-*

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

*-Silence for personal prayer-*

▮ *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]*

▮ *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 • “Come, O Come, Life-Giving Spirit”

[ELH 438]

1. Come, O come, Life - giv - ing Spir - it, God from all e - ter - ni - ty!  
 2. Grant our hearts in full - est meas - ure Your most ho - ly Wis - dom true,  
 8. Guard, O God, our faith for - ev - er; Let not Sa - tan, death, or shame

May Your pow - er nev - er fail us; Dwell with - in us con - stan - tly.  
 That they ev - er may be seek - ing On - ly that which pleas - es You.  
 Ev - er part us from our Sav - ior; "Lord our Ref - uge" is Your name.

Then shall truth and life and light Ban - ish all the gloom of night.  
 Let Your know - ledge spread and grow, And bring er - ror's ov - er - throw.  
 Though our flesh in pain will cry, You'll be with us till we die.

-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.

**P** *We give thanks to You, Lord the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith.*

**G** **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.*

**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.**

### Closing Hymn • “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

[ELH 589]

1. Lord, keep us steady in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword  
 2. Lord Jesus Christ, Your power make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;  
 3. O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth.

Would take the Kingdom from Your Son And then destroy all He has done.  
 Defend Your Christian Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.  
 Support us in our final strife, And lead us out of death to life.

-Be seated-