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**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

#### Service Volunteers:

Pastor: Rev. Paul Jenkins Usher: Steve Proksch Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch Music: Suey Nordberg

**Today's Focus:** The love of Christ for all people moves Christians to treat everyone as a beloved neighbor. He teaches us to answer the question, "Who is my neighbor?" the right way.

# We Come into the Presence of God

## **PASTOR'S GREETING AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP**

## **MUSICAL INTRODUCTION**

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

HYMN: 224 "God Himself Is Present"



Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769. abr.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835, and John Miller, 1756–90, alt. Tune: WUNDERBARER KÖNIG (668 668 33 66) Joachim Neander, 1650–80, alt. Stand

# Invocation

- M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

# **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
- M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
- C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

## C: Amen.

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

# C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

# C: Lord, have mercy.

- M: For the peace of the world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

## C: Lord, have mercy.

- M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C: Amen.

# **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- M: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Be Seated

# THE WORD

# FIRST LESSON

## Deuteronomy 24: 17-22

The Lord commands the Israelites to treat all people as their neighbors. This was a unique approach to life in the Ancient Middle East.

Do not neglect justice for an alien who lives among you or for a fatherless child, and do not take the clothing of a widow as a pledge.

<sup>18</sup> Remember that you were a slave in Egypt, but the LORD your God redeemed you from there. Therefore I am commanding you to do this.

<sup>19</sup> When you harvest the crops in your field and you forget a bundle in the field, do not return to get it. It will be for the benefit of the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in everything your hands do.

<sup>20</sup> When you beat your olives off the tree, do not strip the boughs clean of olives. Some are to be left for the benefit of the alien, the fatherless, and the widow.

<sup>21</sup>When you cut grapes from your vineyard, do not go over it again. Leave some for the benefit of the alien, the fatherless, and the widow.

<sup>22</sup> Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt. That is why I am commanding you to do this.

M: The Word of the Lord.

## C: Thanks be to God!

## SECOND LESSON

#### Romans 12:9-21

Paul encourages Christians to display active love to all people in every situation.

Do not just pretend to love others. Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another with brotherly love. Think of others as deserving more honor than yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Do not be lagging behind in zeal, but be fervent in spirit, as you continue to serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope. Endure trials patiently. Persist in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the saints who are in need. Be quick to welcome strangers as guests.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who are rejoicing; weep with those who are weeping. <sup>16</sup> Have the same respect for one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves.

<sup>17</sup> Do not pay anyone back evil for evil. Focus on those things that everyone considers noble. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, maintain peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> But:

If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. For by doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

M: The Word of the Lord.

## C: Thanks be to God!

Stand

## **GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT**

### Luke 10:25-37

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

<sup>26</sup> "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; and, love your neighbor as yourself."

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

<sup>29</sup> 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>35</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."

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

## C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 will come to judge the living and the dead.

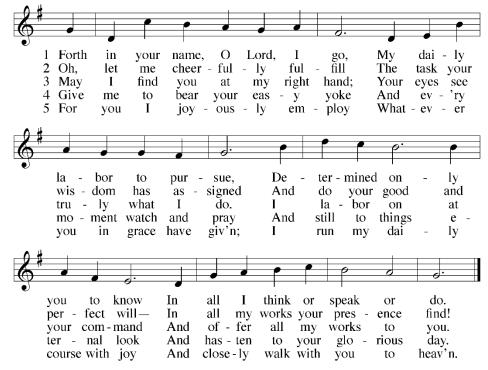
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON: "Remember Jesus"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 456, "Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go"



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#### SERMON

Text: Luke 10:25-27 Theme: The Right Answer is in You

#### **O**FFERING

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL IN THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK LOCATED IN THE PEW AT THIS TIME.

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

Stand

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

#### C: Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

M: Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

#### C: Move us to love all faithful ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

M: Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

#### C: Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

M: Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

#### C: Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

M: Give us zeal to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

#### C: Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

M: Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

#### C: Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

#### Special prayers

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

#### Silent prayer

M: Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

C: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

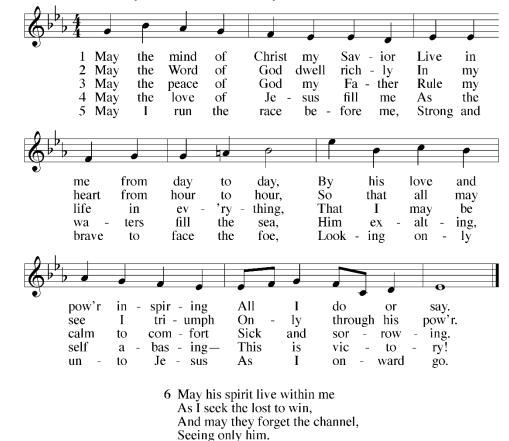
## **PRAYER FOR GRACE**

- M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

## BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.
C: Amen.

Be Seated



CLOSING HYMN: 467, "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1859-1928, alt.

Tune: ST. LEONARD'S (87 85) A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1891-1953.

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# Women's Bible Study: Please help choose our next book

The Trinity Women's Bible Study will be taking a break over the summer. We'll start back up with a new book in September. If you'd like to help us choose our next book, please vote here: <u>https://forms.gle/fGshSYLRjTzFjZGx7</u> or Scan the QR Code (use your phone's camera):



The Bible Study meets on the second Saturday of the month September through May. For questions, please contact Erika Ohlendorf at <u>erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com</u> or 617-821-3126.

## **Movie Night Coming in September**

On Friday night, September 16, starting at 7 (movie starts at 7:30), Trinity will host its first ever Movie Night. We'll be showing "Monsters Inc" a big screen and projector on the back of our property, with a popcorn wagon, beverages, and snow cone maker. This event is for Trinity's members and friends, and we'll be welcoming our neighbors, too.

## Wine and Word Bible Study – meeting Thursday, 8/4

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. We are journeying through the book of Genesis with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or <u>dawn.f.knox@gmail.com</u> to RSVP.

## **Small Choir**

Trinity's small choir sings once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

# Help Needed with New Mover Welcome Packages

Each month Trinity delivers welcome care packages to new residents in our nearby neighborhood. We have a dedicated but small crew undertaking this project. If you would like to help, either providing care packages or delivering them, please speak to pastor. We are trying to make friends, inviting contact with as many new neighbors as possible, but need more help. Thank you for considering.

## **Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed**

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius and is also available in the Narthex. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Scott Mund.

# **Our Little Free Library**

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

# Lord's Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity and waiting to return to the sanctuary for worship, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or <u>revpauljenkins@yahoo.com</u> with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work

# It is the mission of



to glorify God

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.