

*Sorrow*  
in the  
*World*  
*Joy*  
with  
*Jesus*

**April 23, 2023**



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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.

**Serving the Lord and Serving Us:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Paul Jenkins

**Today's Focus:** Jesus promises that after he returns to heaven, the world will rejoice, believing him to be out of their way for good. Meanwhile Jesus' people will mourn and struggle with sorrow as we wait for our risen Savior to appear. But when he does, he will turn our sadness into eternal joy! Our worship follows *Morning Praise*.

# 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.*

*Stand*

### MORNING HYMN



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our  
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you. Sing - ing, we of - fer  
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,  
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion. Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.  
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

*Stand*

### Invocation

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

C: Amen.

### Confession

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: O Lord, open my lips.

**C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

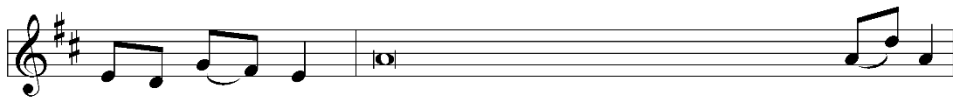
**C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The Lord is risen: let us worship him.

## OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



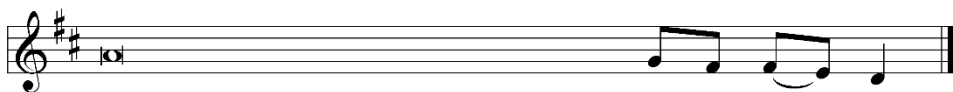
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

M: Let us pray. O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant you faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; 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

#### **Lamentations 3:18-26**

*The book of Lamentations is not, on the whole, a joyful and hopeful book. Even in the middle of his sorrow, though, Jeremiah looks forward with joy to Israel's ultimate deliverance by the Lord.*

I said, "My endurance has vanished, along with my hope from the LORD."

<sup>19</sup> Remember my affliction and my homeless wandering, the wormwood and bitterness.

<sup>20</sup> My soul always remembers, and it has sunk within me.

<sup>21</sup> Nevertheless, I keep this in my heart. This is the reason I have hope:

<sup>22</sup> By the mercies of the LORD we are not consumed, for his compassions do not fail.

<sup>23</sup> They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> My soul says, "The LORD is my portion. Therefore, I will hope in him."

<sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

<sup>26</sup> It is good to hope quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

## PSALM: 67

*Read Responsively*

M: May God be gracious to us and bless us

**C: and make his face shine upon us;**

M: may your ways be known on earth,

**C: your salvation among all nations.**

M: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**C: for you rule the people justly and guide the nations of the earth.**

M: Then the land will yield its harvest,

**C: and God, our God, will bless us.**

M: God will bless us,

**C: and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

## SECOND LESSON

### **1 Peter 2:11-20**

*Christians show that they belong to the Lord, and not to the unbelieving world, by living strikingly different lives. They continue to do this even as the world gives them trouble for their Godly way of life.*

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and temporary residents in the world, to abstain from the desires of the sinful flesh, which war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Live an honorable life among the Gentiles so that even though they slander you as evildoers, when they observe your noble deeds, they may glorify God on the day he visits us.

<sup>13</sup>Submit to every human authority because of the Lord, whether to the king as the supreme authority <sup>14</sup>or to governors as those who have been sent by him to punish those who do what is wrong and to praise those who do what is right. <sup>15</sup>For this is God's will: that you silence the ignorance of foolish people by doing good. <sup>16</sup>Do this as free people, and do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but use it as servants of God. <sup>17</sup>Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

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<sup>18</sup>Slaves, submit to your masters with total respect, not only to those who are good and kind but also to those who are harsh. <sup>19</sup>For this is favorable: if a person endures sorrows while suffering unjustly because he is conscious of God. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it to you if you receive a beating for sinning and patiently endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is favorable with God.

## SEASONAL SENTENCE

M: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Death has been swallowed up in victory!  
Alleluia!

*STAND*

## GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

### **John 16:16-23a**

“In a little while you are not going to see me anymore, and again in a little while you will see me, because I am going away to the Father.”

<sup>17</sup>Therefore some of his disciples asked one another, “What does he mean when he tells us, ‘In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going away to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup>So they kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he’s saying.”

<sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you trying to determine with one another what I meant by saying, ‘In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me’?” <sup>20</sup>Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice. You will become sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup>A woman giving birth has pain, because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, because of her joy that a person has been born into the world.

<sup>22</sup>“So you also have sorrow now. But I will see you again. Your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. <sup>23</sup>In that day you will not ask me anything.”



## **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: "A Most Magnificent Change"**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: 167, "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior,  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to  
3 No, too close - ly am I bound Un - to him by  
4 I am flesh and must re - turn Un - to dust, whence  
5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new With this flesh then



now is liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence  
life shall wak - en. End - less joy my Sav - ior gives;  
hope for - ev - er; Faith's strong hand the rock has found,  
I am tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern  
be en - shroud - ed; In this bod - y I shall view



Rests up - on the hope he's giv - ing, Though the night of  
Shall my cour - age, then, be shak - en? Shall I fear, or  
Grasped it, and will leave it nev - er. E - ven death now  
That from death I shall a - wak - en With my Sav - ior  
God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; In this flesh I



death be fraught Still with many an anx - ious thought.  
could the head Rise and leave his mem - bers dead?  
can - not part From its Lord the trust - ing heart.  
to a - bide In his glo - ry, at his side.  
then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: *D. M. Luthers . . . Geistliche Lieder und Psalmen*, Berlin, 1653, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 4-5.  
Tune: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

## SERMON

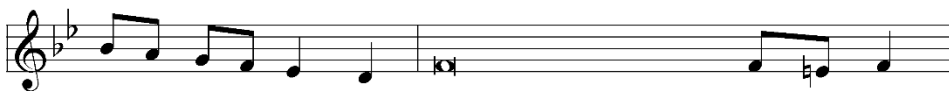
Text: John 16:16-23a

Theme: Sorrow in the World; Joy in Jesus

## WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



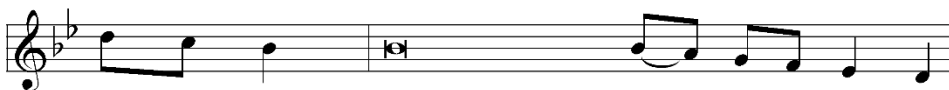
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



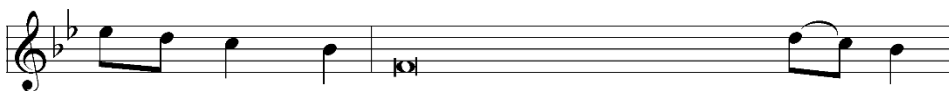
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



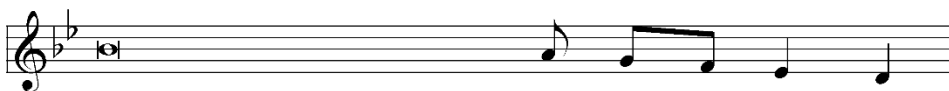
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,

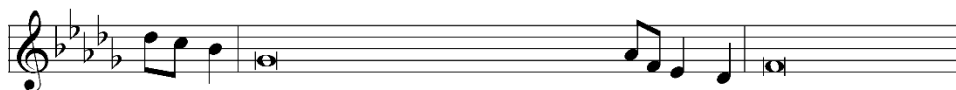
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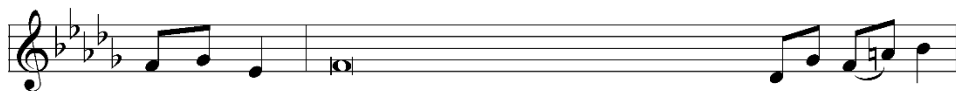
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

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## OFFERING

*Please take a moment to fill in the Friendship Register in the pew.*

*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*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom so that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints on earth, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

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M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick and strengthen the faith of the suffering and dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

M: Let us praise the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

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## CLOSING HYMN: 333, "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us  
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us,  
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us,  
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion A - mong us,



with your grace That Sa - tan may not  
with your Word And thus now and here -  
pre - cious Light; Your truth di - rect and  
boun - teous Lord; Let us in grace and  
Lord, our Strength, Lest world and Sa - tan



harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
wis - dom Grow dai - ly through your Word.  
fell us And ov - er - come at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN (76/76) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt.





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### **Sunday Morning Bible Class**

The adult Bible class is studying the Armor of God. For this class we are using a book called "Equipped: The Armor of God for Everyday Struggles," by Christopher M. Kenndy, which is available for purchase from Northwestern Publishing House at [nph.net](http://nph.net). It is not necessary to buy the book in order to benefit from the class, but it will be helpful.

### **VBS Planning Meeting - May 3 at 6:30 pm**

Our next VBS planning meeting will be Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 pm. If you have an interest in volunteering for VBS, please let Pastor or Erika Ohlendorf know.

### **Wine and Word Bible Study – Thursday, May 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 studying the book of Revelation 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 [dawn.f.knox@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

### **Fellowship Opportunities This Summer: “Chosen” Nights**

On most Wednesday nights this summer, everyone is welcome to potluck suppers that will start at 6. Beverages and tableware will be provided; please bring a dish to pass if you can. After supper we will watch an episode of the acclaimed series, “The Chosen,” which tells the story of Jesus through the eyes of those who followed him. A little discussion time will follow the show.

The “Chosen” nights will be: June 21 and 28; July 12 and 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

If you have any questions, please speak to pastor.



## Vacation Bible School

It's time to register for this year's VBS, which will be held here at Trinity July 17-21 from 9:00-11:30 am. Come join us for a Stellar VBS where kids will have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. We're looking forward to sharing God's Word, singing songs, making crafts, playing games, and of course, having some awesome snacks together. VBS is for kids ages 3 (and potty trained) to those entering 6th grade in the fall. Please register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/trinity2023> or scan the QR Code below



If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Erika Ohlendorf ([erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com](mailto:erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com)). Kids entering 7th grade and older may volunteer as helpers.

## Excess Offerings Team

From Trinity's President Steve Proksch: Trinity was blessed with an abundance of financial offerings beyond our actual expenses in 2022. Anyone in the congregation may contact the treasurer, Mr. Jim Strock, if they would like to participate on the team to help decide what to do with Trinity's surplus funds. This could include additional support to world missions, helping other WELS churches in need, or adjusting Trinity's financial investments.

## 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.

## **Youth Activities Coming This Summer**

Camp Chi Rho will take place July 24-28, 2023. The location is moving from Elk Neck, MD to Shenandoah River State Park. This new location is more centralized and has more comfortable accommodations (A/C cabin rooms) while still maintaining the possibility to tent camp. And, who can pass up the world class finishing in the Shenandoah River? The cost will be roughly \$25 a night. Camp Chi Rho is for kids finishing grades 4-8. Kids finishing grades 9-12 can attend as "counselors." For more information, please visit [campchirho.org](http://campchirho.org).

The next regional youth rally, for students finishing grades 8-12, is planned for July 10-13, 2023 at Slippery Rock University (50 minutes north of Pittsburgh). The overall theme will center on relationships (with God, with others, and with ourselves). More detailed information will be available in the coming months.

## **Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed**

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. 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 Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org)

## **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 [revpauljenkins@yahoo.com](mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work

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by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



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