



May 14, 2023



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: Paul Jenkins

Today's Focus: God carries out his good and perfect plans for us from heaven. We trust him to carry out his plan to its completion, bringing us to the side of our risen Savior. As we look up to God with faith, our prayers also ascend to his throne, asking him in Jesus' name to work all things according to his will. Our worship follows *Service of the Word*.

We Come into the Presence of God

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

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

OPENING HYMN: 340, "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist
3 The name of Je - sus calms our fears And bids
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He sets
5 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The Lamb



Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
our sor - rows cease. 'Tis mu - sic in the
the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
of God was slain. His life was once an



God and King, The tri - umphs of his grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of your name.
sin - ner's ears; 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
off - 'ring made That you might live a - gain.

6 Glory to God and praise and love
Be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt.
Tune: BEATITUDO (CM) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

Stand

INVOCATION

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

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; 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 AND SERMON TEXT

JEREMIAH 29:11-14

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to give you peace, not disaster, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come to pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ When you seek me, you will find me, when you will seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will let you find me, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back from your exile. I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have sent you as exiles, declares the LORD. I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 85

Read Responsively

M: You showed favor to your land, O LORD;

C: you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

M: You forgave the iniquity of your people

C: and covered all their sins.

M: Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,

C: and grant us your salvation.

M: I will listen to what God the LORD will say;

C: he promises peace to his people, his saints.

M: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

C: that his glory may dwell in our land.

M: Love and faithfulness meet together;

C: righteousness and peace kiss each other.

SECOND LESSON

James 1:22-27

The good plans that God has for his people include blessing those who do what God wants.

Be people who do what the word says, not people who only hear it. Such people are deceiving themselves. ²³In fact, if anyone hears the word and does not do what it says, he is like a man who carefully looks at his own natural face in a mirror. ²⁴Indeed, he carefully looks at himself; then, he goes away and immediately forgets what he looked like. ²⁵But the one who looks carefully into the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continues to do so—since he does not hear and forget but actually does what it says—that person will be blessed in what he does.

²⁶If anyone considers himself to be religious but deceives his own heart because he does not bridle his tongue, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled in the sight of God the Father is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."
Alleluia! (*John 14:23*)

Stand

GOSPEL

John 16:23b-30

Jesus' people pray in his name and they receive good, gracious answers for his sake.

"Amen, Amen, I tell you: Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. ²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be made complete.

²⁵"I have told you these things using figurative language. A time is coming when I will no longer speak to you using figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I am not telling you that I will make requests of the Father on your behalf. ²⁷For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am going to leave the world and go to the Father."

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29 “Yes!” his disciples said. “Now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative language. 30 Now we know that you know everything and do not need to have anyone ask you anything. For this reason we believe that you came from God.”

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

Children’s Sermon: “What’s the Plan?”

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

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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: Jeremiah 29:11-14
THEME: God Has Good Plans

STAND

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.

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**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

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your 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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

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M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers.

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

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever..

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: 320, "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus,
King of grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Have no
pow'r to hide your face. This the su - per - scrip - tion be:
Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my life, my hope's foun -
da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. Peer O. Strømme, 1856–1921, alt.

Tune: FREU DICH SEHR (87 87 77 88) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.

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Wine and Word Bible Study – Thursday, May 18

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 1st and 3rd 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 to RSVP.

Summer Worship Schedule Starts May 28

Beginning Sunday, May 28 there will be a single worship service at 10. Bible class and Sunday School will break for the summer. The “normal” schedule will resume on September 10, the Sunday after Labor Day.

April Attendance Figures

Confirmation and Palm Sunday the 2nd: 50 + 34 = 84; Bible class: 38

Maundy Thursday: 29

Good Friday: 43

Easter Sunday: 55 + 35 = 90

Sunday the 16th: 42 + 29 = 71; Bible class: 28

Sunday the 23rd: 32 + 27 = 59; Bible class: 24

Sunday the 30th: 24 + 40 = 64; Bible class: 27

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). 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 – Update!

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." **Full information and registration is now up at campchirho.org. Please remember that a kind offer has been made by an anonymous donor at Trinity to pay the way for a kid to attend. If you'd like to take advantage of this offer, please speak to pastor and he'll put you in touch!**

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

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, 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 with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work

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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.