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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 makes all people worthy of God's grace and makes believers perfectly fit to serve him. We follow the order of *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.

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: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

M: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: 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.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, often beamed together. There are several rests throughout the piece, and the score ends with a double bar line.

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

Jonah 3:15

Not even the notoriously ruthless Assyrians were beyond God's gracious call to repentance.

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Get up. Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.”

³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the LORD had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. ⁴ Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, “Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!”

⁵ The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least.

PSALM 27

Read Responsively

M: Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;

C: **be merciful to me and answer me.**

M: Do not hide your face from me,

C: **do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.**

M: Do not reject me or forsake me,

C: **O God my Savior.**

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M: Though my father and mother forsake me,

C: the LORD will receive me.

M: I am still confident of this:

C: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

M: Wait for the LORD;

C: be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

For the love of Christ compels us, because we came to this conclusion: One died for all; therefore, all died. 15 And he died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves but for him, who died in their place and was raised again.

16 As a result, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we knew Christ according to the flesh, we no longer know him that way. 17 So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. The new has come! 18 And all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. 19 That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

SEASONAL SENTENCE

M: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

STAND

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Mark 1:14-20

After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. ¹⁵“The time is fulfilled,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶ As Jesus was going along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ¹⁸ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately Jesus called them. They left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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: "You Are God's Creation"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 93 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”



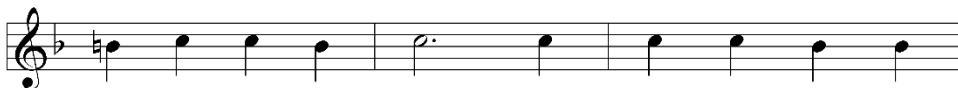
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer
 3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him And gold and in - cense
 4 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on his throne shall



Son! Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on
 wrong, To help the poor and need - y And bid the
 bring; All na - tions shall a - dore him; His praise all
 rest, From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing



earth be - gun! He comes to break op - pres - sion, To
 weak be strong, To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their
 peo - ple sing. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And
 and all - blest. The tide of time shall nev - er His



set the cap - tive free, To take a - way trans -
 dark - ness turn to light Whose souls, con - demned and
 dai - ly vows as - cend, His king - dom still in -
 cov - e - nant re - move; His name shall stand for -



gres - sion, And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 dy - ing, Are pre - cious in his sight.
 creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.
 ev - er— That name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.

Tune: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN CHRISTEN (76 76 D) Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601.

SERMON

Text: Mark 1:14-20

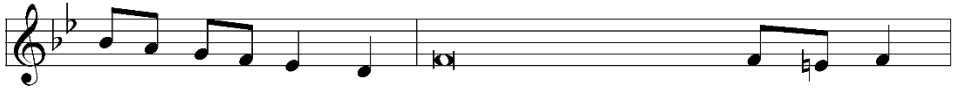
Theme: You Are Perfect to Go

STAND

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



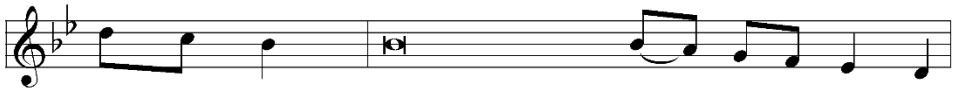
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



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



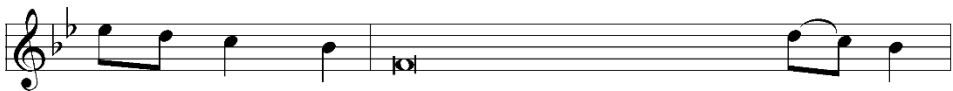
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



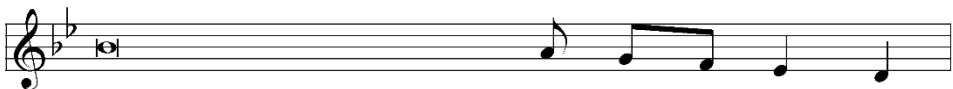
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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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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 DAY

M: Almighty God, giver of all things, with gladness we give thanks for all your goodness. We bless you for the love with which you created us and by which you sustain us from day to day. We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior, through whom you have made known your will and grace. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for your holy Church; for the means of grace; for the encouraging example of the fruits of faith your Spirit produces in the lives of believers; and for the hope of the life to come. Help us treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has done for us, and enable us to show thankfulness with lives that are wholly given to your service:

C: **Hear us, good Lord.**

M: Save and defend your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers filled with your Spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and holy sacraments. Make it perfect in love and in all good works, and establish it in the faith delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all:

C: **Hear us, good Lord.**

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M: Sanctify our homes with your presence and joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their baptisms, and enable their parents to train them in lives of faith and devotion. By the spirit of affection and service, unite the members of all families, that they may show your praise in our land and in all the world:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Let your blessing rest on the seedtime and harvest, the commerce and industry, the leisure and rest, the arts and culture of our people. Take under your special protection those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who lay their hands to any useful task:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

Special prayers

M: Comfort with your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all grant a measure of your love, taking them into your tender care:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you in your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of your heavenly kingdom:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: 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.

BLESSING

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

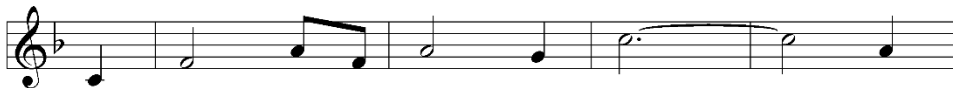
C: Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN: 379 “Amazing Grace - How Sweet the Sound”



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,



That saved a wretch like me! I
 His Word my hope se - cures. He
 I have al - read - y come; 'Tis
 Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've



once was lost but now am found,
 will my shield and por - tion be
 grace has brought me safe thus far,
 no less days to sing God's praise



Was blind but now I see.
 As long as life en - dures.
 And grace will lead me home.
 Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-3, abr.; John P. Rees, 19th century, st. 4.
 Tune: NEW BRITAIN (CM) *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1829, alt.

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Wine and Word Bible Study – February 1

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 7-8:30 pm. We are studying the book of Revelation with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a 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.

Trinity Book Club

Join the Trinity Book Club! Our next meeting is at 9:30 am on Saturday, February 3, at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries. We'll be discussing *Shadowed Loyalty* by Roseanna M. White. If you have questions, please ask Rachel Kovaciny.

Welcome Shannon, Edward, and Taimen

We welcome into Trinity's membership Shannon Kilpatrick, who recently completed membership class, along with her sons Edward and Taimen, who were baptized here in December. We happily welcome Shannon to commune with us and thank God for these gifts to our church!

Sunday School Spring Service Project

From the beginning of February through Sunday, February 28, Trinity's Sunday School kids are collecting baby items to donate to Birthright of Woodbridge. These will help new moms facing difficult pregnancies or with little support from their families and friends. Items needed include baby clothing (newborn to 12 mo), toiletries (baby shampoo, lotion, etc), diapers (unopened), baby towels, bibs, and burp cloths. See the bulletin board in the narthex for a more complete list. Please place all donations in the bin provided in the narthex by February 28. Thank you for helping us support moms who choose life for their babies!

Valentine's Breakfast

Trinity will be hosting a Valentine's breakfast with free food, beverages, games and prizes on Saturday, February 10 from 9:00 to 10:30. Volunteers for menu coordination, cooking, decorating, and clean-up are needed. Because this involves food service, for insurance and liability purposes it will be a fellowship event and not promoted to the general public. However, members of Trinity are encouraged to invite their friends and neighbors. Please speak to pastor if you have any questions, or to let him know how you'd like to help with the breakfast.

Women's Bible Study on Esther

The remaining dates for the Women's Bible Study on Esther are:

March 9 at 9:00 am (Chapter 5)

April 13 at 9:00 am (Chapter 6)

May 11 at 9:00 am (Chapter 7)

The Women's Bible Study meets at Trinity. We are discussing the book "Esther: Providential Persian Queen" by Lou Ann Mokwa. Please join us anytime!

Small Choir

Trinity's small choir sings about 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.

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

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

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.



Seeing God's Creation

From Wels.net Saturday Devotion, 7/29/2023

My family traveled to Yellowstone National Park this summer. The beauty and majesty we witnessed are indescribable. Rivers, waterfalls, rocky ridges, and wildlife inspire awe in every observer. Over and over, my family and I commented on how great our God is to have created such a world as ours.

This is precisely how the God of our universe wants us to react when we observe his creation. In fact, the Bible says that anyone who sees what God has created and denies that there is a God who created it is a fool (Psalm 14:1). In the book of Romans, the apostle Paul wrote that anyone who claims there is no God is without excuse. The majesty and complexity of the universe insist that an all-wise and all-powerful God is behind it.

But the God of this universe was not content with just letting nature tell us about himself. He wanted us to know him more personally. So he became one of us in the person of Jesus Christ. He walked among us for thirty-three years. He showed us, in word and deed, who God is and what God is like. He performed miracle after miracle to demonstrate his power and his love. Then he gave himself up to his enemies and allowed himself to be put to death on a Roman cross. There he suffered the punishment for all the sins of all people of all time. There he suffered the punishment for your sins.

When you witness the beauty and majesty of this world, think about God, who created everything. Remember how much he loves you, enough to come into the world he created so that he could save you. And look forward to the new world he promises to create for all his followers when this world comes to an end.

Questions & Answers about Creation:

How old is the earth? I've heard a few numbers.

No precise number is available. Biblical chronologies—and they are incomplete—suggest that God created the world within the past 6,000 to 10,000 years. Of course, God created a fully mature world, so objects had age at the very beginning of time.

Were there really dinosaurs on earth?

While we can't absolutely rule out the idea that dinosaur fossils were created by God and aren't evidence of extinct creatures, we consider it most probable that various dinosaurs did indeed exist. And we're well aware that some Christians are reluctant to accept this evidence because they think it conflicts with biblical revelation. We are less certain what these extinct creatures really looked like. Dinosaur fossils usually consist of fragments. Even if scientists find nearly complete skeletons, they still must guess what the animal originally looked like.

Questions abound: Were they sluggish or swift, cold-blooded or warm-blooded? Were they fat or slim, hairy or feathered? Reconstructing dinosaurs from fossil remnants involves much guesswork and yields frequent disagreement among scholars. Answers are elusive, and speculation is widespread despite occasional knowledge of significant skeletal structures.

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.