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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: Luke Hendricks**

# 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:

**8:30 Service:** 411, What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**11:00 Service -** 618, Before We Bow (*Please enjoy a special presentation by our Sunday School as they sing Verses 1, 3, and 4.*)



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a



griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry  
an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—  
load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—



Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten  
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so  
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -



for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -  
faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus  
sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his



cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.

Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.

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 two sharps (F# and C#) 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: Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Be seated*

# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

### 1 Samuel 1:21-28

<sup>21</sup>When this man Elkanah and his entire household went up to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vow, <sup>22</sup>Hannah did not go up with them, because she said to her husband, "Not until the child is weaned. Then I will bring him, so that he can appear before the Lord and remain there permanently."

<sup>23</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do whatever you think is best. Wait until you have weaned him. Yes, then the Lord will establish his word."

So the woman stayed at home, and she nursed her son until she was ready to wean him. <sup>24</sup>When she had weaned him, she took him up with her. She also took a three-year-old bull, twenty-five pounds of flour, and a container of wine, and she brought him to the House of the Lord in Shiloh. The boy was with them. And they brought him before the Lord, and his father killed the sacrifice as he regularly did before the Lord, and he brought the boy. <sup>25</sup>When they had killed the bull, they presented the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>She said, "Excuse me, my lord. As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood here next to you, praying to the Lord. <sup>27</sup>I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked for. <sup>28</sup>So now I have also dedicated him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is dedicated to the Lord." So he worshipped the Lord there.

## PSALM 8

### *Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,

what is man that you are mindful of him,  
the Son of Man that you care for him?

### *Refrain*

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under his feet.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### *Refrain*

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## SECOND LESSON

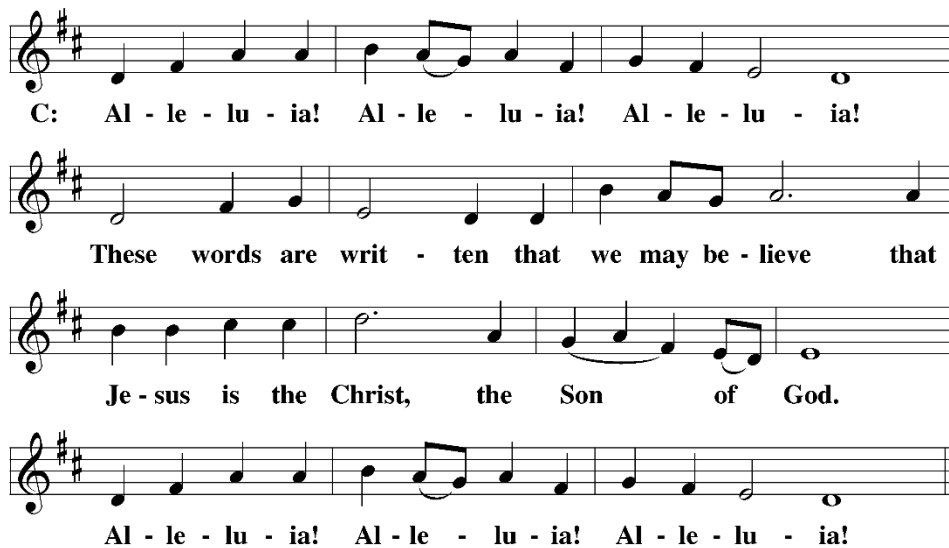
### 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup> Since we have that same spirit of faith, which corresponds to what is written: "I believed; therefore, I have spoken," we also believe, and therefore we speak. <sup>14</sup> For we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and bring us (together with you) into his presence. <sup>15</sup> In fact, all this is for your benefit, so that as grace increases, it will overflow to the glory of God, as more and more people give thanks.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore we are not discouraged. But even if our outer self is wasting away, yet our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> Yes, our momentary, light trouble produces for us an eternal weight of glory that is far beyond any comparison. <sup>18</sup> We are not focusing on what is seen, but on what is not seen. For the things that are seen are temporary, but the things that are not seen are eternal.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia. (*John 14:23*)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Stand*

## GOSPEL LESSON

### John 17:1-11a

After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup> For you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. <sup>4</sup> I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> Now, Father, glorify me at your own side with the glory I had at your side before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> "I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me.

<sup>9</sup> "I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

*Be Seated*

### HYMN OF THE DAY 359, Jesus, My Great High Priest



1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, Of - fered his blood and  
 2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, Will I com - mit my  
 3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on  
 4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -



died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -  
 cause; He an - swers and ful - fills His Fa - ther's  
 high; A gra - cious Fa - ther hears And lays his  
 known Put their most dread - ful forms Of rage and



vice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -  
 bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom  
 thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can  
 mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne.  
 set— My Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!  
 say Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.  
 plays Su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.  
 Tune: BEVAN (66 66 88) John Goss, 1800–80.

## **SERMON**

*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.**

**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.**

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.**

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.**

*Special prayers*

## **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.**

*Be Seated*

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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.

**CLOSING HYMN :**

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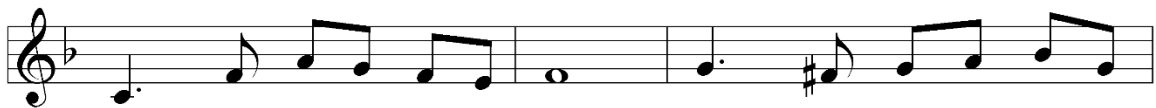
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**Vacation Bible School Registration is OPEN.** Registration is now open for this year's VBS, which will be held July 27-31 from 9:00-11:30 am. Come join us for Tropical Trek VBS and be guided by our Savior, Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life!. We look 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 4 to those entering 6th grade. Kids entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older may volunteer as helpers. Adult volunteers are needed as well! Please contact Erika Ohlendorf ([erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com](mailto:erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com)) with questions. Register your child here: <https://vbsmate.com/events/TrinityofWoodbridge/31882>



### Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:45am

**TODAY, Sunday School Year End Picnic. AKA- Sunday Sundae:** In recognition of the end of the Sunday School year, the congregation is invited to enjoy a picnic at church at Noon on May 17, following the second service. Hamburgers and hot dogs, along with an ice cream sundae bar will be provided. Those wishing to provide a side dish are encouraged to do so. Outdoor games will be available.

**Youth Parents:** This year, the WELS Youth Rally will be in **Ohio, July 14-17**, and registrations will open soon. We are partnering with Grace Lutheran Church to see if we can lower costs, but now we need to know how many teens (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) may be interested in this event so we can transmit a group pre-registration. If you would like your child/children to attend, have any comments, questions or concerns, please contact Hilda Naranjo by sending an email to [arghilda@yahoo.com](mailto:arghilda@yahoo.com) **as soon as possible**. Group Leaders must work on the pre-registration that opens March 9. Thank you!

**The Trinity Book Club** invites you to join them on **May 23 at 9:30 am** at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries to discuss the Biblical fiction novel *On Living Stone* by Heather Kaufman.

### Summer Schedule begins Sunday May 25:

Our summer schedule begins with just 1 Sunday worship service at 9:30am. Note that in previous years we had service at 10am, however this summer we've moved to 9:30am so we can accommodate Pastor Satorius on some Sundays this summer. We'll resume our 2 service schedule after Labor Day.

### Wine and Word Bible Study – May 21st

The Wine and Word Bible Study is **studying the book of EXODUS** and 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 7-8:30 pm. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine (or other drink of choice) 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](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## **Volunteers Needed to provide snacks for our Sunday School and Fellowship Hour!**

If you're able to bless our community with simple treats, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Sunday School bulletin board located in the large fellowship and adult Sunday School room. Your contributions help make our time together even more welcoming and enjoyable—thank you for supporting our fellowship!

## **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 Steven Douglas. If you have any questions or are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org). You can also scan this code to sign up:



**Trinity's Little Free Library** is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the Fellowship Hall beside the door to the hallway.

## **Small Choir**

Trinity's 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 Bev Ohlendorf know.

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



## **The WAY: Only Jesus Is the Way Who Brings You Home**

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20260508/>

**[Jesus said] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:1-6**

Did you know there used to be no GPS? GPS is what your phone or car uses to help you find your way when you’re lost. Before GPS, people used paper maps . . . and before that, they had to stop and ask, “Excuse me, how do I get there?” Sometimes dads especially didn’t like that part. They wanted to figure it out themselves—but eventually, they still had to ask for directions!

On the night before Jesus died, he told his disciples something surprising: “I’m going away.” He meant he would soon die on the cross, rise from the dead, and go back to heaven. But he also told them something comforting: “I’m going to get a place ready for you in my Father’s house.” That means: Jesus was going to heaven to get it ready for them—and for us too.

Then Jesus said: “You know the way to where I am going.” But Thomas was confused. He said: “Wait . . . we don’t even know where you’re going! How can we know the way?” That’s a great question. Truth is: You can’t find your own way to heaven. No map. No GPS. No human directions.

So Jesus answered like this: “I am the way and the truth and the life.” What does that mean? It means Jesus is not just someone who shows the way—he IS the way. Other people say, “Do this and you can get to heaven.” But Jesus says, “I already did everything needed to get you there” He lived perfectly for you. He died for your sins. He rose from the dead. And because of Jesus, heaven is open to you.

So when Jesus says: “No one comes to the Father except through me,” he is not trying to block people. He is saying, “I’m the only one who can bring you home safely.” Heaven is like your real home with God. And Jesus is the only way to get there.

## **Questions to Consider**

- Choose someone in your family and ask them for “directions” to heaven.
- Describe one thing you are looking forward to in heaven.
- In your own words explain what it means that Jesus is “the way and the truth and the life.”
- Since Jesus is the only way to heaven, how do we stay close to Jesus?
- What does it mean that there is only one way to heaven (exclusive), but that everyone is invited to come to Jesus (inclusive)?
- Why, therefore, is it so important to tell everybody about Jesus?

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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.