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5TH, 2021**

## ROMANS 15:4

For whatever things were written  
before were written for our  
learning, that we through the  
patience and comfort of the  
Scriptures might have hope.

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**Pre-Service Meditation**

*Luke 4:18-19*

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”*

**Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, as the promised Messiah you were anointed to heal sinful man. This you accomplished through your redemptive work, as recorded in Scripture. What a blessing it is to come back again and again to hear about how you have set us free, restored our sight, and won for us eternal life. Reign in our hearts always so that your Word might always comfort and strengthen us. In Your Name we pray: Amen.**



# Service of the Word

## Opening Prayer

## Opening Hymn

*TLH 55 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

## Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** (sing) **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** (sing) **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** (sing) **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**C** **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** (sing) **Amen.**

**P** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

## Gloria Patri

*TLH pg 16*



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**Kyrie**

*TLH pg 17*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

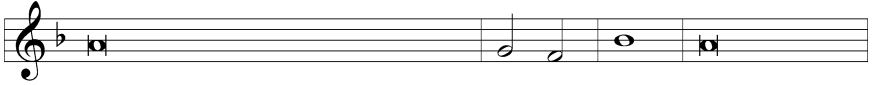
**Gloria in Excelsis**

*TLH pg 17*

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



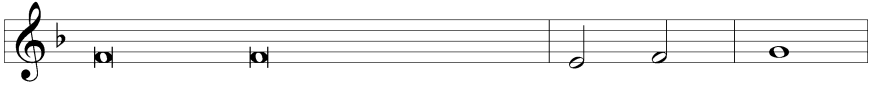
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** (sing) **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Let us pray. . .
- C** (sing) **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Luke 4:16-21*

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

20 Then He closed the book and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

**Psalm 19** (selected verses)

- P** The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul;
- C** **The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;**
- P** The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
- C** **The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**
- P** The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
- C** **The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**
- P** More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold;
- C** **Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.**
- P** Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
- C** **And in keeping them there is great reward.**

**Second Reading**

*Romans 15:4-13*

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. 5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. 8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, 9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles and sing to Your name."

10 And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" 11 And again: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" 12 And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope."

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

## Alleluia



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day

*TLH 61 Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People*

## Sermon

*Isaiah 40:1-5 (ESV)*

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God. 2 “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the Lord’s hand Double for all her sins.”

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; 5 The glory of the Lord shall

be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

**THE WORD OFFERS TRUE COMFORT CARE**  
I. The flesh seeks to be comfortable  
II. The soul is comforted in Christ

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

**Offertory**

*TLH pg 12*



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

**Hymn**

*TLH 285 How Precious Is the Book Divine*

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Day**



# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

TLH pg 24

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts



**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God



**P** It is truly proper and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For you have entrusted to us Your Holy Word, by which we receive comfort, assurance, and confidence in your power and grace. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

TLH pg 26

**R** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

*TLH pg 26*

**P** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. . .



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Institution

*TLH pg 27*

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

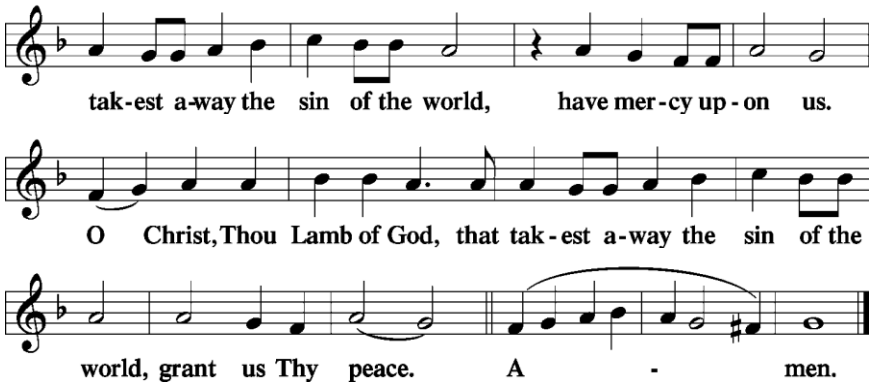
*TLH pg 28*



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

### Distribution

Communion Hymn *TLH 306 Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast Prepared*

**A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT COMMUNION:** All CLC churches practice "close communion." **We ask that only those who are members of our church or another congregation in the CLC come forward to receive the Sacrament.** This is NOT a judgment on your faith! Rather, it is an expression of our own faith and unity. If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

### Nunc Dimittis

*TLH pg 29*



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy




peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

*TLH pg 30*

**P** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we pray that You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**Closing Hymn**

*TLH 282 Christians, Come, In Sweetest Measures*

**Silent Prayer**

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# Welcome to worship at Trinity!

**Please wait to be ushered** out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the narthex or mailed to the church.

**Guest and Visitors**, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! We also invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COVID-19** – Due to the mask mandate in Washington state, **Trinity will be requiring that those attending in-person services wear face masks at all times.** This is an unfortunate step backwards in the re-opening process, yet the Lord remains in control. Please keep all those effected by the virus in your prayers, especially those within our fellowship. Instead of despairing over all the many disheartening things that are going on in the world right now, may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!

### BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Class – Now: Hosea

Up Next: Hosea (cont.)

Sunday School – Now: Jailer of Philippi

Up Next: The Fiery Furnace

## MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE SCHEDULE

- o Midweek Services (6:30pm): 12/1; 12/8; 12/15
- o Christmas Eve (6:30pm): 12/24
- o Christmas Day (10:30am) 12/25

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Trinity is having a Christmas party on 12/12 following the worship service! We are taking precautions to limit any potential COVID exposure, so please come and join us for a wonderful fellowship opportunity and some great food! **There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway for anyone who would like to help with the planning, serving, etc. Please sign-up to help out if you are able!**

### **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

- Paul Hein is still at Sacred Heart after being admitted last Wednesday for pneumonia. It sounds as though his situation is not as dire as first suspected, but it's still a little early to tell for certain. Please keep Paul, Bertie, and all the Heins in your prayers in the coming days that the LORD would grant Paul healing according to His perfect will and grant him and his family comfort and courage in the knowledge of their risen and ascended Savior!
- Kathy Conway's husband, Bob, had a leg adjustment to help with his recovery from knee replacement surgery which went well. Please keep Bob's recovery in your prayers.
- A friend of Kathy Conway's has a daughter named Becky who is suffering with a leg infection along with other serious health complications. Please keep Becky in your prayers during the coming weeks, that the Lord would grant strength and healing to Becky and her family.
- Barbara Anderson underwent successful heart valve replacement surgery a few weeks ago. We thank the Lord for bringing her safely through this procedure, and may He be with her throughout her recovery.
- Flooding in India has been very severe in recent days, and it has affected many of our brothers and sisters in Christ of the BELC (South-West India). The Northern group, the CLCI has not been affected as much, but has not been unscathed. Please keep these congregations in your prayers that the LORD might preserve them from any danger and sustain them with everything they need for their bodies and souls.

### **CALL NEWS:**

- Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

- Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN
- After 24 years of teaching at Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, Susan Rehm has asked for a peaceful release from her call effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year.
- Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, WI, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Offering</b>
<b>11/21/21</b>	19	\$590
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	12	\$1105
<b>11/28/21</b>	17	\$495
<b>12/1/21</b>	11	\$1147

<b>DECEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>North Entry</b>	<b>Clark</b>
<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Helke</b>
<b>Basement</b>	<b>Toll</b>

