



"I AM  
the WAY  
the TRUTH  
the LIGHT"

John 14:6

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# Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

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## Service of the Word

### Opening Prayer

### Opening Hymn

*WS 758 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

### Invocation

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

### Confession and Absolution

- P** Our Help is in the Name of the Lord,  
**C** (spoken) **Who made heaven and earth**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** (spoken) **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our own unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.  
**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Kyrie - Lord, Have Mercy



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis - Glory to God in the Highest



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** (spoken) And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. . .

Gracious God and Father in Heaven, we praise Your great Name for calling us out of darkness into the marvelous light of the Gospel. Through our risen Lord Jesus, we stand justified as your people to serve you in truth and joy. Send your Spirit to increase our zeal as witnesses of Your power and love, and give fruit to the labors of all who proclaim Christ crucified, for Jesus lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **C** (spoken) Amen

### **First Reading**

*1 Peter 2:2-10 (EHV)*

Like newborn babies, crave the pure milk of the word so that by it you may grow up with the result being salvation. 3 Certainly you have tasted that the Lord is good!

4 As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it says in Scripture: *See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to shame.*

7 Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who do not believe: *The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, 8 and, a stone over which they stumble and a rock over which they fall.*

Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it. And that is the consequence appointed for them.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

### **Psalm of the Day**

*Psalm 33 (selected verses)*

**P** Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful.

**C** **Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.**

**P** For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth.

**C** **He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.**

**P** By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,

**C** **And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.**

**P** Let all the earth fear the LORD;

**C** **Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.**

**P** The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;

**C** **He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.**

**P** The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.

**C** **Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.**

- P** From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth;
- C** **He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.**
- P** No king is saved by the multitude of an army;
- C** **A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.**
- P** Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy,
- C** **To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.**
- P** Our soul waits for the LORD;
- C** **He is our help and our shield.**
- P** For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name.
- C** **Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we hope in You.**

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



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



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



**C** 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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day

*TLH 465 Christ is Our Cornerstone*

## Sermon

*John 14:1-6*

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

### Sermon Theme: “I AM. . .”

Preaching: Pastor  
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**I: What was Jesus claiming about Himself with His “I AM” statements recorded in the Gospel of John?**

## II: What is Jesus clearly claiming about Himself in v. 6?

**Application:** *Martin Luther once called these verses part of “the best and most comforting sermon given by Christ, our Lord, on earth.” What words of Jesus in these verses do you find the most comforting?*

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

### OFFERTORY



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 Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

TLH 355 *Thou Art the Way, to Thee Alone*

Offering

## Prayer of the Church

# Service of the Sacrament

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** (spoken) **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts!

**C** (spoken) **We lift them up to the LORD!**

**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 sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way to everlasting life, the truth in a world of deceit, and the light to those who sit in darkness. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and  
earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -  
san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Words of Institution

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

## Agnus Dei - *Lamb of God*



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,





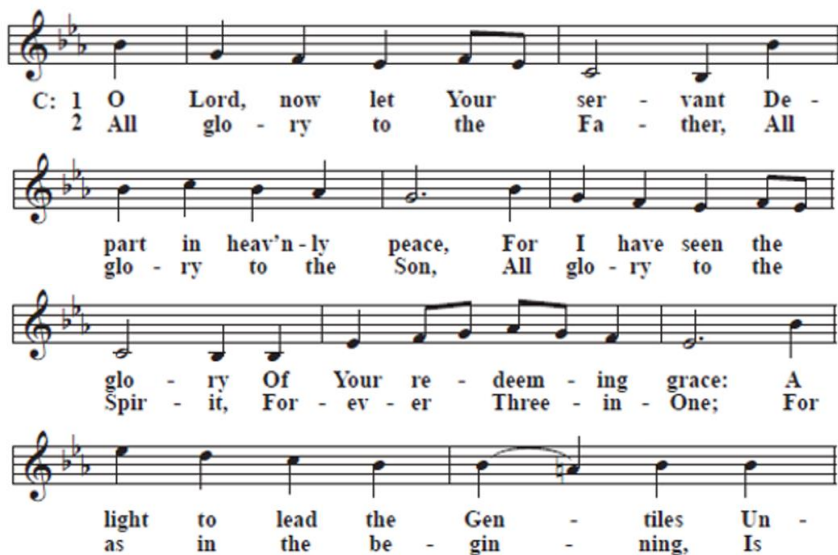
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

### Distribution of the Lord's Supper

**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 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 after worship.

**P** We continue with the singing of the Nunc Dimittis

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT *Nunc Dimittis*



C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For  
 light as to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -  
 as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Thanksgiving + Lord's Prayer

**P** Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this beneficial gift, and we pray that You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another. We ask this in Jesus' Name, whose Name we also join to pray together:

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be 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,  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
Forever and ever. Amen**

## 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** (spoken) Amen.

## Closing Hymn

*TLH 653 Now the Light has Gone Away*

## 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 rear of the sanctuary 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! Because He lives, we shall live also! We 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

**Thank You** – To Pastor Luke Bernthal for bringing us God’s Word this evening! Pastor Bernthal serves two congregations in the San Francisco Bay area. May the Word He preaches continue to be a blessing to those he is called to serve, just as it has been a blessing to us today.

**Pastoral Conference** – The pastors of the Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference extend their heartfelt greetings and appreciation to you all for graciously hosting us this week! We have had a very enjoyable and edifying time in Spokane thus far. Thank you, LORD! And thank you, Trinity! Psalm 133:1 - *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

**Refreshments / Meet & Greet** – Following worship, you are invited to join us for some light refreshments and enjoyable fellowship in the basement.

**Voters Meeting** – We are tentatively planning to hold a Trinity voters meeting a week from Sunday after worship (May 5<sup>th</sup>) to discuss how best to address repairs of the parsonage roof.

**Property Committee Meeting** – Property committee will meet tomorrow (Thursday) at 6:30pm to discuss our current summer projects. Please let Pastor Naumann know if you are on the committee and cannot make it.

He is  
Risen

