

*Those who find their life will
lose it, and those who lose their
life for my sake will find it.*



Matthew 10:39



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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn *TLH 348 – Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus (Tune: TLH 149)*

Confession and Absolution

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

C (spoken) Amen.

P 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.

P 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 (spoken) Amen.

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

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



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

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C (spoken) And also with you.

P Let us pray. . .

C (spoken) Amen

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the Lord had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father’s house,

To a land that I will show you.

² I will make you a great nation;

I will bless you

And make your name great;

And you shall be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,

And I will curse him who curses you;

And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Responsive Psalm of the Day

Psalm 8

P Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength,

C **Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.**

P When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

C **What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?**

P For You have made him a little lower than the angels,

C **And You have crowned him with glory and honor.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:21-31

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²² For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. ²⁷ But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹ that no flesh should glory in His presence. ³⁰ But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— ³¹ that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

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!

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!

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits 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.

Hymn of the Day

TLH 178 – We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

Sermon Text

Matthew 10:32-39

“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; ³⁶ and ‘a man’s enemies *will be* those of his *own* household.’ ³⁷ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸ And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹ He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

Sermon Theme:
JESUS LOVES THE LOSERS
 I: We may lose our pride, family, even our lives
 II: But we gain confidence, a Brother, and eternal life

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 346 – Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be

Offering

General Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

P . . . in whose Name we also 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 † give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

WS 798 – God We Praise You

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

Church Calendars – Church calendars for April were sent out in this morning’s email and are available on the table in the entryway.

Good Friday Soup Supper – There is a sign-up sheet for our Good Friday soup supper on the table in the entryway. That will begin at 5pm before our 6:30pm worship that day (April 18th). If you are able to help provide a dish, mark your name on the sheet.

Church Council Meeting Minutes – The minutes for our church council meeting in March were sent out in this morning’s email and are available on the table in the entryway.

Communion – Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper in our worship service. Please take time this week to prepare your heart accordingly. If you won’t be able to be here to receive the sacrament, please speak with Pastor Naumann and arrange a time to receive it privately. There will be a fellowship hour after worship, so please plan to join us!

Midweek Lenten Worship – Our midweek Lenten series continues this Wednesday at 6:30pm. Bringing us the Word will be Rev. Wayne Eichstadt as we ponder our next Word from the Cross: *“I thirst!”*. We hope you’ll be able to join us!

Pastoral Visit Schedule – Don’t forget: the signup sheet for visiting with Pastor Naumann in 2025 is on the table in the entryway and there are plenty of openings in the couple of months!

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **Sue Poffenroth** underwent hernia surgery this past week. We thank the Lord for granting her a successful operation and pray that He would also grant her a quick and uneventful recovery!
- One of Kathy Conway's neighbors tragically took his own life this past week. May our gracious God be with all those who mourn, and may His Spirit teach us all to hold His gift of life as precious.
- **Pam**, a friend of Kathy Conway's, has been diagnosed with cancer. May God be with her in her treatment and may the light of the Gospel give her joy and comfort in Christ.
- **Connie Estes**, sister-in-law to Randy Estes, was undergoing chemotherapy for kidney cancer when they recently discovered that the cancer has spread to her other kidney. We pray that, if it is His will, God might heal Connie. Above all, may the Gospel bring Connie and her family peace and comfort in the face of this disheartening news.
- Kathy Conway's husband **Bob** recently had some tests to determine his health and will be undergoing further tests soon. May God grant clean scans and good results according to His will.
- **Pastor Timothy Wheaton**, who serves Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland, Colorado, has been diagnosed with a rare form of inoperable and highly aggressive stage-4 thyroid cancer. As his time on earth appears to be drawing to a close, may God give grace a comfort to Pastor Wheaton, his family, and our brothers and sisters at Prince of Peace during this difficult time.
- Please keep **Pastor John Hein and his family** in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his care, visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>.

CALL NEWS

Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his **retirement** as of August, 2025. <> Teacher Amy Mielke of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac WI. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.<> Grace Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN, has **called** Mrs. Vanessa Wales and Mrs. Danielle Sippert to teach language arts and other courses for the 2025-2026 school year to replace Mrs. Debra Mayhew whose call will expire at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. <> Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has **accepted** the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
3/16/25	71	\$551
3/19/25 (Midweek)	15	\$440
3/23/25	22	\$770
3/26/25 (Midweek)	16	\$299

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Jeanne Helke
4/13	Joyce Miller
4/20 (Easter)	Kevin Shaffer
4/27	Dennis + Linda Lux

APRIL CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	Estes
Sanctuary	Naumann
Basement	Helke

“SALVATION

is
found
in
no
one
else.”

ACTS 4:12, NIV

