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***The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity***  
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"You will bear witness." Jesus spoke these words to his apostles, because they were with him from the beginning of his ministry, and they would be witnesses of his death and resurrection. We hear a lot about witnessing among Christians. But what does this mean? True Christian witnessing is not talking to people about what God has done in your life. These might make for stories of encouragement as we bear with one another in love. But true witnessing of which Jesus speaks is the witness of his apostles. They witnessed what Christ did. He lived a perfect life teaching only what was pleasing to God. He did not falter in a single part of God's Word. He fulfilled the words of the prophets. He lived a perfect life on behalf of all poor sinners whose lives and works can't possibly meet up to God's law. He died on the cross, bearing the eternal wrath of God against sinners. He paid to God's eternal law what we could not pay. He rose from the dead, proving that his Word and his work were true. This is the witness of the apostles. This is the true Christian witness.

This is what the Holy Spirit bears witness to through his Word. It is therefore the mission-proclamation of the church. Our mission is not to create a safe and comfortable atmosphere of fellowship. Our mission is to proclaim from the witness of his faithful apostles what Christ has done. This witness alone is what creates fellowship and love among Christians, because this is the witness of the Spirit of truth who alone unites our hearts, minds, and mouths to confess his truth. Everything we teach about the triune God, whether his creation of the world and of man and woman, the fall of man into sin, God's judgment against all sins, that we are not saved by what we do, that our baptism saves us, that the Lord's Supper is the true body and blood of Jesus -- all of this is united to the witness concerning Christ, who he is, and what he did. So when we must bear the contempt of the world, we, by God's grace, keep this witness in mind.

**DEAR VISITORS:** As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices **closed communion**, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

# The Order of Holy Communion

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**Hymn of Invocation** ∞ *I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name*

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*Stand for final stanza*

**Invocation, Confession & Absolution**

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*Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.*

## Service of the Word

### **Introit**

O come, let us worship and | bow down:\*

let us kneel before the LORD our | Maker.

**For He is our God; and we are the people of his | pasture,\***

**and the sheep | of His hand.** (*Psalm 95:6-7*)

Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD!\*

Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our sal- | vation.

**Let us come before His presence with thanks- | giving;\***

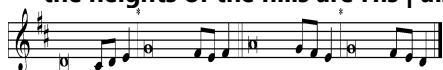
**let us shout joyfully to | Him with psalms.**

For the LORD is the | great God,\*

and the great King a- | bove all gods.

**In His hand are the deep places | of the earth;\***

**the heights of the hills are His | also.** (*Psalm 95:1-4*)



**Gloria Patri** ∞ *Glory be to the Father*

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**Kyrie** ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

**Gloria in Excelsis** ∞ *Glory to God in the Highest*

**Salutation & Collect of the Day**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading** – *Isaiah 51:9-16*

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD!

Awake as You did long ago for the people in the old days.

Didn't You cut Rahab in pieces and pierce the dragon?

<sup>10</sup> Didn't You dry up the sea, the great deep,

making a road in the floor of the sea

for Your redeemed people to cross over?

<sup>11</sup> So those whom the LORD has ransomed will return

and come to Zion with singing

and crowned with endless joy.

Then they will be happy and delighted;

sorrow and sighing will flee.

<sup>12</sup> I, I will comfort you.

Why should you be afraid of mortal man,

of mere men who are doomed like grass?

<sup>13</sup> Why should you forget the LORD Who made you,  
Who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth?  
Why should you always fear the fury of the oppressor  
when he gets ready to destroy you?  
Where is the oppressor's fury?

<sup>14</sup> His cowering prisoner will soon be set free;  
he will not die in a dungeon, nor will he lack bread.

<sup>15</sup> I am the LORD your God,  
Who stirs up the sea and makes its waves roar.  
"The LORD of armies" is My name.

<sup>16</sup> I put My words into your mouth  
and covered you with the shadow of My hand  
when I planted the heavens  
and laid the foundations of the earth  
and said to Zion, "You are My people."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

For You have delivered my / soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from / falling.

**I love the LORD, because He has / heard My voice\*  
and my suppli- / cations.** (Psalm 116:8, 1)



### Epistle – Col. 1:9-14

That is why, since the day we heard of it, we haven't stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with a clear knowledge of His will by giving you every kind of spiritual wisdom and understanding <sup>10</sup> so that you live worthy of the Lord, aiming to please Him in every way as you produce every kind of good work and grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup> We ask Him according to His wonderful might to strengthen you with all the power you need to endure patiently whatever comes as you joyfully <sup>12</sup> thank the Father, Who made you fit to share the inheritance of the holy people in the light.

<sup>13</sup> He rescued us from the tyranny of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, <sup>14</sup> who paid the ransom to forgive our sins and set us free.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse

Alle- / luia.\*

Alle- / luia.

**For with You is the foun- / tain of life;\***

**in Your light we see light. Alle- / luia.** (Psalm 36:9)



## Gospel *↪* Matt. 9:18-26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

While He was talking to the people, a leader came to Him and bowed down to the ground before Him. "My daughter just died," he said, "but come, lay Your hand on her, and she will live."

<sup>19</sup> Jesus and His disciples got up and followed him.

<sup>20</sup> Now there was a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years. She came to Him from behind and touched the tassel of His garment. <sup>21</sup> "If I only touch His garment," she said to herself, "I'll get well."

<sup>22</sup> Jesus turned and saw her. "Cheer up, daughter," He said, "your faith made you well." At that moment the woman was well.

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's home, He saw the flute players and the noisy crowd. <sup>24</sup> "Go away," He said. "The little girl isn't dead; she's sleeping." But they laughed at Him.

<sup>25</sup> When the crowd had been put outside, He went in and took her hand, and the little girl got up.

<sup>26</sup> The news about this spread all over that part of the country.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

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*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day *↪* In the Midst of Earthly Life

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

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*Sit*

## Gathering of the Offering

*Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward*

*We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Please complete the  
Record of Fellowship in the  
folder in your pew.

**Confirmation** – Joseph Wadlow

## General Prayer

### Service of the Sacrament

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<b>Silent Prayer</b>	
<b>Ushers for today:</b>	Keith Rethemeyer, Charlie Scheer, Karson Eads
<b>Next week:</b>	James Eads, Joseph Rethemeyer, Kyle Scheer
<b>Greeter for today:</b>	Larry Scheer
<b>Next Week:</b>	Rick Tritch
<b>Acolyte today:</b>	Oscar Otten
<b>Next Week:</b>	Jacob Preus
<b>Flower and Altar Care:</b>	<b>November:</b> Ruth Rethemeyer & Jennifer Trsek

**Prayer and Petitions:** Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound: Ray and LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Erslund, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; St. Paul High School, Concordia, MO. Christ the King Lutheran High School.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Andrew Rethemeyer, 10<sup>th</sup>, Chloe Lueckenhoff, 14<sup>th</sup>, Ruth Rethemeyer, 16<sup>th</sup>

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**Choir:** Rehearsal for Christmas will begin after church service on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**November Ladies Luncheon:** The ladies of the church will be meeting for lunch on Friday, **November 15** at New Haven Ice Cream Shop, at 12:30 pm. All ladies are welcome.

**Monthly Circuit Youth Gathering** Sunday, **November 17th** at Camp Trinity (439 Camp Trinity Drive, New Haven). Any and all youth (middle school-high school) are encouraged to attend from **6-8 p.m. at Camp Trinity**. Our circuit pastors take turns in leading Bible Study after games, food and fun. We will not meet in December, but please mark your calendars now for the Annual Washington Circuit Winter Youth Retreat scheduled for January 3 - 4, 2025.

**Trinity-St. Paul Walther League** would like to invite your youth to a **fun fellowship event**. Please join our youth (grades 7-12) for the Ugly Sweater English Country dance and light meal. A caller has been hired for the dance. He walks youth through the steps. So, it's perfect for beginners and seasoned dancers. Youth should dress modestly and comfortably.

**When:** Sunday, **December 8th**

**Where:** Trinity Lutheran Parish Hall; 512 Main St., Worden, IL

**Time:** 3-7pm

**Cost:** \$5 per attendee

**Caroling and a soup luncheon** right after church on **December 15th**. Mark your calendars. More information to follow.

**Christ the King Lutheran High School update:** The Genesis Study/LSCS has been completed. The primary purpose of the assessment visit was to identify school opportunities and challenges and make helpful recommendations to guide school improvement. A summary of the study will be included in next week's bulletin. Pastor James Wilshusen of Ebenezer/Bethlehem says, "We need all the support and prayers we can get, that the Lord remains with us and that we follow where He is leading us."

**Wednesday School/Catechism Class.** All children, preschool through confirmation age are welcome and encouraged to attend. Church doors will be open at 3:00 p.m. for snacks and games. Chapel time with Pastor Preus for all the children is at 4:00 p.m., followed by separate classes for the two age groups which run until 5:00 p.m. Vespers is at 5:00 p.m. Parents, members of Trinity and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend Vespers.

**NEED A CARD: Graduation, Thank You, Encouragement, New Baby, Baptism & Comfort Cards from *Hymns in My Heart*** are available for sale in the narthex, by the Trinity Ladies Aid. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.

## **Large Catechism Part III Smalcald Articles**

Article V - Of Baptism.

1 Baptism is nothing else than the Word of God in the water, commanded by His institution, or, as Paul says, a washing in the Word; as also Augustine says: Let the Word come to the element, and it becomes a Sacrament. 2 And for this reason we do not hold with Thomas and the monastic preachers [or Dominicans] who forget the Word (God's institution) and say that God has imparted to the water a spiritual power, which through the water washes away sin. 3 Nor [do we agree] with Scotus and the Barefooted monks [Minorites or Franciscan monks], who teach that, by the assistance of the divine will, Baptism washes away sins, and that this ablution occurs only through the will of God, and by no means through the Word or water.

4 Of the baptism of children we hold that children ought to be baptized. For they belong to the promised redemption made through Christ, and the Church should administer it [Baptism and the announcement of that promise] to them.

(Source: <https://bookofconcord.org/smalcald-articles/i/the-work-of-salvation/>)  
(continued next week)