



Grace Alone Scripture Alone Faith Alone

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The Word of God does not return void (Isa 55:11). This is a fact. "What if some do not believe?" Paul asks. "Does their unbelief nullify the faithfulness of God? Certainly not! Let God be true and every man a liar. (Rom 3:3-4)" The Sower sows his seed. Christ is the one preaching his Word through the voice of his called pastors and indeed through the voice of his entire church. This is one of the most important things for us to remember, especially when we consider the reaction we so often see to the Word.

It is easy for the Church to get excited about evangelism. Who isn't thrilled to hear of more people becoming Christians? But when we consider evangelism, we should remember that it is God who works through his Word. He calls pastors to preach, and he calls all Christians to confess. He calls parents to teach their children, and all the while, he promises to work through his Word, which he himself sows. So fathers, remember St. Paul's words, "do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4);" and mothers, you have the godly example of Lois and Eunice, who taught the gospel to their son and grandson, Timothy (2 Tim 1:5). Most confessing of the gospel is done with people you already know, especially your own family. And we should remember that, in our daily confessing of this Word, it is not our Word, but God's Word. Christ sows his seed. He preaches to you right here in church through the teaching of his prophets and apostles. His Word alone is what creates faith (Rom 10:17) and delivers judgment (Isa 11:4; Rom 2:16). So if people believe it, then rejoice with all the angels in heaven. But if they reject it, rejoice nonetheless that God's Word is confessed truthfully. It won't return empty, and you who struggle against your sin know this, because this is the same Word of the cross that continues to comfort you through the reconciling death of Christ.

**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** ∞ Alas, My God, My Sins Are Great

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## Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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

### Service of the Word



#### Introit ∞

Awake! Why do You | sleep, O Lord?\*

Arise! Do not cast us off for- | ever.

**For our soul is bowed down | to the dust;\***

**arise for our help and re- | deem us.** (Psalm 44:23, 25-26)

We have heard with our | ears, O God,\*

our fathers have told us the deeds You did in | days of old:

**You drove out the nations | with Your hand,\***

**but you planted our fathers because you | favored them.**

You have saved us from our | enemies,\*

and have put to shame those who | hated us.

**In God we boast | all day long,\***

**and praise Your name for- | ever.** (Psalm 44:1-3, 7-8).

**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 55:10-13*

<sup>10</sup>As rain and snow come down from heaven and don't go back again but water the ground and make it produce and grow and give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so will My Word be that I speak. It will not return to Me empty but it will accomplish what I want and achieve what I had in mind.

<sup>12</sup>You will go out with joy and be led out in peace. The mountains and the hills will break into shouts of joy before you, and all the trees in the field will happily applaud. <sup>13</sup>Where there was a thorn bush, a cypress will grow. Where there was a brier, a myrtle will grow. And this will honor the LORD and be an everlasting sign that will not be cut down."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



## Gradual

Let the nations know that You, whose name alone | is the LORD,\*  
are the Most High over | all the earth.

**O my God, make them like the | whirling dust,\*  
like the chaff be- | fore the wind!** (Psalm 83:18, 13)

## Epistle 2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9

<sup>19</sup>[You], being wise, like to put up with fools. <sup>20</sup>You put up with anyone who makes you his slaves or devours what you have or traps you or lords it over you or slaps your face. <sup>21</sup>I'm ashamed to admit it: As you say, we have been too weak.

But what anyone else dares to claim — I'm talking like a fool — I can claim, too. <sup>22</sup>Are they Jews? So am I! Do they belong to the people of Israel? So do I! Are they descended from Abraham? So am I! <sup>23</sup>Are they servants of Christ? I'm insane to talk like this, but I'm a better one! I've done much more hard work, been in prison much more, been beaten very much more, and often faced death.

<sup>24</sup>Five times the Jews gave me thirty-nine lashes, three times I was beaten with a stick, once I was stoned, <sup>25</sup>three times I was in a shipwreck, a night and a day I drifted on the sea. <sup>26</sup>I've traveled much and faced dangers of flooded streams and of robbers, dangers from Jews and non-Jews, dangers in the city, in the wilderness, and on the sea, dangers from false friends. <sup>27</sup>I have toiled and struggled, often sleepless, hungry and thirsty, often starving, cold, and naked.

<sup>28</sup>Besides everything else, I have a daily burden — I'm anxiously concerned about all the churches. <sup>29</sup>When anyone is weak, am I not weak, too? When anyone is led into sin, don't I burn with pain and grief? <sup>30</sup>If I have to boast, I'll boast of the things that show how weak I am.

<sup>31</sup>The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, Who is blessed forever, knows I'm not lying. <sup>32</sup>In Damascus the governor under King Aretas had the city of Damascus watched to catch me, <sup>33</sup>but through an opening in the wall I was let down in a basket, and I escaped.

<sup>12:1</sup>I have to boast. It doesn't do any good, but I'll go on with what the Lord has shown and told me. <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ; fourteen years ago — whether in his body or outside it, I don't know, God knows — that man was caught up to the third heaven. <sup>3</sup>I know that such a man — whether in his body or outside it, I don't know, God knows — <sup>4</sup>was caught up to Paradise and heard what no human being can express or is allowed to talk about. <sup>5</sup>About such a man I will boast, but as to myself, I will boast only of my weaknesses.

<sup>6</sup>But if I would want to boast, I wouldn't be a fool, because I'd be telling the truth. But I'm not going to do it, in order to keep anyone from thinking more of me than he judges me to be by seeing me or hearing me. <sup>7</sup>To keep me from feeling proud because such wonderful things were revealed to me, a thorn was put into my flesh, Satan's messenger to plague me and keep me from feeling

proud. <sup>8</sup>Three times I begged the Lord to have it leave me alone, <sup>9</sup>but He told me, "My grace is enough for you. When you are weak, My power is doing its best work." So I will delight all the more to boast of my weaknesses in order to have Christ's power rest on me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*



*Verse*

O God, You have | cast us off;\*

You have bro- | ken us down;

**You have | been displeased;\***

**oh, restore | us again!**

You have made the earth tremble; You have | broken it;\*

heal its breaches, for it is | shaking.

**That Your beloved may be de- | livered,\***

**save with Your right hand, and | hear me.** (Psalm 60:1-2, 5)

## Triple Hallelujah

**Gospel** ↪ *Luke 8:4-15*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

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

<sup>4</sup>When a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Him from every town, He told them a parable: <sup>5</sup>"A sower went out to sow his seed. As he was sowing, some seed fell along the road and was trampled on, and the birds in the air ate it. <sup>6</sup>Some fell on a rock. It came up and withered because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup>Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup>But some seed fell on good ground, and it came up and produced a hundred times as much as was sown." When He had said this, He called out, "You have ears to hear. Then listen!"

<sup>9</sup>His disciples asked Him what this parable meant. <sup>10</sup>"You are given the privilege to know the mysteries of God's kingdom," He answered, "but to the others they come in parables that they may see and yet not see, and hear and yet not understand. <sup>11</sup>"This is what the parable means: <sup>12</sup>The seed is God's Word. The people along the road are those who hear it. Then the devil comes and takes the Word out of their hearts to keep them from believing and being saved. <sup>13</sup>In others it falls on a rock. As soon as they hear it, they welcome the Word with joy, but it doesn't take root in them. They believe for a while, but when they're tempted, they desert. <sup>14</sup>In others the seed falls among thorns. They hear the Word, but as they go along, worries, riches, and pleasures of life choke them, and they don't produce anything good. <sup>15</sup>But in others the seed falls on good ground. They are the ones who hear the Word and keep it in a good and honest heart and go on

faithfully producing good things.

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** *☞ Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word*

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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.

## General Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

## Preface & Proper Preface

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**Sanctus** *☞ Holy, Holy, Holy*

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## Lord's Prayer

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## Words of Institution

**Pax Domini** *☞ Peace of the Lord*

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**Agnus Dei** *☞ Lamb of God*

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*Sit – Guests are asked to please speak with the pastor before communing.*

## Hymns during Distribution

*☞ O Lord, We Praise Thee*

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*☞ If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

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*☞ I Leave All Things to God's Direction*

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*Stand after the distribution*

**Nunc Dimittis** *☞ Song of Simeon*

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## Thanksgiving & Collect

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## Salutation & Benedicamus

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## Benediction

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*Sit*

**Hymn to Depart** *☞ I Know My Faith is Founded*

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## Silent Prayer

**Ushers for today:** Peter Otten, Jonathan Finck, Michael McFerrin, Andrew Rethemeyer

**Next week:** John Otten, Matthew Otten, David Otten, Adam Swann

**Greeter for today:** David Otten

**Next Week:** Andrew Rethemeyer

**Acolyte today:** Jacob Preus

**Next Week:** Sam Scheer  
**Flower and Altar Care: March:** Carolyn Scheer & Leah Preus  
**Organist:** Andrew Finck

**Prayer and Petitions:** Rachel Preus (breast cancer) and newborn baby girl; Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound: Ray & 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; Christ the King Lutheran High School.

**Birthdays and Anniv:** Devin Eads, 23<sup>rd</sup>, Naomi Finck, 24<sup>th</sup>, Karrigan Eads, 26<sup>th</sup>, Alivia Guehne, 26<sup>th</sup>, Luke Otten, 28<sup>th</sup>, Andrew Finck, 28<sup>th</sup>, James & Devin Eads, 1<sup>st</sup>  
*(Please email [office@trinitynewhaven.com](mailto:office@trinitynewhaven.com) if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)*

**Outdoor Church Yard Clean-Up March 29th** starting at 9:00 and concluding when done. If you can make it and bring a rake, hedge clippers, tree trimmer, work gloves, please do.

**Spring Clean Up 2025 at Camp Trinity, New Haven** March 8th (8a.m.-4p.m.)  
All are invited to the Annual Spring Clean - Up Day at Camp Trinity (439 Camp Trinity Drive, New Haven, MO). Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m., followed by devotions and various construction and clean-up projects throughout the campgrounds and buildings.  
Lunch will be served at noon and the day will conclude at 4 p.m. If you can't commit to the whole time, join us when you are able. Please RSVP Camp Trinity (573)237-2072 or email [camptrinity73@yahoo.com](mailto:camptrinity73@yahoo.com) if you are able to attend so they can prepare enough food and projects. You are also welcome to bring along appropriate tools if you are able, call for more information on the projects to be completed.

**VBS 2025 PLANNING MEETING #2 will be March 2nd, 11:30 at Shepherd's Hall, Camp Trinity. Station leaders should have a plan and materials for your station ready to share with group.**

**VBS 2025, May 28-30 God's Living Water Part 2. We need our members, children and grandchildren to register for VBS. Youth and Adult volunteers need to register too.** Letters are being handed out to all of our young families, youth and adult volunteers. It will fill up fast and we want our members to have the opportunity to take part in this wonderful Christ Centered activity. Registration will be made public on April 18 with the 700 door hangers that will be distributed throughout New Haven and on April 21st the link will be shared on Facebook. VBS will fill up and we want our members to have a spot, but you need to register to make that happen.



You may use this QR code with your phone to

register: <https://vbsmate.com/events/vbs2024CampTrinity/30135>

**NEW SELECTION of Greeting Cards from Hymns in My Heart** are available for sale in the narthex, by the Trinity Ladies Aid. Check out the NEW EASTER greeting cards recently added to the collection of Encouragement, Babies, Thank You, Graduation and Confirmation Cards. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot. Good hymns stand the test of time. They comfort and encourage, educate and inspire, remind and soothe. Best of all, they tell the story of God's love for our fallen world displayed through the life, death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus. All of this funneled to hearts through the lasting pipeline of a melody. Hymns in My Heart greeting cards fill a void in the industry with the rich, Christ-centered language found in hymns. Read them. Send them. Happy humming.

**Wednesday School/Catechism Class.** All children, preschool through confirmation age are welcome and encouraged to attend. Vespers is at 5:00 p.m. Parents, members of Trinity and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend Vespers. **Please note the sign-up sheet** in back for bringing snacks for the children. Drinks are provided.

### **The Augsburg Confession**

Article IV. Of Justification.

1 Also they teach that men cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works, but are freely justified for 2 Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor, and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake, who, by His death, has made satisfaction for our sins. 3 This faith God imputes for righteousness in His sight. Rom. 3 and 4.

Article V. Of the Ministry.

1 That we may obtain this faith, the Ministry of Teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. For through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, 2 the Holy Ghost is given, who works faith; where and when it pleases God, in them that hear 3 the Gospel, to wit, that God, not for our own merits, but for Christ's sake, justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake.

4 They condemn the Anabaptists and others who think that the Holy Ghost comes to men without the external Word, through their own preparations and works.

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

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