

*Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.*

*Romans 12:12*



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**FOCUS** God’s grace is always abundant; it goes beyond the limits we might set. When seventy elders are supposed to report to Moses to help him, two remain in the camp. But the Spirit rests on them! In the Gospel, the disciples following Jesus on the way to Jerusalem complain. A non-disciple is able to cast out demons in His name! And Jesus tells them not to stop him. His grace even includes us despite our inability to do His will. Confident of our Lord’s return, the Epistle urges us to serve one another, healing, praying, cheering up, confessing, and forgiving. Jesus says we are as valuable as salt for one another, preserving our relationship to Him. “Have salt in yourselves,” He says, “and be at peace with one another.”

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

## RINGING of the BELLS

## WELCOME

## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 104:33-34*

- L** I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
**C** I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
**L** May my meditation be pleasing to Him,  
**C** for I rejoice in the LORD.

## OPENING HYMN “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

*LSB 816, v.1*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's  
praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!





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## Confession and Absolution

*James 5:7, 9, 12, 14, 16; Mark 9:50; Psalm 104:31, 35b*

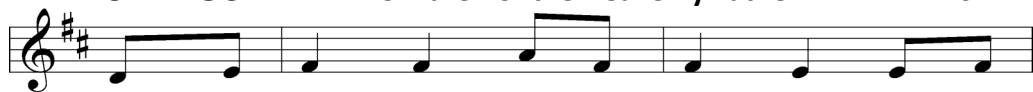
- L** We enjoy singing praises to God, but we truly need Him to look down on us in mercy. So often we fail to follow the directives for Christian living, which we will read about in today's Epistle. So James urges, "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." Let us ask God for grace and mercy. James writes, "Be patient . . . until the coming of the Lord . . . Do not grumble against one another, brothers . . . Let your 'yes' be yes and your 'no' be no . . . Is anyone among you sick? . . . Pray over him."
- C** **We confess our impatience, our lack of love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our words that do not always reflect the love You have for us. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Heavenly Father, our only hope is in Your grace and mercy. Forgive us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**
- L** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**
- L** May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
- C** **may the LORD rejoice in His works. Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!**



# HYMN of TRUST

## "Children of the Heavenly Father"

LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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## KYRIE

- L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For peace from God and peace among our brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For peace among all who seek to serve Christ and support His Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who gather here to be strengthened in faith and encouraged in service, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## SALUTATION and PRAYER of the DAY

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.



- L** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You want nothing to separate us from Your grace and mercy.
- C** **Grant that we realize how valuable You consider us and then seek to be at peace with one another;**
- L** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### OLD TESTAMENT

*1 Kings 17:1-5*

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." <sup>2</sup> And the word of the Lord came to him: <sup>3</sup> "Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan." <sup>4</sup> You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." <sup>5</sup> So he went and did according to the word of the Lord. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### GRADUAL

*Psalms 91:11; 103:1*

**L** He will command His angels concerning you

**C** **to guard you in all your ways.**

**L** Bless the LORD, O my soul,

**C** **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

### EPISTLE

*James 5:13-20*

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. <sup>19</sup> My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth



and someone brings him back,<sup>20</sup> let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 9:38-50*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”<sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.”<sup>40</sup> For the one who is not against us is for us.<sup>41</sup> For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.<sup>42</sup> “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.”<sup>43</sup> And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.<sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.<sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell,<sup>48</sup> ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’<sup>49</sup> For everyone will be salted with fire.<sup>50</sup> Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

### HYMN of the DAY

“On Eagles’ Wings”

*LSB 727*



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -  
2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And  
3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the  
4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,  
fam - ine will bring you no fear;  
ar - row that flies by day;  
guard you in all of your ways; Though  
Up -

Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My  
Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His  
thou - sands fall a - bout you,  
on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you

rock in whom I trust!"  
faith - ful - ness your shield.  
Near you it shall not come.  
dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Refrain*

And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the  
sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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## SERMON

**"A Conversation with God"** Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Pegorsch

*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." (James 5:16b)*

*"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." (Colossians 4:2)*

What do many of us daily depend upon...

- I. The most direct way of showing our \_\_\_\_\_ on God is...  
(James 5:13-15; also see Psalm 124 and Romans 8:28).




- II. Secondly, James points out in verses 16-18 our \_\_\_\_\_  
to confess we daily \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God.  
(The Ten Commandments)
- III. Our daily hope is to \_\_\_\_\_ come humbly to the  
\_\_\_\_\_... (Romans 3:23 and James 5:16)
- IV. It is by the forgiving \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God in  
\_\_\_\_\_... (Matthew 5:7-8)
- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- T. \_\_\_\_\_
- S. \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 thence 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.

## PRAYER of the CHURCH

**L** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church and for all people in their various needs.

For Mrs. Erdman, Mrs. Johnson and the students in 5K. Fill them with strength as they teach and minister to the needs of the students.

**C** Lord, have mercy, and bless the students as they learn about You and grow in them a strong and living faith.



- L** For the Church here and around the world, witnessing to the good news in Christ, that we see the worth within one another, the value our heavenly Father places on us, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and grant that nothing separate us from You and Your love for us in Christ.**
- L** For those who do not know Christ but support the work of the Church to meet people's physical, social, and spiritual needs, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and bless them according to Your abundant grace.**
- L** For people who serve in positions of governmental authority among the nations, for those who raise crops and tend herds, and for all who connect resources with the needs of their fellow citizens, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and give them joy in serving.**
- L** For all who struggle to put bread on the table and a roof over their families, those who face injustice and discrimination, and all who are denied human rights, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and give us hearts to help those in need.**
- L** For all near and dear to us who call out to God in their distress, [*including . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and bring about healing, comfort, and relief as fits Your gracious plans for them.**
- L** For ourselves, that we recognize the gifts God has placed among us by which we may care for one another and our community, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and give us guidance and strength to serve in Your name.**
- L** Grant us, heavenly Father, that what we ask for in faith we may obtain through Your unfailing mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## The LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.**



# GATHERING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.*

**VISION STATEMENT:** *To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

LSB 814, v.1-3



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie  
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;

And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!  
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.

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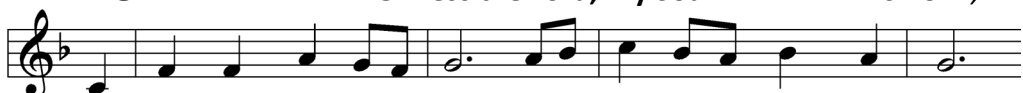
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Psalms 104:24, 27-30, 35b*

- L** O LORD, how manifold are Your works!  
**C** In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.  
**L** These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.  
**C** When You give it to them, they gather it up;  
when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.  
**L** When You hide your face, they are dismayed;  
**C** when You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.  
**L** When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,  
**C** and You renew the face of the ground.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

## OFFERTORY HYMN "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

LSB 814, v.4-6



4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;  
5 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suf - f'ers rest.  
6 His won-drous works and ways He made by Mo - ses known,





He that re-deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.  
The Lord hath judg-ments for the proud And jus - tice for the op-pressed.  
But sent the world His truth and grace By His be - lov - ed Son.

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## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

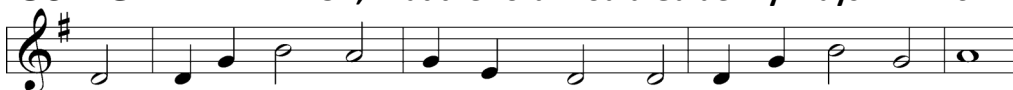
- L** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## DISMISSAL

- L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## CLOSING HYMN “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” *LSB 707*



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.  
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re-store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a-against my God.

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## POSTLUDE

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**COFFEE HOUR:** *Ron & Lois Zahrt*



## WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

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### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

### BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

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- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

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