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**FOCUS** When Jesus was coming up out of the baptismal waters, the voice of the Father proclaimed Him as His Son, in whom He delighted. Those words would be repeated on the Mount of Transfiguration, but with this order to the disciples: “Listen to Him!” Those two events “framed” Jesus’ ministry of obedient service and His revelation of God’s great love even before His sacrifice on the cross. Seeing Him, we learn what it means to be “alive to God in Christ Jesus,” as Paul urges in the Epistle. We are also “framed”—considered God’s children through our Baptism. It is all grace, of course; we never achieve our Lord’s righteousness, but are given it as a gift. Today we listen again to the Gospel, respond with prayer and praise, and are given grace to tell our friends what Christ has done for us all.

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

## RINGING of the BELLS

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you, Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.  
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Romans 6:4; Matthew 3:17*

- L** We were buried therefore with [Christ] by baptism into death,  
**C** in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.  
**L** This is My beloved Son,  
**C** with whom I am well pleased.

## Confession and Absolution

*Romans 6:3, 10*

- L** Isaiah wrote about God's gracious Servant. It was a prophecy about Jesus, who, although He was righteous, exchanged places with us in Baptism and on to death. Let us confess our failures to reflect His obedient servanthood in our daily living. The Father put His Spirit upon His Servant.  
**C** We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sought to live by our own strength and will. In our sinful condition, we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.

**L** St. Paul wrote, “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? . . . For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!

## SONG of PRAISE

7:30am—

“Father Welcomes All His Children”

LSB 605

9am—

“Who You Say I Am”

Fielding/Morgan

## SALUTATION and PRAYER of the DAY

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit.

**C** Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life;

**L** through the same Jesus Christ, 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

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

**L** Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

**C** <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

**L** <sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALMODY

*Psalm 29*

*Choir: “Glory to God! Glory to God!” Sing forever “Glory to God!”*

### **Refrain (ALL):**



*Choir:*

- 1. All on earth and all in heaven, Raise to God a song on high;  
Strength unmeasured, love unbounded, God alone we glorify. **Refrain***
- 2. The voice of the LORD resounds across the waters; the voice of the LORD thunders over the sea.  
The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.  
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the voice of the LORD splinters the trees of Lebanon.  
The voice of the LORD strikes like lightning, the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness.  
The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl; the voice of the LORD strips the forest bare.  
**Refrain***
- 3. God of the waters, God of thunder, God's own might can make them cease;  
God's own voice which tumult beckons In a gentler breath speaks peace. **Refrain***

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## EPISTLE

*Romans 6:1-11*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were

buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 3:13-17*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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

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

## **BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE**

**L** Do you renounce the devil?

**C** **Yes, I renounce him.**

**L** Do you renounce all his works?

**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**

**L** Do you renounce all his ways?

**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**

- L** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- L** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- C** **Yes, I believe 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.**
- L** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C** **Yes, 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.**

## **CATECHISM**

*Baptism, First and Fourth*

- L** What is Baptism?
- C** **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**
- L** Which is that word of God?
- C** **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."**
- L** What does such baptizing with water indicate?
- C** **It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**
- L** Where is this written?
- C** **St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."**

# HYMN of the DAY “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

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ALL: 1. God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized  
 Choir: 2. Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
 ALL 3. Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
 Choir: 4. Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
 ALL: 5. There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To\_ this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my\_ grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans-ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have\_ one worth  
 con - science seize me Since\_ my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your\_ might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That\_ brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And\_ a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 -tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



-va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 -giv - ing\_ flood, Sprink - ling\_ me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm\_ a child of par - a - dise!



## SERMON

**“Our Baptismal Witness”**

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## 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.*

**MUSICAL OFFERING (7:30am)**

**“Trio No. 1”**

*Rheinberger*

**OFFERING SONG (9am)**

**“Our God Saves”**

*Baloche/Brown*

✠ **INSTALLATION of REV. STEVEN VAUDT** ✠  
**as PASTOR EMERITUS**  
*(9am)*

**PRAYER of the CHURCH** *(After each petition, the following is said...)*

**L** let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

## 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.

## 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 ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## DISMISSAL

- L** Go in peace. Christ is with you!
- C** Thanks be to God!

## CLOSING SONG

*7:30am—*

**“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

*LSB 922*

*9am—*

**“Glory to God Forever”**

*Fee/Beeching*

## POSTLUDE

PRESIDING MINISTER: *Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Pegorsch, Pastor Emeritus*

LITURGIST: *Rev. James L. Mayland, Senior Pastor*

ORGANIST: *Mr. Matthew Hoehne, Director of Music*

MUSICIANS: 7:30am—*Sanctuary Choir; violin—Holly Lutz*

9am—*Praise Team, Brett Schwantes, lead*

ELDERS: 7:30am— ; 9am—*Dan Schwantes, Doug Beisner*

ACOLYTES: 7:30am—*Carleigh Diedrich; 9am—Alexa Mroczenski, Denali Stangl*

TECH: 7:30am— ; 9am—

## 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—

7:30am & 9am Sunday

### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday

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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 10:15am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 10:15am 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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