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AS WE GATHER The Lord is grieved by the empty worship of His people. Their songs and their offerings mean nothing when their hearts are far from Him, and He will not accept them any longer (Amos 5:21-23). And the day of the Lord will actually catch them off guard and unprepared. Jesus offers the same warning in the parable of the ten virgins, calling His disciples to watch for a bridegroom who will come at an unknown day and hour (Matthew 25:13). Jesus' warning calls us to attention as we reflect on our own position of waiting for His return. His warning is followed by Paul's further description of what our waiting looks like. Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, our waiting is also filled with hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14).

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC **"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"** *Manz*

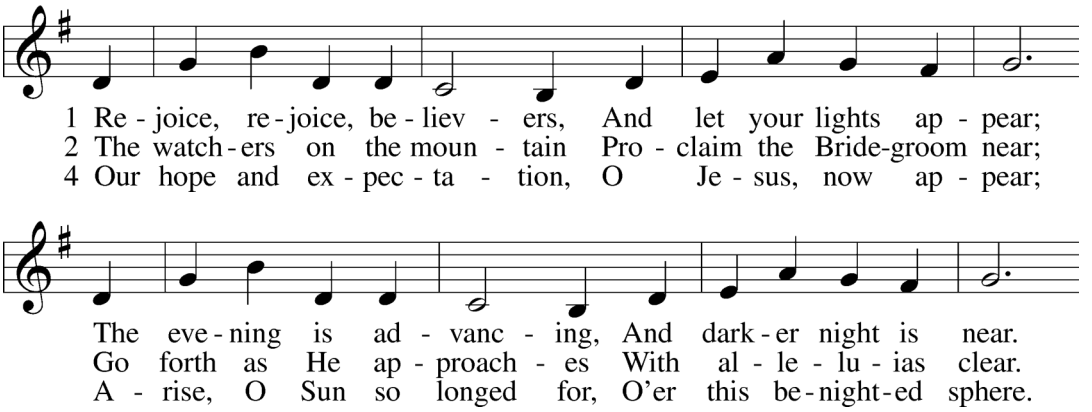
"My Lord, What a Morning" *Haan*

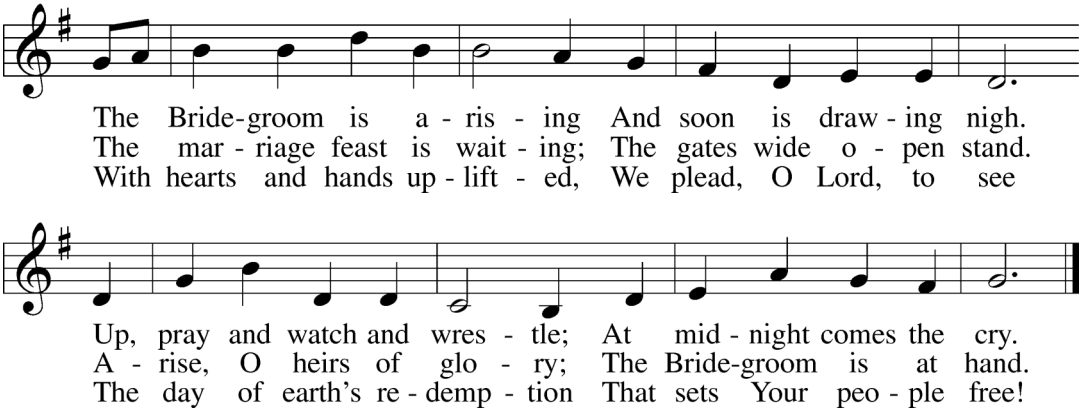
9am— **"Amazing Grace"** *arr. Maggs; 7th Gr. Handbells*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN **"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"** *LSB 515, sts.1-2,4*





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INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

KYRIE

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



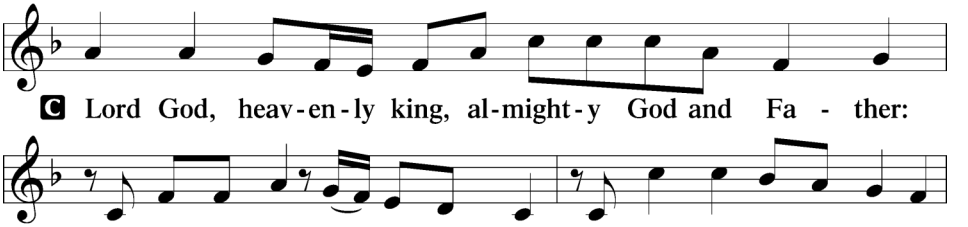
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

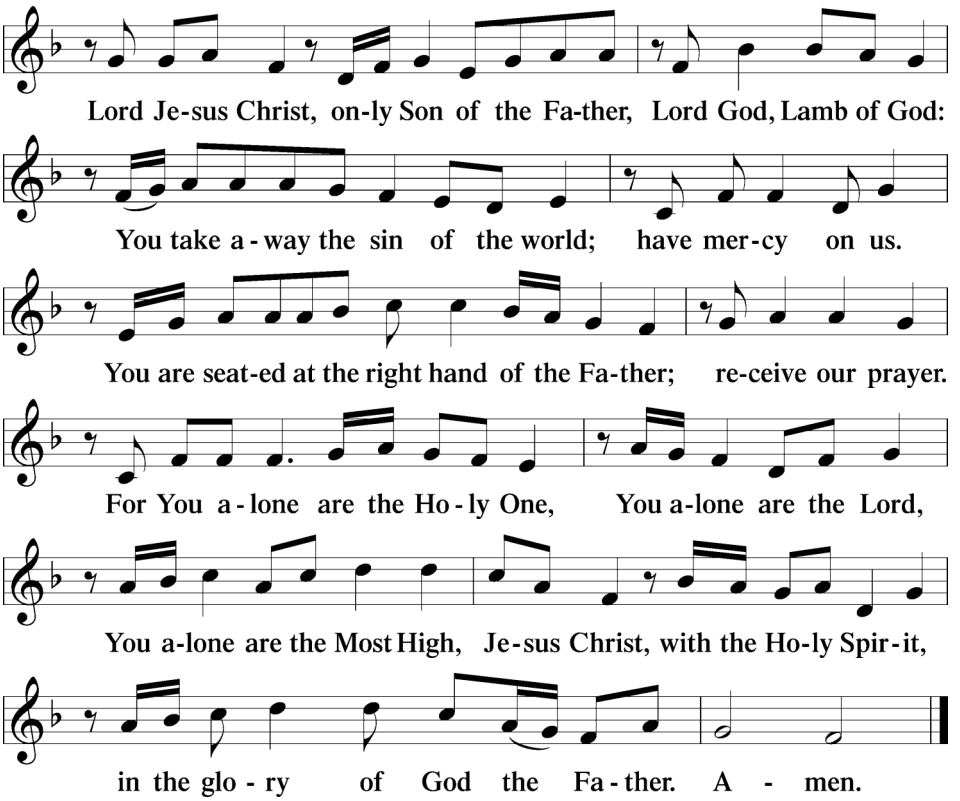


HYMN OF PRAISE

"Gloria in Excelsis"

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; 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

Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, [19]as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.

[20]Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness
in it? [21]"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assem-
blies. [22]Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will
not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look
upon them. [23]Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your
harps I will not listen. [24]But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like
an ever-flowing stream."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *(9am)* **"On Eagle's Wings"** *Joncas; Jr. Choir*

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep,
that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe
that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him
those who have fallen asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not pre-
cede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heav-
en with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of
the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive,
who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord
in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one an-
other with these words.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:1-13*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps
and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

[3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

NICENE CREED

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us" *LSB 514*



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SERMON **"Are You Ready or Not?"** *Rev. Paul D. Sundbom*

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
MUSICAL OFFERING

7:30am— **"When Peace, like a River"** *Held*

9am— **"Awesome God"** *Mullins/Bettcher; 7th Gr. Handbells*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(After each petition, the following is said…)*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *LSB 161*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

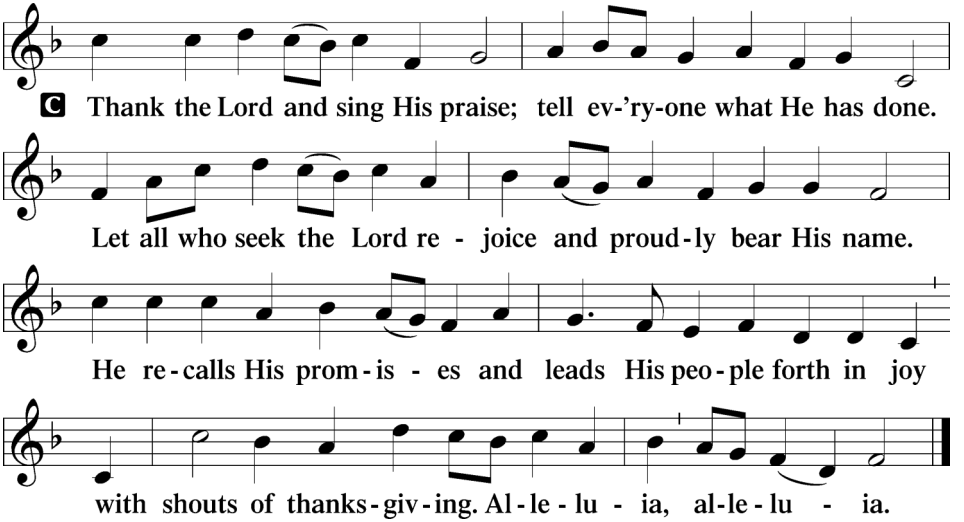
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Christ invites all repentant sinners to partake in His feast of forgiveness – the Lord's Supper. LCMS communicant members are invited to examine their faith using pages 329-330 in the hymnal and receive the Savior's body and blood. Grape juice is available in the center of the trays in lieu of wine. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Visitors wishing to commune should see a pastor or an elder before service. We ask this because we love you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS **"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"** *LSB 461*
"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" *LSB 348*

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE **"Thank the Lord"**



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

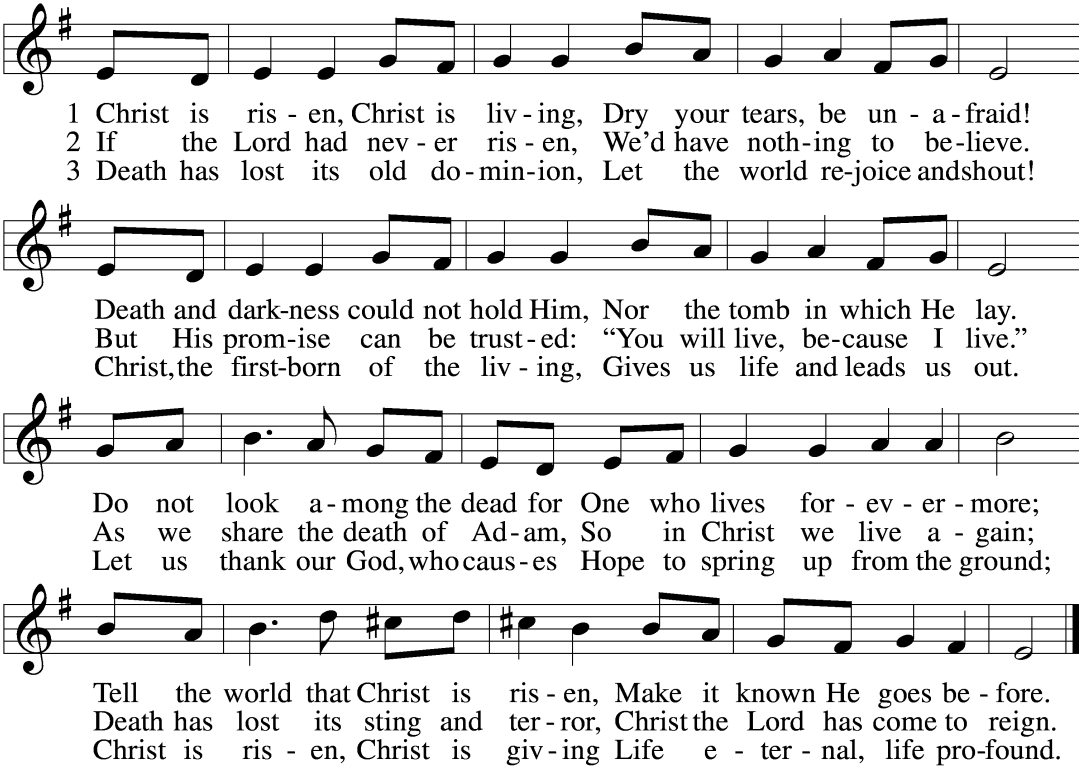
C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

P 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.**

CLOSING HYMN "Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living" *LSB 479*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE "Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying" *Manz*

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ORGANIST: *Rod Riese*
MUSICIANS: *9am—Jr. Choir & 7th Grade Handbells, Mary Shafarik, director*
ELDERS: *7:30am—Bob Zimmerman, Todd Hauer; 9am—Dan Schwantes, Mike Hase*

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!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY—
7:30am & 9am Sunday
CONTEMPORARY/MODERN WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER (SLC)—
5pm Saturday & 9:15am Sunday

- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday. 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 10:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 10:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School and our Childcare (infant through 13 years).
- **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.

GUIDING STATEMENT:

As an enduring family of disciples, we teach, love and connect through multi-generational education and service.



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