

*Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!*



Psalm 24:14

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FOCUS In today’s Readings, James encourages us toward good works of service and love, and Jesus does the good work of healing by restoring a man’s hearing and speech. Our faith in Jesus is marked by our reflection of His love and service. While we are not able to do all the things Jesus can do, we are called to reflect His faithful work as we serve in our vocations by loving our neighbors.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“House of the Lord”

Smith/Wickham

We worship the God who was, we worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging sea
My God, He holds the victory

Chorus: There’s joy in the house of the Lord
There’s joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won’t be quiet, we shout out Your praise
There’s joy in the house of the Lord Our God is surely in this place
And we won’t be quiet, we shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals, we sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross then He rose up from that grave
My God’s still rolling stones away (*Chorus*)

('Cause) We were the beggars, now we’re royalty
We were the prisoners, now we’re running free
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise (*Repeat*) (*Chorus 2x*)

We shout out Your praise!

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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

Based on Psalm 146

- L** Praise the LORD, O my soul!
C **I will praise the LORD as long as I live.**
L Blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD;
C **the LORD sets the prisoners free.**
L The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
C **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.**
L The LORD upholds the widow and the fatherless.
C **The LORD will reign forever!**

PRAYER

SONG

“Thy Word”

Grant/Smith

Chorus: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, and think I've lost my way, Still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. (*Chorus*)
2. I will not forget Your love for me, and yet My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; I will love You to the end. (*Chorus*)
You're the light unto my path.

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OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water...

EPISTLE

James 2:1-10, 14-18

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in,³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet,"⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court?⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ...¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food,¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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

SONG

“Resurrecting” *Brown/Brock/Ntlele/Furtick/Joye*

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now

The Savior knelt to wash our feet, now at his feet we bow

The one who wore our sin and shame now robed in majesty

The radiance of perfect love now shines for all to see

Chorus: Your name, Your name is victory All praise will rise to Christ our king

Your name, Your name is victory All praise will rise to Christ our king

The fear that held us now gives way to him who is our peace

His final breath upon the cross is now alive in me (*Chorus*)

By your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat

The resurrected king is resurrecting me

In your name I come alive to declare your victory

The resurrected king is resurrecting me (*Repeat*)

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain was borrowed for three days
His body there would not remain, our God has robbed the grave
Our God has robbed the grave (*Chorus*)

By your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat

The resurrected king is resurrecting me

In your name I come alive to declare your victory

The resurrected king is resurrecting me The resurrected king is resurrecting me

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Confession and Forgiveness

- L** Yes, the Lord reigns over every nation, language, and people. Yet, we have not loved all people as Christ has loved us. The fruits of our faith are not always evident. But our Lord is gracious and merciful, and He offers His forgiveness to all. In humble repentance, let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father. Almighty God,
- C** **we have failed to love others as You love them. We have failed to reflect Your grace to the world in service and sacrifice. We have failed in our actions and in our unwillingness to act. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may follow You in joy. Amen.**

- L** Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus Christ into our world to serve and save all people, showing no partiality or favoritism. By His death, He forgives all our sins. By His resurrection, He destroys death forever and offers us eternal life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** **Amen.**

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

- L** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of the Church, we pray for our pastors, teachers, DCE's, youth leaders, missionaries, and all who lead and teach Your people. Protect and bless them as they minister to us and proclaim Your Word. Today we pray for our congregation as we begin the process to call a senior pastor. Fill us with wisdom and discernment as a call committee is formed and candidates are evaluated. By Your Holy Spirit, move among us all so that we may serve as Jesus served and be powerful witnesses to Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God of compassion, we pray for all those who mourn the death of loved ones. Comfort them in the face of grief, [*especially . . .*]. Grant that all those who mourn find hope in the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Heavenly Father, on this Labor Day weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, we pray for the gainfully employed; the unemployed or underemployed; those beginning a new career; those who struggle in their work or struggle to discern Your calling; those who are seeking new or different jobs or who are retired or anticipating retirement; those whose work is not valued or appreciated and those who are overcommitted. Give us joy in our labors and joy in using the gifts and talents we receive from You. Give us joy in doing all our work to Your honor and glory. Equip us to labor in ways that love one another and share Your peace in a world that cries for peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God of healing, we pray for all who are sick, injured, preparing for surgery, and recovering, [*especially . . .*], Grant them healing according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who has taught us to pray...

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

COMMUNION— * *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

COMMUNION SONG

“Mighty is the Power of the Cross” Tomlin/Craig/

Reeves

What can take a dying man, And raise him up to life again?
What can heal a wounded soul, What can make us white as snow?
What can fill the emptiness, What can mend our brokenness, Brokenness?

Chorus: Mighty, awesome, wonderful, Is the holy cross
 Where the Lamb laid down His life, To lift us from the fall.
 Mighty is the power of the cross.

What restores our faith in God, What reveals the Father's love?
What can lead the wayward home, What can melt a heart of stone?
What can free the guilty ones, What can save and overcome, Overcome? (*Chorus*)

It's a miracle to me, It's a miracle to me,
And it's still a mystery, And it's still a mystery.
It's a miracle to me, The power of God, For those who believe.

Mighty, awesome, wonderful, Is the holy cross Where the Lamb laid down His life,
To lift us from the fall. Mighty is the power of the cross.

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BLESSING

SERMON

“Be Open”

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CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG

“Everyday”

Houston

What to say, Lord? It's You who gave me life
And I can't explain just how much You mean to me
Now that You have saved me Lord. I give all that I am to You,
That ev'ryday I can be a light that shines Your name.

Ev'ryday Lord, I'll learn to stand upon Your Word.
And I pray that I, That I may come to know You more,
That You would guide me in ev'ry single step I take,
That ev'ryday I can be Your light unto the world.

Chorus: Ev'ryday, it's You I'll live for. Ev'ryday, I'll follow after You.
Ev'ryday, I'll walk with You, my Lord.

Ev'ryday Lord, I'll learn to stand upon Your Word.
And I pray that I, That I may come to know You more,
That You would guide me in ev'ry single step I take,
That ev'ryday I can be Your light unto the world. (*Chorus x2*)

It's You I live for ev'ryday. It's You I live for ev'ryday. It's You I live for ev'ryday.
(*Repeat*) (*Chorus*)

Ev'ryday, it's You I'll live for. Ev'ryday, I'll follow after You.
Ev'ryday, I'll walk with You, It's you I live for ev'ryday.

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PRESIDING MINISTER: *Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor*
ELDERS: *5pm—Skyler Lynn; 11am—Craig Singkofer*

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!

BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th 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 years & 7-12 years old, are available on the table in the Narthex.

NURSERY—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery located near the Narthex will be available for parent use on Sunday mornings. *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-8 School, our Childcare (*infant—13 years*), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.

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.

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.



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