



*I will put my law
within them,
and I will write it
on their hearts.*

Jeremiah 31:33

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FOCUS Today we consider what it means to be wise and understanding people of God. As we examine the words of encouragement from Moses to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 4, we will see that God's wise and understanding people are given God's Word and keep God's Word. God is near His people with His goodness and grace shown to us today in His Word and Sacraments.

WELCOME

OPENING MEDLEY

"Agnus Dei"

Smith

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb; worthy is the Lamb.
You are holy. Holy are You, Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb; worthy is the Lamb. You are holy.

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"Revelation Song"

Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; Holy, holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat. *(Repeat)*

Chorus: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color flashes of lightning, Rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, Strength, and glory, and power be to You, The only wise King.
(Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, At the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power, Breath and living water, such a marv'lous mystery, yeah.

Chorus (x2): Holy, holy, holy, Is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You.

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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

L Lord, the unfolding of Your words gives light.
C **Your Word imparts understanding to the simple.**
L Keep steady our steps according to Your promise,
C **and let no iniquity gain dominion over us.**
L Cast us not away from Your presence,
C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.**
L Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,
C **and uphold us with a willing spirit.**

PRAYER

SONG "Great are You Lord" *Leonard/Ingram/Jordan*

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore ev'ry heart that is broken And great are You Lord

Chorus: It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness You give hope,
You restore ev'ry heart that is broken And great are You Lord (*Chorus 2x*)

And all the earth will shout Your praise Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord (*3x*) (*Chorus 2x*)

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OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ² You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. ... ⁶ Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸ And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ⁹ Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children...”

EPISTLE

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:14-23

And [Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about

the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

NICENE CREED

☩ 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.

SONG

“Sovereign Over Us”

Keyes/Brown/Mooring

There is strength within the sorrow, There is beauty in our tears.
And You meet us in our mourning With a love that casts out fear.

You are working in our waiting, Sanctifying us;
When beyond our understanding, You're teaching us to trust.

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper, You've not forgotten us;
You're with us In the fire and the flood.
Faithful forever, Perfect in love; You are sov'reign over us.

You are wisdom unimagined, Who could understand Your ways,
Reigning high above the heavens, Reaching down in endless grace.

You're the lifter of the lowly, Compassionate and kind,
You surround, and You uphold me; And Your promises are my delight. (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Even what the enemy means for evil, You turn it for our good,
You turn it for our good And for Your glory.
Even in the valley You are faithful; You're working for our good,
You're working for our good And for Your glory. (*Repeat*)

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper, You've not forgotten us;
You're with us In the fire and the flood.
Faithful forever, Perfect in love; You are sov'reign over us.

Faithful forever, Perfect in love, You are sov'reign over us.

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Confession and Forgiveness

L We are God's people. Through His Word, He has given us wisdom and understanding to follow His ways. Yet, there are times when we have chosen foolishness over wisdom, willful ignorance instead of understanding. Still, even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection.)

Heavenly Father,

C **we have ignored Your Word. We have lived according to our own commands rather than Yours. We have chosen the wisdom of the world instead of Your perfect wisdom. Forgive us, create in us new hearts, and renew right spirits within us, so that we may follow where You are leading, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

L Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our sins. Because of Jesus, the joy of our salvation is restored, and no iniquity can remain in dominion over us. 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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

L For all people who serve in various vocations, that they be given creativity, wisdom, understanding, discernment, and courage to follow where God is leading. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

L For all those who celebrate good news of births and birthdays, anniversaries and Baptisms, success at work or school, and anything else that is worthy of praise, we thank You, Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

L For all those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief, [*especially . . .*]. Help them to grasp firmly our hope in the resurrection and eternal life with You. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

L For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that they lead and serve according to God's wisdom rather than the wisdom of the world. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

L For all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church, that God's Word rules their lives and overflows into the lives of others. Today we lift up before Your throne of grace the Holdorf family as they transition to their new calling in Michigan. Bless them, grant them safe travel and fill them with Your peace. Prepare the hearts of the people at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jackson, MI to receive them. Be with us here at Trinity – open our hearts and minds to where You are leading and give us strength to boldly follow You. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

L For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

L Lord, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guidance, knowing that You hear us.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

COMMUNION SONG “How Great is Our God” *Tomlin/Cash/Reeves*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God! *(Repeat)*

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

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BLESSING

SERMON

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CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG “Amen (Because He Lives)” *Tomlin/Carson/Gaither/
Cash/Ingram/Maher*

I believe in the Son I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome By the power of His blood

Chorus: Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
 Amen amen Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives

I was dead in the grave I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name He rolled the stone away (*Chorus*)

Because He lives I can face tomorrow Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life My future in His hand (*Chorus x2*)

Because He lives

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PRESIDING MINISTER: *Rev. Zach J. Holdorf, Senior Pastor*

LITURGIST: *Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor*

ELDERS: *5pm—Seth Sneider; 11am—Troy Pagel*

Farewell, Rev. Zach J. Holdorf!



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!

BLENDed 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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