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FOCUS

When Jesus appeared on the scene of human history, His coming was like the light of a new day. Isaiah had prophesied a day would come filled with joy as at the harvest or when victors divide spoils. But daylight also reveals problems covered by darkness, like the divisions at the Church in Corinth, as Paul writes. Jesus' light not only reveals, but it also forgives, heals, and enlivens. People brought the sick and demon-possessed to our Lord, and the first four disciples jumped at the opportunity to follow Him. What ills shall we bring to worship today for resolution? Sins requiring forgiveness, gloom needing joy, divisions seeking reconciliation? Jesus came into human history to die and rise for us; today He comes through Word and Sacrament in grace and mercy to meet our deepest needs. Let us rejoice in the light of God's forgiveness, mercy, and love.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Variations on "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"
"Rise, Shine, You People"

Bender & Burkhardt
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RINGING of the BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"Rise, Shine, You People"

LSB 825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.

He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
 To all the world go out and tell the
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry
 round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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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

Psalm 27:1, 4, 14

- L** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
C The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
L One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
C that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life...
L Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
C wait for the LORD!

Confession and Absolution

Matthew 4:17; Romans 6:23; 1 Corinthians 1:18

- L** St. Matthew writes that Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Let us therefore confess our sins and ask our Lord's forgiveness.
C Lord, I confess to You that I am a sinner. I have failed to live as You command and I am deeply sorry. I know that the wages of sin is death, but that the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus. Because I believe and trust in Jesus as my Savior from sin and death, I ask You now to forgive me all my sins for His sake. Renew me and strengthen me so that I may live as You desire in this life and be with You forever in the life to come. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

L “For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” Be assured that through Jesus’ blood-bought rescue, you are already citizens in the Kingdom of heaven. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus 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.

HYMN

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

(to the tune of “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”)



1. Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light.
2. Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word.
3. Let us praise the Word In - car - nate; Christ, who suf-fered in our place.



Praise the One who frees the pris-oners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
 Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc-ing two-edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis-ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand.
 Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



Calm-ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 From this wellcomes liv-ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Let us praise the true Re-deem - er, praise the One who makes us one.

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SALUTATION and PRAYER of the DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

- L** Let us pray. Lord Jesus, who came from heaven to earth, heal us in body, soul, and spirit that we may serve You in joy, now and always; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC VIDEO “This Little Light of Mine”

Trinity Childcare Students

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-25

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.

¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

HYMN of the DAY

7:30am—

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

LSB 839

9am—

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Rend Collective

(See screens)

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.

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

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Manz

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

L ...Lord, in Your mercy

C hear our prayer.

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

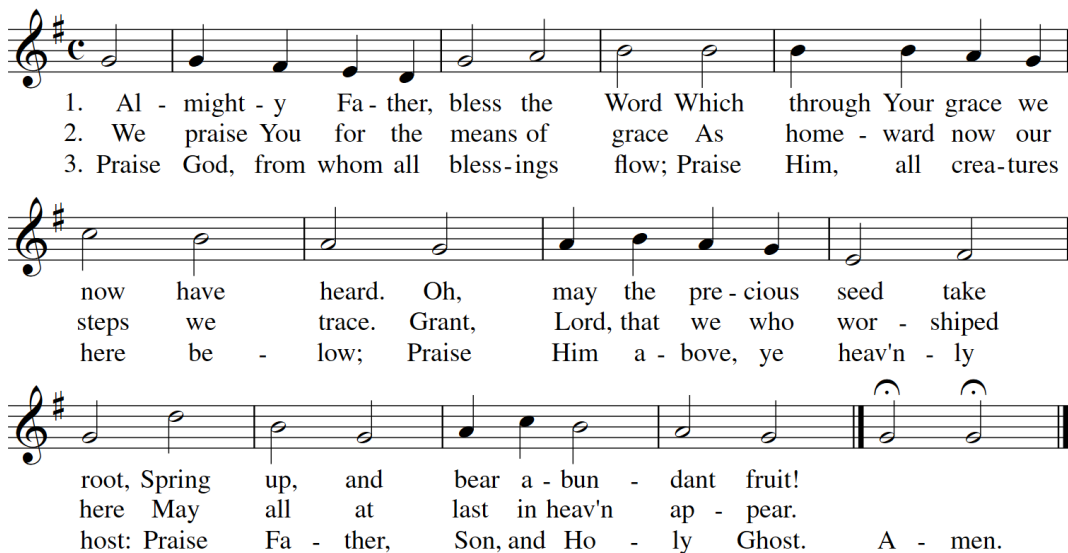
- L** Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

LSB 923



1. Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your grace we
2. We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward now our
3. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures

now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious seed take
steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who wor - shiped
here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly

root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

POSTLUDE

“Old Hundredth”

Pachelbel & Manz

PRESIDING MINISTER: *Rev. James L. Mayland, Senior Pastor*

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

ORGANIST: *Rod Riese*

ELDERS: *7:30am—Bob Zimmerman, Todd Hauer; 9am—Mike Hase, Craig Singkofer*

ACOLYTES: *7:30am— ; 9am—Logan Frey*

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!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

7:30am & 9am Sunday

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday

- **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 & 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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