



What Makes Christians *Different*

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WHAT MAKES CHRISTIANS DIFFERENT: FIND REST IN

The Bible says Christians are different. Christians are people who believe in Jesus as their Savior. But they often look the same as those who do not believe in Jesus. How are Christians different? The answer is often something internal, attitudes or perspectives that come only from the work of the Holy Spirit in Word and sacrament. Ultimately, Christians are people who run to Christ for forgiveness because they have failed to live perfect lives. As we receive the mercy of Christ, it moves us to strive with all our being to do all the things that Jesus says Christians do, things that make Christians different. We need rest. Without rest, we suffer. Studies show that with too little rest, people experience fatigue and physical imbalances that result in decreased attention, poor decisions, and even speech impairment. People who take no breaks during the workday have lower productivity than those who take periodic breaks. Christians know they need more than sleep or breaks, more than physical rest. We need spiritual rest. The only place to find that type of rest is Jesus. Jesus provides more than a pause in work or enjoyable recreation. Jesus provides the removal of our sins, the cleansing of our guilty consciences, and a gentle new yoke of discipleship in the freedom of the gospel. In Jesus, Christians find rest right now from burdens and battles, and eventually eternal rest in heaven.

THE MISSION OF TRINITY

*The members of Trinity are joined together in Jesus' love to **worship** our Lord, **grow** in his Word, and **share** it with others.*

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER IN TODAY'S SERVICE.

St. Paul writes that everyone who receives the Lord's Supper must "recognize the body of Christ," and therefore "ought to examine themselves" (1 Cor. 11:27-29) before eating and drinking. He also writes that it is God's desire that as his people commune, they do so as "one body" (1 Cor. 10:17), "perfectly united in mind and thought" (1 Cor. 1:10). For this reason, Trinity follows the biblical and historic practice of closed (or member) communion. We welcome members of WELS or ELS congregations to commune with us. If you are not a member of a church in fellowship with Trinity, please refrain from communing today. We want nothing more than to receive the Lord's Supper with you, but we want to do so in the unity of faith that Jesus wants for his people (cf. John 17:20-23). We hope that can happen soon! Please speak to our pastor after the service, and he would be happy to further explain our practice and help you work toward full unity with us.

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Opening Hymn

917 God Himself Is Present

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called 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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, your mercy attends us all our days.
Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world,
and at life's end, grant us your promised rest and the full joys of your
salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' ¹³If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

¹⁴The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

¹⁵Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will

distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

¹⁸Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

¹⁹And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

²¹Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²²When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

See next page

Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²²For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm of the Day

Psalm 148A

Refrain



Let all praise the name of the LORD.



Let all praise the name of the LORD.

Tone



Praise the LORD from the / heavens;
praise him in the / heights above.
Praise him, all his / angels;
praise him, all his / heav'nly hosts.
Praise him, / sun and moon;
praise him, all you / shining stars. *Refrain*

Praise the LORD / from the earth,
lightning and hail, / snow and clouds,
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all / cedars,
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and / flying birds,
kings of the earth and all / nations,
young men and women, old men and / children.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:28



Refrain



Sung by All: Refrain

Spoken by All: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Sung by All: Refrain

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Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

775 Before You, Lord, We Bow

Sermon

Matthew 11:25-30

"COME TO ME"

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, your mercy attends us all our days.
Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world,
and at life's end, grant us your promised rest and the full joys of your
salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Offering

*The members of Trinity Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and throughout the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry. At this time, we ask both members and guests to fill out the **friendship register** found at the end of each pew. When you've written your information, please pass it to the next person until everyone has had a chance to sign it. Thank you for helping us serve you with the gospel!*

THE SACRAMENT

As you have the opportunity, take a moment for self-examination before receiving the Sacrament. You may wish to review the "Christian Questions" beginning on page 295 of the hymnal or read through a "Holy Communion" hymn (659-677).



Stand

Preface

CW 183

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right . . . and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

...The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen

Be seated

Distribution

In order to receive communion today, we ask that worshipers be able to check all of the following boxes:

- ☐ I repent of all my sins, holding nothing back from God (1 John 1:9).
- ☐ I believe that Jesus took away my sins when he died for me on the cross (John 3:16; 1 John 3:5).
- ☐ I believe that in communion I receive Jesus' true body and blood along with the bread and the wine (Mt. 26:26-27; 1 Cor. 10:16).
- ☐ I have made a statement of my agreement with all the teachings of this church family and its church body (WELS), as I have learned to know them through a Catechism or Foundations Class.

If you are not able to check all these boxes today but would like to commune with us in the future, please speak to our pastor after the service. He would love to help make that happen!

Distribution Hymns

839 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

703 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

774 God Bless Our Native Land

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MINISTER: Pastor David Carlovsky

BULLETIN SPONSOR: Phil & Amanda Gronholz's Wedding Anniversary

ACCOMPANIST: Lori Enter

SPECIAL THANKS to all others who served in worship today, including our video and screen coordinators, ushers, greeters, and soloists.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday	101
Streaming	7
Monday	15

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 10:45 am	NA
Kids In Christ	NA
Monday 7:00 pm	11
Monday Virtual	1

SUNDAY GIVING

General Fund	4780.50
Vanco	784.65
Capital	20.00

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun (7/5)	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship w/ Communion Fellowship
Mon (7/6)	NO Worship / Bible Study	
Tues (7/9))	4:30-7:00 7:00 pm	Pine & 99 Men's Bible Study
Sun (7/12)	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Worship Fellowship Voters & Call Meeting

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TRINITY NEWS

CALL INFO: Pastor Thomas Barthel has returned his call. Our next call meeting is July 12th.

VOTERS MEETING: Our next voters meeting will be July 12th after fellowship.

PASTOR CARLOVSKY CALL: Pastor Carlovsky has returned his call to be the Visitation Pastor at St. Paul's New Ulm.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm or by appointment from June 1st through August 14th.

DIRECTORY UPDATES: Please make sure your contact information is up to date in our Instant Church Directory (address, email, phone number) and that your directory photo is recent! This makes sure you receive our emails and that our members can contact one another. If you have updates to be made email them to amber.finken@trinitynicollet.org Thanks! If you need help getting access to the directory, let Amber know.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: will be held the first 2 Thursdays of the month. There will not be July Fellowship. Bible Study will be July 9th in the Fireside room at 7pm.

PINE & 99-TRINITY PORK CHOP STAND: We will host the next Pork Chop Stand on July 9th. If you can help with grilling, set-up, serving food, or taking payments, please sign up for dates that work for you. Direct questions to Larry Bruegger at 507-420-9195. Thanks!

YOUTH RALLY: The youth group is still working on raising funds for the rally to hit their goal. Funds from fellowship on the 12th will go towards the youth group. If anyone has a project that they would like to hire the youth group for, talk to Danny Sheeks.

VETERANS FOOD SHELF: Youth Group is collecting items for the veteran's food shelf. There is a list of requested items posted in the narthex. These items will be taken to the Youth Rally and dropped off by July 10th.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: will be Wednesday July 29th from 4:30-7:00. We are looking for help with brining a pie, desserts or working a shift. Sign up sheets are in the narthex. Proceeds from the Ice Cream Social will go towards repairing our Church Bell.

GROUNDKEEPING: Weather permitting, we will meet at 5pm on Wednesday July 8th to pull weeds on the property. Anyone is welcome to help. Bring your own bucket. If you have questions, contact Susie Blaaid at 920-915-0329.

WELS MISSIONS COMMISSIONING: Cindy Lendt has taken a call to be Women's Ministry Coordinator. We will be celebrating her commissioning with a special service on July 19th and presentation during fellowship. Communion will be moved to July 26th.

SOUTHEAST ASIA PRESENTATION: Cindy Lendt recently presented at a women's workshop in a predominantly Hindu country in Asia, an event coordinated by the WELS Asia-Oceania Team. She has accepted the call to be the AOT Women's Ministry Coordinator starting July 2026, and on Sunday, August 2, during Fellowship after church she'll be sharing her experience in Southeast Asia! You can read more about it at [Coffee, cribbage, and Christ – WELS](#).

INSTALLATION OF CALLED WORKERS: Renee Hussman (Grades 3-5) and Morgan Ritter (Preschool Director) will be installed as called workers on July 26th. We welcome them and celebrate their commitment to our school and students.

KICK YOUR FAITH: VBS Soccer camp is BACK! Ages 5-12 are encouraged to join us for three nights of soccer & God's word July 21-23 from 5:30-7:30pm with a family fun cookout on Saturday July 25.

Please register here! You must be registered by JULY 13th to guarantee a T-Shirt.



HELPERS NEEDED: Please sign up in the narthex, if you have questions contact Nate Otto (principal@trinitynicollet.org)

[Jesus said] “Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.”

Matthew 10:38-39

Take up Your Cross

In Jesus’ day, you wouldn’t find people wearing cross necklaces or hanging a cross to decorate their homes. The cross was an instrument of death. So I can only imagine the puzzled looks on the faces of the people who first heard this. “Take up a cross? Why would I do that? Are you crazy, Jesus?”

No, Jesus wasn’t crazy. He was telling his disciples, and us for that matter, that as we follow him, we say ‘no’ to the desires of our sinful self. It means denying our natural desire to be in control, to protect our comfort, reputation, or ambitions. Instead, we surrender everything to him.

This is hard for us to hear at times. Our natural way of thinking is to find our life on our own terms—building security through money, success, or pleasure. Our natural way of thinking is to make choices that prioritize self. But Jesus says that way of life, that path, only leads to eternal loss.

Rather, “whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.” To clarify, this is not a call to destroy ourselves or seek suffering for its own sake. Rather, it is a command to suffer whatever is necessary in order to follow Jesus. Even if it means suffering death itself, it is worth it, because Jesus gives his followers eternal life.

Because Jesus gave himself up for us, we are declared worthy and made perfect before God. So, take up your cross and follow him! Deny your selfish desires and follow Jesus as he leads you closer to God and to your home with him in heaven.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, you took up the cross I deserved and lost your life to save mine. Forgive me for the times I have tried to save my own life and refuse to follow you. Help me daily deny myself, take up my cross, and follow you. Amen.

Daily Devotions is brought to you by WELS.

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