



What Makes Christians *Different*

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WHAT MAKES CHRISTIANS DIFFERENT: **TRUST GOD TO PROVIDE**

The Bible The hardest times to trust God are the times we need him most. It's easier to trust God when your job is going great, your health is fine, your relationships are fine, and your family is good. It's easier to trust God when the sun is shining, but what happens when your life is suddenly overshadowed by dark days? When tragedy strikes, we may wonder if God continues to care for us. At those times, Christians do not despair like those who have no hope. Instead, Christians focus on certain foundational facts. We are chosen and adopted as God's dear children. God provides us innumerable spiritual blessings and promises us an eternity of peace and joy. If we recognize those spiritual blessings, how can we doubt that God will give us everything we truly need at the right time? Christians trust God to provide.

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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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of 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

1 Kings 17:1-6

¹Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

²Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³"Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there."

⁵So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 136A



1 We give thanks un - to you, O God ____ of ____ might:
2 In your wis - dom and love you shaped ____ the ____ skies:
3 You have filled all the skies with glo - ry and light:
4 From of old you have led your peo - ple in faith:
5 You de - liv - ered the ones who called ____ un - to you:
6 You have o - pened the sea and brought your peo - ple through:
7 You re - mem - ber your prom - ise age ____ to ____ age:
8 You give food and ____ life to all ____ liv - ing things:



for your love is nev - er - end - ing;



1 We give thanks un - to you, the God of gods:
2 You ____ spread out the earth up - on the sea:
3 The ____ sun for the day and moon for night:
4 You have shown your com - pas - sion, strength, and love:
5 From ____ bond - age to free - dom, you brought them forth:
6 Brought them in - to a land that flows with life:
7 You show mer - cy on those of low de - gree:
8 We give thanks un - to you, the God of all:



for your love is nev - er - end - ing.

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Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-10

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace,

which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8:32



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Sung by All: Refrain

Spoken by All: He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all thing?

Sung by All: Refrain

Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

¹⁶Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸“Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

603 All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sermon

Matthew 14:13-21

GOD PROVIDES

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

Each petition will end with “Lord, in your mercy...” The congregation is invited to respond, “Hear our prayer.”

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

660 *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face*

582 *Not unto Us 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

602 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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MINISTER: Pastor David Carlovsky
BULLETIN SPONSOR:
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 BIBLE STUDY

Sunday	153	Sunday 10:45 am	NA
Streaming	19	Kids In Christ	NA
Monday	13	Monday 7:00 pm	14
		Monday Virtual	2

SUNDAY GIVING

General Fund	11290.42
Vanco	653.89
Capital	200.00

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun (8/2)	9:00 am	Worship w/ Communion
	10:15 am	Fellowship
Mon (8/3)	6:00 pm	Worship
	7:00pm	Bible Study
Tues (8/4)	7:00pm	Unified Meeting
Thurs (8/6)	4:30-7:00	Pine & 99
Sat (8/8)	7:00 pm	Women, Wine & The Word
Sun (8/9)	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	10:45 am	Special Voters Meeting

TRINITY NEWS

CALL INFO: We have extended a Call to Pastor Cody Hauch of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids MN. Feel free to connect with him via email (haucha55@gamil) or call/text (715-889-4570). Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates this call.

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING: will be held on August 9th to discuss the mailbox and a tuition discount for our called workers.

PINE & 99-TRINITY PORK CHOP STAND: We will host the next Pork Chop Stand on August 20th. 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!

FOOD SHELF UPDATE: Food Shelf Update: Our last donation to the St. Peter Area Food Shelf totaled 55 pounds. Thank you to everyone that donated items. Please consider donating to the church Food Shelf boxes and helping those in need

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. On Sunday, August 2, during Fellowship after church she'll be sharing her experience in Southeast Asia!

PASTOR PLOCHER'S UPDATE: Micah and Megan Plocher welcomed a baby girl, Lydia Coine, into their family on May 2027.

GROUND'S KEEPING: We will be meeting Thursday August 6th at 5pm to pull weeds and trim dead booms. Bring your own bucket and nippers. All are welcome!

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP: We are planning one event to see the interest in continuing this group. The event will be a tour of Hewitt Manufacturing on September 3rd at 10 am. We will have pizza in the fireside room after. There is a sing up sheet in the narthex. You also may call or text 507-317-7560 to RSVP.

AREA NEWS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Nicollet Legion will be hosting a blood drive Thursday August 13th from 11 am -5pm. Call 1-800-Red Cross or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule and appointment time. Thanks!

NEW2YOU JOB OPENING: New 2 You is looking for a part-time associate. This flexibles position is for 10-15 hours a week and 1-2 weekends a month. If you are interested in this position, pick up an application in person at New 2 You Family Thrift.If you have questions, please call New 2 You at 507-385-1455 to speak with Amanda or Melissa.



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2 9:00 am Worship w/ Communion 10:15 am Fellowship	3 6 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	4 National Night Out 5:30 pm 7:00 pm Unified Meeting	5	6 4:30-7 Pine & 99 5 pm Grounds Keeping	7	8 7 pm Women, Wine & The Word
9 9 am Worship 10:15 am Fellowship	10	11	12	13 7 pm Men' s Bible Study - Ch 10	14	15
16 9 m Worship w/ communion 10:15 am Fellowship	17 6 pm Monday Night Worship 7 pm Bible Study	18	19 Back to School Night 6:00-7:00 pm	20 4:30-7 Pine & 99	21	22
23 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Fellowship	24 6 m Monday Night Worship 7 pm Bible Study First Day of TLS	25	26 8:00 am TLS Chapel 7:00 pm Council	27	28	29
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