



PROVERBS 25:21



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **Love your enemies**

**August 31 2025**

**Trinity 11**

Of all the life lessons Jesus taught, one of the most radical and most difficult to put into practice has to be, "Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." But Jesus was simply repeating what God's will had always been for his people. Proverbs tells us to do the same.

Today's 10:30 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- [holytrinity.church](http://holytrinity.church)

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE—SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn 530 Praise Be to Christ



1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see the im - age of the  
2 Praise be to him whose sov - 'reign sway and will up - holds cre -  
3 Praise be to him who, Lord Most High, the full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, the first-born Son re - vealed and known, the truth and  
a - tion's plan; who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan and when our  
God - head shares; and yet our hu - man na - ture bears, who came as



grace of de - i - ty; through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,  
world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head,  
man to bleed and die. And from his cross there flows our peace



whose fin - gers set the stars in place, the un - seen pow'rs, and  
re - demp-tion's price and source and theme, a - live, the first - born  
who chose for us the path he trod, that so might sins and



this small earth, the fur - thest bounds of time and space.  
from the dead, to reign as all - in - all su - preme.  
sor - rows cease and all be rec - on - ciled to God.

*Please stand.*

**P:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his

wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

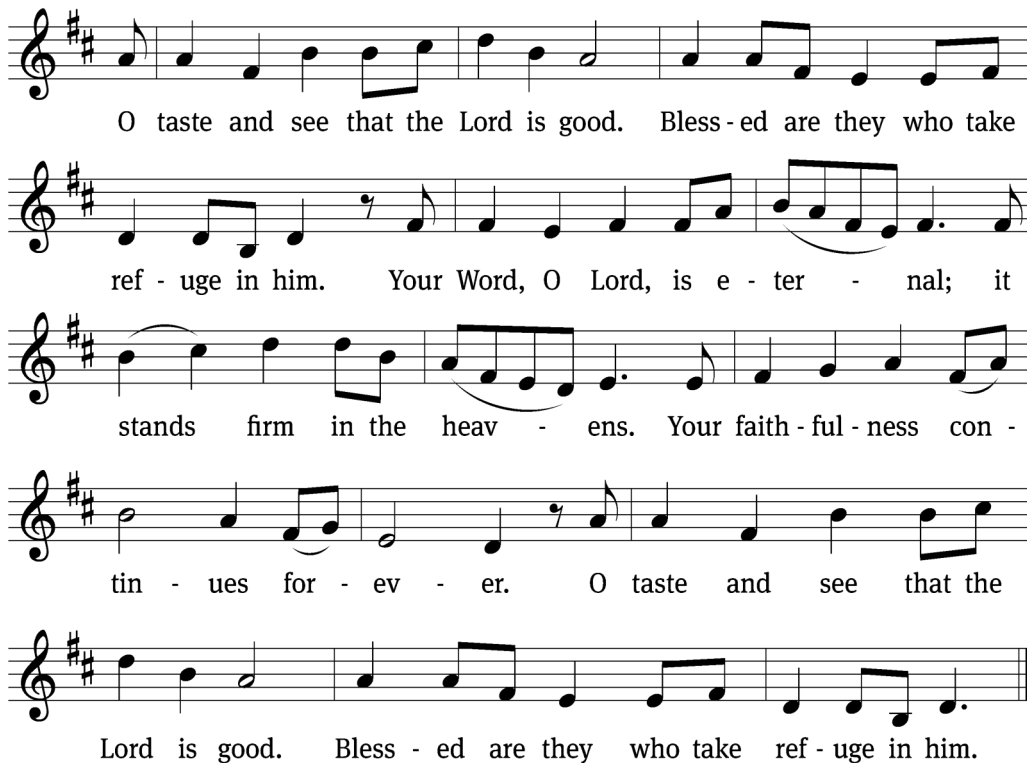
P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

*Hymn 965 O Taste and See*



O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take  
ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it  
stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -  
tin - ues for - ev - er. O taste and see that the  
Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE WORD**

### **First Lesson—Proverbs 25:6-7**

Don't boast about yourself before the king,  
and don't stand in the place of the great;  
for it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here!"  
than to demote you in plain view of a noble.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112

Refrain



Light dawns in the dark-ness for the up - right.

Tone



**Blessed are those who / fear the LORD,  
who find great delight in / his commands.  
Wealth and riches are in their / houses,  
and their righteousness endures for- / ever. Refrain**

**Surely the righteous will never be / shaken;  
they will be remembered for- / ever.  
Their hearts are secure, they will / have no fear;  
in the end they will look in triumph / on their foes.  
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**

**Second Lesson—James 2:1-13**

My brothers and sisters, do not show favoritism as you hold on to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if someone comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and a poor person dressed in filthy clothes also comes in, if you look with favor on the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here in a good place," and yet you say to the poor person, "Stand over there," or "Sit here on the floor by my footstool," haven't you made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Didn't God choose the poor in this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? Yet you have dishonored the poor. Don't the rich oppress you and drag you into court? Don't they blaspheme the good name that was invoked

over you?

Indeed, if you fulfill the royal law prescribed in the Scripture, Love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing well. If, however, you show favoritism, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the entire law, and yet stumbles at one point, is guilty of breaking it all. For he who said, Do not commit adultery, also said, Do not murder. So if you do not commit adultery, but you murder, you are a lawbreaker.

Speak and act as those who are to be judged by the law of freedom. For judgment is without mercy to the one who has not shown mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

### VERSE OF THE DAY



**C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**



**These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that**



**Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.**



**Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**

## Gospel—Luke 14:1,7-14

One Sabbath, when he went in to eat at the house of one of the leading Pharisees, they were watching him closely.

He told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they would choose the best places for themselves: “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, don’t sit in the place of honor, because a more distinguished person than you may have been invited by your host. The one who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this man,’ and then in humiliation, you will proceed to take the lowest place.

“But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ You will then be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

He also said to the one who had invited him, “When you give a lunch or a dinner, don’t invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors, because they might invite you back, and you would be repaid. On the contrary, when you host a banquet, invite those who are poor, maimed, lame, or blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

Hymn 759    *When Training Up a Child*



1 When train-ing up a child      to go a cer-tain way,  
2 When Tim-o-thy was young,      his moth-er drew him near—  
3 When God in all his grace      puts chil-dren in our care,



long af-ter youth that child-hood truth will still hold sway;  
what she'd been taught was al- so what her son must hear:  
our leg-a-cy of love will be the words we share



and so, in in - fant hearts, the gos - pel seed is sown  
 how we had all the sin, but Christ took all the blame,  
 in tell - ing them of Christ and teach - ing them his love,



that chil - dren thus might learn to trust in Christ a - lone.  
 how we've been dressed in right-eous-ness in Je - sus' name.  
 till we and they are home to stay in heav'n a - bove.

Sermon: Proverbs 25:21-22

*Love your enemies*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

**OFFERING**

*Our offerings express gratitude to God for making us, saving us, and giving us all that we have. We express generous gratitude with generous offerings.*

*You may place your offering in the plates or use [Online Giving](#).*

*The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.*

*Thank you for your offerings.*



**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Please stand.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of all judgment, God of all pardons, it is frightening when we get a glimpse of how despicable our sins against you really are or a sense of your utter holiness. We pray to you for those who can't get past their terror of your wrath, those weighed down by guilt, those despairing of forgiveness. "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15). Dear God, lead these troubled consciences to fully accept and trust that saying and to find in it complete peace. O God, Lord of all, your Son commanded us to love all—even our enemies—and to pray for them. Deliver us from prejudice, hatred, and cruelty. Help us endure unjust treatment without seeking revenge. Fill our hearts with the forgiving love that we learn only from Christ. And may that love so move the hearts of our enemies so that one day they and we may stand before you, reconciled to you and to one another, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Almighty Father, by your mighty hand you crafted and built this world and everything in it. In your wisdom you have gifted my neighbors with skills to use the natural resources you have created for their own crafting and building. Help them do so to your glory and for the benefit of their fellow human beings in this life. Help them to work diligently, not only for the sake of those who will use what they make but also so that they may provide for their families and have income to use to help those in need.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private prayers.

*Silent prayer.*

## THE 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.**

## BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

## C: Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### Hymn 705 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep,
- 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands—'tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Accompanist: Dave Kriewall

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## **Education**

There will be no Sunday education today.

## **Service streaming**

Today's 10:30 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube.

## **Voters' meeting**

The next voters' meeting is on Sunday, September 14 between services.

## **Women's group**

All the confirmed females of the congregation are invited to a women's service group gathering on Saturday, September 13, at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the gathering is to discuss events and tasks to be done around church or school. Ideas on how to move forward will be welcomed at the gathering. Contact Cindy Smith for more information.

## **Holy Trinity Lutheran School**

The school year begins this Tuesday, September 2. The theme is *Called and Chosen* based on 1 Peter 2:9.

## **This week at Holy Trinity**

Tuesday ..... 6:30 p.m. Bible information class