

But in your hearts revere

# CHRIST AS LORD.

Always be prepared to give an answer  
to everyone who asks you to give the  
reason for the hope that you have.

1 Peter 3:15, NIV



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

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

## **Always ready**

**May 10, 2026**

Easter 6/Confirmation

We are strangers on earth.

What makes us strangers is the faith we have in Jesus Christ and our hope in him. Whether is it out of curiosity or out of contempt, people are going to ask us what we believe. We don't always know when that will be. But we can certainly know what to say.

Today is confirmation day for 5 young people in our congregation. Today we are instructed to always be ready.

Today's 8:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

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

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

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## ORDER OF SERVICE — SETTING FOUR

Hymn 824 *This Is the Threefold Truth*



1 This is the three-fold truth on which our faith de - pends;  
2 Long used by saints of old, new - mint - ed for our time,  
3 On this we fix our minds as, kneel - ing side by side,  
4 By this we are up - held when doubt or grief as - sails  
5 This is the three-fold truth which, if we hold it fast,



and with this joy - ful cry — wor - ship be - gins and ends:  
our lit - ur - gies con - fess the hope we — have in him:  
we take the bread and wine, take him, the — Cru - ci - fied:  
our Chris - tian faith and love, and on - ly — grace a - vails:  
chang - es the world and us and brings us — home at last:



Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### CONFESSION

P: Blessed is the person whose rebellion is forgiven,

C: **whose sin is covered.**

P: Blessed is the person against whom the Lord charges no guilt,

C: **and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

P: I said, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord,"

C: **and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

*Silent time for personal confession of sin.*

P: Let us confess together:

C: **Father, I am sinful, and I have sinned against you.**

**I am not worthy to be called your child.**

**Yet in mercy, you sacrificed your only Son to take away my guilt.**

**For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.**

P: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave.

**C: We have peace with God now and forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**THE WORD**

**First Lesson — Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in the middle of the Areopagus and said, “People of Athens! I see that you are extremely religious in every respect. For as I was passing through and observing the objects of your worship, I even found an altar on which was inscribed, ‘To an Unknown God.’ Therefore, what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it — he is Lord of heaven and earth — does not live in shrines made by hands. Neither is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives everyone life and breath and all things. From one man he has made every nationality to live over the whole earth and has determined their appointed times and the boundaries of where they live. He did this so that they might seek God, and perhaps they might reach out and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being, as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also his offspring.’ Since, then, we are God’s offspring, we shouldn’t think that the divine nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image fashioned by human art and imagination.

“Therefore, having overlooked the times of ignorance, God now commands all

people everywhere to repent, because he has set a day when he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he has appointed. He has provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 66 (10:30 a.m. service: Jr Choir sings the first refrain and the verses, the congregation joins in on the refrain after the verses)*

*Refrain*



Let all the earth cry out to the




Lord, cry out to the Lord with joy!

*Verses*



1 Sing to the Lord, all you on earth, sing praise to the  
2 Let the whole world wor - ship and sing, ac - claim - ing his



*Refrain*

gran - deur of God; pro - claim his glo - ri - ous name!  
won - der - ful deeds; the might of God is at hand!

*Verse*



3 Lis - ten now, all you who trust in the Lord,



our God has done great things for us,



*Refrain*

an - swered our prayers with his kind - ness.

## **Second Lesson — 1 Peter 3:13-22**

Who then will harm you if you are devoted to what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear them or be intimidated, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

Yet do this with gentleness and reverence, keeping a clear conscience, so that when you are accused, those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, in which he also went and made proclamation to the spirits in prison who in the past were disobedient, when God patiently waited in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared. In it a few — that is, eight people — were saved through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you (not as the removal of dirt from the body, but the pledge of a good conscience toward God) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### Refrain

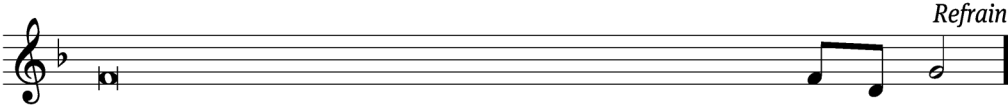


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### Tone



If you love me, keep my com - mands.



And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you.

## Gospel — John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn’t see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. The one who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I also will love him and will reveal myself to him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

Hymn 742 On Galilee's High Mountain



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun - tain Christ gave the great com -  
2 The Lord, who, born of Mar - y, came down as man and  
3 His strength with - in my weak - ness will make me bold to  
4 And not a - lone to na - tions in far - a - way re -  
5 Lord, gath - er all your chil - dren, wher - ev - er they may



mand in words of strength and prom - ise which  
died, who preached to all who lis - tened, for  
say how his re - deem - ing pow - er trans -  
treats, but ev - 'ry - where I broad - cast his  
be, and lead them on to heav - en to



all can un - der - stand: "All pow'r to me is  
us was cru - ci - fied. This Lord, our liv - ing  
forms my stub - born clay. His touch of fire ig -  
love through crowd - ed streets. The lives that my life  
live e - ter - nal - ly with you, our lov - ing



giv - en to do what I shall choose; there -  
broth - er, in pow'r at God's right hand has  
nites me, with cour - age I am sent, my  
touch - es, how - ev - er great or small— let  
Fa - ther, and Christ, our broth - er dear, whose



fore I send my chil - dren, their wit - ness I will use."  
cho - sen us to car - ry his truth to ev - 'ry land.  
tongue - tied si - lence bro - ken, with grace made el - o - quent.  
them through me see Je - sus, who served and saved us all.  
Spir - it guards and gives us the joy to per - se - vere.

## Sermon—1 Peter 3:13-22

### *Always ready*

Song            *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness*            Jr choir (10:30 a.m.)

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again.  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in his light  
And wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.*

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly.  
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take;  
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.*

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.  
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him,  
Oh, to love and follow him.*

### **OFFERING**

*We give with deep gratitude and joy over our Savior's victory for us. We give our offerings regularly and generously in proportion to what we have to support the work of telling the resurrection message through our church and school.*

*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**

## CONFIRMATION

P: My dear young friends, when you were baptized, your gracious Lord forgave all your sins and covered you with the robe of Christ's righteousness. Through water and Word he created faith in your hearts and adopted you into the family of believers. As you matured and heard and studied the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit enlightened your minds and preserved you as children of God.

You have expressed the desire to confess the truths you believe before your Savior, your family and friends, and this congregation. You are ready to say with St. Paul, "I believed; therefore I have spoken." You have learned to examine your thoughts, words, and actions in the light of God's law, and you have experienced the comfort of forgiveness in the Savior's gospel. With this preparation you are eager to receive the Savior's body and blood in the sacrament.

As we worship with you on this day, we are filled with joy as we see how the Lord has grown your faith and love. We are bringing our prayers to the Savior's throne of grace and imploring him to keep you faithful to him and his Word until you join us and all believers in the glories of heaven.

P: I now ask each of you:

Are you ready and willing to confess your faith before the triune God and those who are worshiping with you today?

**R: I am.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**R: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**R: Yes, 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**R: Yes, 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.**

P: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**R: I do.**

P: Do you believe that all the books of the Bible are the inspired and inerrant Word of God?

**R: I do.**

P: Do you believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know them from Luther's Small Catechism, are faithful and true to the Word of God?

**R: I do.**

P: Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus and his Word all the days of your life?

**R: Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

P: Is it your sincere prayer and desire to live a life that pleases God, to value his Word and sacraments, and to witness to your Savior wherever you go?

**R: Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

P: Friends in Christ, the Word of God urges us to pray for one another and especially for the youth of the church. On this special day, it is fitting that we bring our prayers before God, firmly believing that he alone is able to strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us faithful to the Savior until we die. Let us pray.

P: Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you created faith in the hearts of these young people and gave them a new birth as members of your family. Help them remember their baptisms every day and find comfort in your promise that you will never leave them or forsake them. Lord, in your mercy,

**R: hear our prayer.**

P: Give them strength to put down and drown the sinful nature that lives within them so that each day their faith may triumph in their living and loving and in their words and actions. Lord, in your mercy,

**R: hear our prayer.**

P: Lead them to see and believe that in the word of the gospel they find forgiveness for their sins and relief for their guilt. Use the remembrance of your commandments to drive them to the comfort of the gospel and then to guide them as they live for you and others. Lord, in your mercy,

**R: hear our prayer.**

P: Protect them from Satan when he tempts them to be careless with your Word and sacrament, to make plans for this life and not for the life to come, or to find popular theories more appealing than your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**R: hear our prayer.**

P: Empower them by the gospel of your Son to live in their world with kindness, humility, and patience that others may see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

**R: hear our prayer.**

P: Help us provide fitting examples of faithfulness to your Word and sacraments. Lead us to encourage and admonish them in wisdom and love even after they have left our homes and made new homes for themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

**R: hear our prayer.**

P: When the end comes and we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, have compassion on us despite our sins and accept us as eternal dwellers in your royal rooms, through the merits of Jesus our Savior, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in your mercy,

**R: hear our 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.**

*The pastor speaks to those being confirmed.*

**P:** I now invite each of you to come forward to receive a blessing from the Lord and a word of encouragement from the Scriptures.

*Those being confirmed approach the altar in turn and kneel. The pastor lays his hand on the head of each and speaks a blessing. Then the pastor speaks again to all those being confirmed.*

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

**R: Amen.**

### **THE SACRAMENT**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

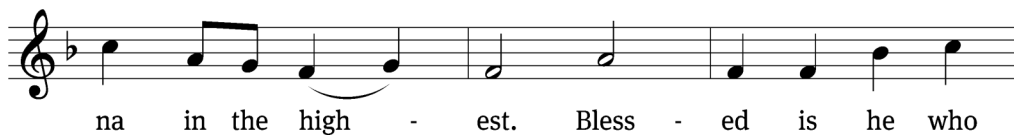
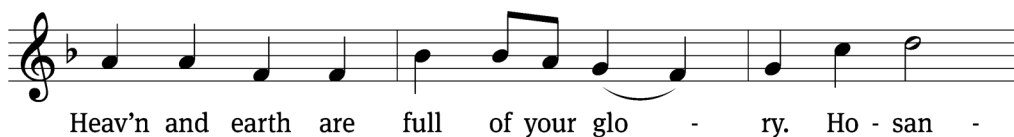
**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**P:** By his willing sacrifice on the cross, Christ our Lord took away the sins of the world. By his glorious resurrection, he restored everlasting life. We join the saints on earth and hosts of heaven to praise God's holy name:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

The musical score is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men. A - men." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together. There are several slurs and ties used throughout the piece.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace.  
A - men. A - men.

*Please be seated.*

### DISTRIBUTION

*Holy Trinity offers the Lord's Supper to communicant members of our congregation (and congregations in WELS and ELS). If you are not a communicant member and are interested in going through a course of study to prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper here, please speak with the pastor.*



- 1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joi-ce, with ex - ul - ta - tion  
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly  
 3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -  
 4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly  
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my  
 tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, no hope for  
 da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, pro - claim the won - ders God has done, how  
 moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life  
 me re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair left  
 my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!  
 had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
 on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.  
 my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.

- 5 He spoke to his beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.  
 Then go, bright jewel of my crown, and bring to all salvation.  
 From sin and sorrow set them free; slay bitter death for them that they  
 may live with you forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will, was born of virgin mother,  
 and, God's good pleasure to fulfill, he came to be my brother.  
 No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; a servant's form like mine he bore  
 to lead the devil captive.

- 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me, I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I myself will be; for you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, your friend divine, and evermore you shall be mine;  
the foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "The foe will shed my precious blood, me of my life bereaving;  
all this I suffer for your good; be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict'ry win; my innocence shall bear your sin,  
and you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to my Father I depart, the Holy Spirit sending  
and, heav'nly wisdom to impart, my help to you extending.  
He will a source of comfort be, teach you to know and follow me,  
and in all truth will guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have lived and taught be all your life and teaching;  
so shall my kingdom's work be wrought and honored in your preaching.  
Take care that no one's man-made laws should e'er destroy the gospel's cause;  
this final word I leave you."

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C: his mercy endures forever.**

P: Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing our faith with the sacrament of your body and blood. Lift our hearts with your forgiveness, renew our confidence in your grace, empower our love for others, and lead us to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

**C: 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.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn 708 stanzas 1.2

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to  
2 Hith - er - to thy love has blessed me, thou hast drawn me



sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
to this place; and I know thy hand will lead me



call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
safe - ly home by thy good grace. Je - sus sought me when a



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise his  
stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to



name, I'm fixed up - on it, name of God's re - deem - ing love.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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Accompanist: Dave Kriewall

Piano: Erica Brauer

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## **Sunday Education**

Sunday education for all begins at 9:15 a.m.

## **Confirmation Sunday**

Today is Confirmation for five young people at Holy Trinity. We give thanks to God for their instruction. We pray for them and their families as these young people live for their Lord this summer and in their upcoming high school years. Our confirmands are: Hoby Brauer, Nigel Gray, Blaire Poetter, Stone Story, and Olivia Tromp.

## **Confirmation reception**

A reception will be held for the confirmands in the fellowship hall after the 10:30 service. Please join us to celebrate.

## **Bible Information Class**

Pastor Brauer has just started a new Bible information class on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. The course is called *The Wonders of God*. If you would like to participate speak with Pastor Brauer today.

## **Youth rally**

This upcoming summer our youth (teens entering 9th-grade to those who have just graduated from high school) have an amazing opportunity to connect with other WELS youth from around the country. The WELS International Youth Rally is being held in Bowling Green, Ohio, from July 14-17.

If you are so inclined, please consider giving to help our youth attend! You can donate towards the Youth Rally Fund on our online giving portal. Please see the bulletin board for more information on the rally and to sign-up (deadline is May 29). You can also go to <https://welsyouthrally.net/> for more information on the youth rally.

**Now hiring preschool teacher assistant**

Holy Trinity Early Learning Center is now hiring an afternoon preschool teacher assistant/ aftercare supervisor for the 2026-2027 school year. We are looking for a dependable, motivated individual who is excited to share their love of Jesus with our students. Please see the weekly email for the job description and instructions on how to apply, or see Sherri Lueck for further details.

**Now hiring school office administrator**

Mrs. Brown, one of our school office administrators, is stepping down at the end of this school year. We thank Mrs. Brown for her service to Holy Trinity!

This means that we are hiring a new office administrator. The position is two days per week while school is in session with limited hours when school is not in session. You can view the position description in the weekly email. Interested candidates should submit a resume to Principal Gibson at *jgibson@htls-wa.net*.

Ideally, we will hire a candidate before this school year ends to provide on-the-job training.

**This week at Holy Trinity**

Today ..... 11:30 a.m. Confirmation reception

Wednesday..... 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible class