

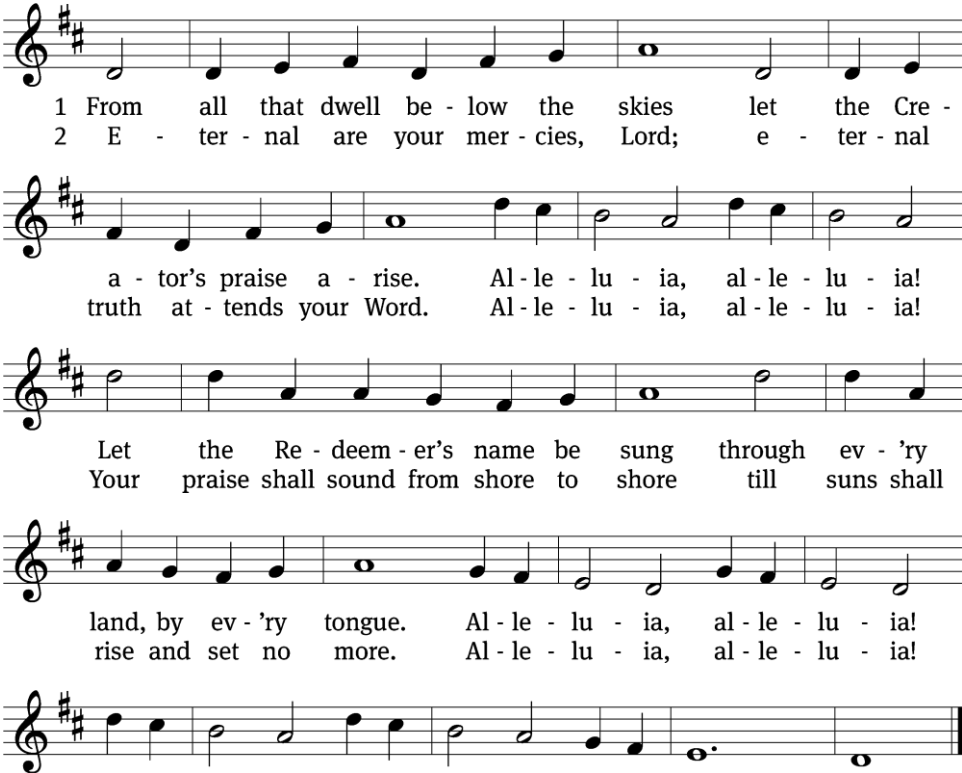
The background of the image is a photograph of a beach at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with a bright glow on the horizon where the sun is setting or rising. The ocean waves are visible in the distance, and the beach is in the foreground, reflecting the light from the horizon.

**"TAKE
HEART;
IT IS I.**

**DO NOT
BE AFRAID."**

MATTHEW 14:27

Hymn 605 – From All That Dwell below the Skies



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre -
 2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal

a - tor's praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 truth at - tends your Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung through ev - 'ry
 Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall

land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

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 $\dagger$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie Eleison)

For the peace from above and for our salvation:
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:
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise:
Lord, have mercy.

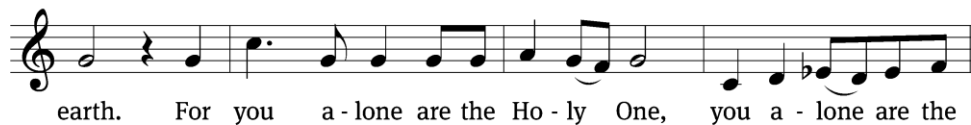
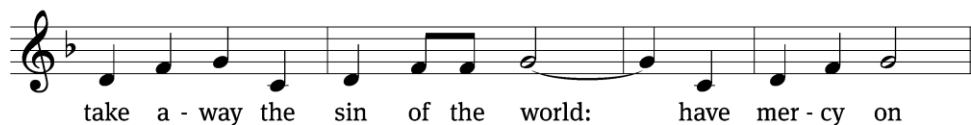
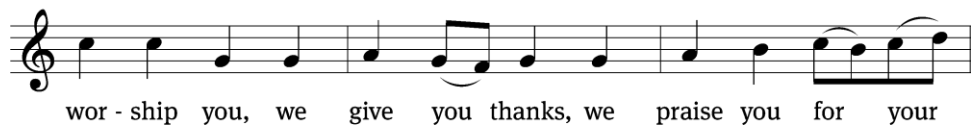
Glory to God in the Highest (Gloria in Excelsis)

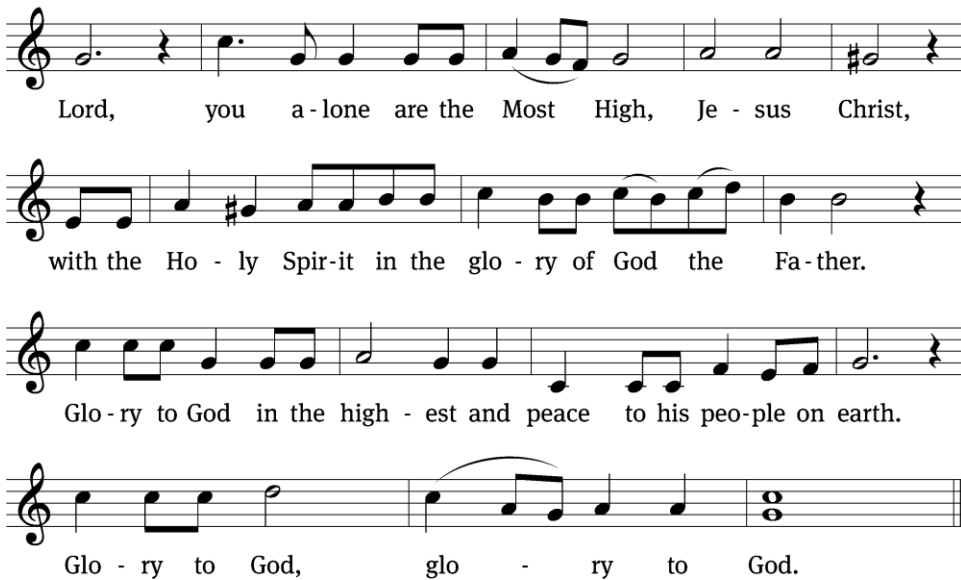


Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther. We





THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what you want done; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Lesson – 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹He entered a cave there and spent the night.

Suddenly, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁰He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of Armies, but the Israelites have abandoned your covenant, torn down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are looking for me to take my life.”

¹¹Then he said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the LORD’s presence.”

At that moment, the LORD passed by. A great and mighty wind was tearing at the mountains and was shattering cliffs before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire there was a voice, a soft whisper. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Suddenly, a voice came to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁴“I have been very zealous for the LORD God of Armies,” he replied, “but the Israelites have abandoned your covenant, torn down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they’re looking for me to take my life.”

¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go and return by the way you came to the Wilderness of Damascus. When you arrive, you are to anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶You are to anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Then Jehu will put to death whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death whoever escapes the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸But I will leave seven thousand in Israel — every knee that has not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 73

Refrain



Tone



**As for me, my feet had / almost slipped;
I had nearly lost my / foothold.**

**For I envied the / arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the / wicked.**

**It troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary / of God;
then I understood their final / destiny. *Refrain***

You guide me with your / counsel,
and afterward you will take me into / glory.
Whom have I in / heav'n but you?
And earth has nothing I desire be- / sides you.
My flesh and my / heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for- / ever.
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 – Romans 8:28-39

²⁸We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called; and those he called, he also justified; and those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹What, then, are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

³²He did not even spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. How will he not also with him grant us everything? ³³Who can bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies. ³⁴Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is the one who died, but even more, has been raised; he also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us. ³⁵Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶As it is written:

Because of you
we are being put to death all day long;
we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered.

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Refrain



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

Tone



Now faith is confidence in what we hope for



and assurance about what we do not see.

Refrain

Gospel – Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³After dismissing the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. Well into the night, he was there alone.

²⁴Meanwhile, the boat was already some distance from land, battered by the waves, because the wind was against them. ²⁵Jesus came toward them walking on the sea very early in the morning. ²⁶When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost!” they said, and they cried out in fear.

²⁷Immediately Jesus spoke to them. “Have courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

²⁸“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter answered him, “command me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹He said, “Come.”

And climbing out of the boat, Peter started walking on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the strength of the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹Immediately Jesus reached out his hand, caught hold of him, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³Then those in the boat worshiped him and said, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn 819 – If God Himself Be for Me



1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, of this I make my boast,
6 No dan - ger, thirst, or hun - ger, no pain or pov - er - ty,
7 My heart for joy is spring - ing and can no more be sad;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con-found - ed, fly.
that God is my dear Fa - ther, the friend who loves me most,
no earth - ly ty - rant's an - ger shall ev - er van - quish me.
my soul is filled with sing - ing, sees on - ly sun - shine glad.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
and that, what - e'er be - tide me, my Sav - ior is at hand
Though earth should break a - sun - der, you are my Sav - ior true;
The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my King;



what foe or what dis - as - ter can drive me from his love?
thro' storm - y seas to guide me and bring me safe to land.
no fire or sword or thun - der shall sev - er me from you.
the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and sing.

Sermon

Matthew 14:22-33

Worship at the Lord's feet

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 fully 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.

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, ever since the beginning, Satan has been directing human eyes away from you and your Word and toward his lies and accusations. But now, in our trials and temptations, fix our eyes only on your Son, Jesus Christ, because it was his joy to endure the cross for our sake. He destroyed the work of the devil and is not ashamed to call us his brothers and sisters. In every tribulation and affliction, let us always see Jesus—the strength of our hearts, the joy of our lives, and the hope of our salvation.

Our Father, we thank you for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ and the way in which he endured human pain. Sustain your servants in our hour of trial so that by your grace, we may have courage. Give us patience, and in your good time grant us release from our pain. Help us to know that you are ever by our side. Sustain us with the confidence that in all things you work for our good, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering

We worship God with our offerings. We give generously, in proportion to the money and possessions God has given us, to express love and gratitude to our Savior, Jesus Christ. We also give generously to support the work we are doing together through our church and school.

*You may place your offering in the plate or use online giving.
The QR code to the right will take you to the giving site.
Thank you for your offerings.*



Musical Offering

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

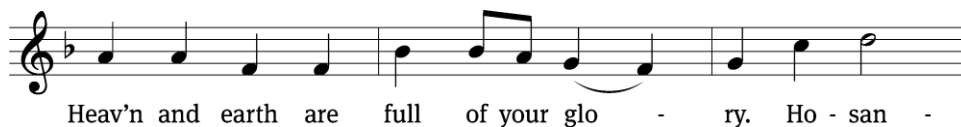
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

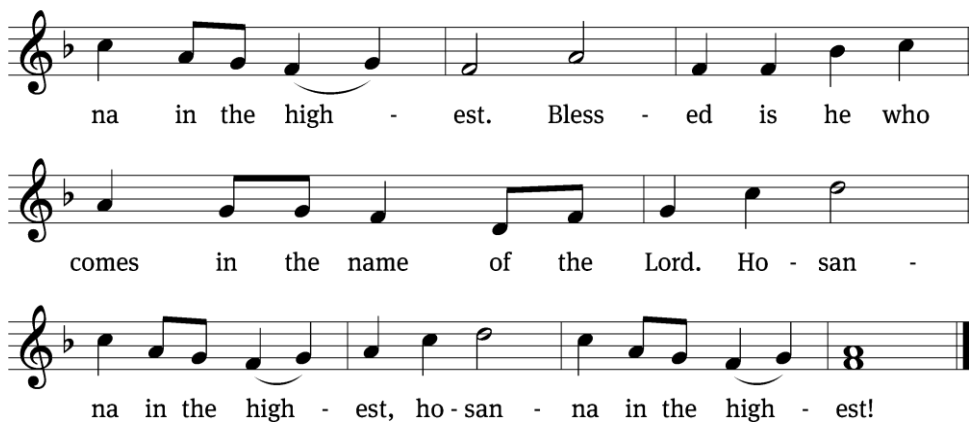
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, dear God, through Jesus Christ, who promised that wherever two or three are gathered in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)





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

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It consists of eight lines 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 melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the eighth line.

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
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Distribution

At Holy Trinity we offer the Lord's Supper to communicant members of our congregation (and fellow congregations in WELS and ELS). If you are not yet a communicant member of Holy Trinity and are interested in communing here in the future, please speak first with the pastor for further information. He is glad to speak with you.

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.

Hymn 849 – Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home.



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
so take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Preacher: Pastor Bart Brauer

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Sunday education

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

The children are doing a summer series on Jesus' Beatitudes ("Blessed are..."). The adults are discussing 1 John.

New teacher installation

Our new teachers, Katie Rath and Baylei Lueck, will be installed in the 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday, August 30.

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.

This week at Holy Trinity

Tuesday6:30 p.m. Bible information class

Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

At Holy Trinity, we live for the God who made us, saved us, and makes us his own.

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