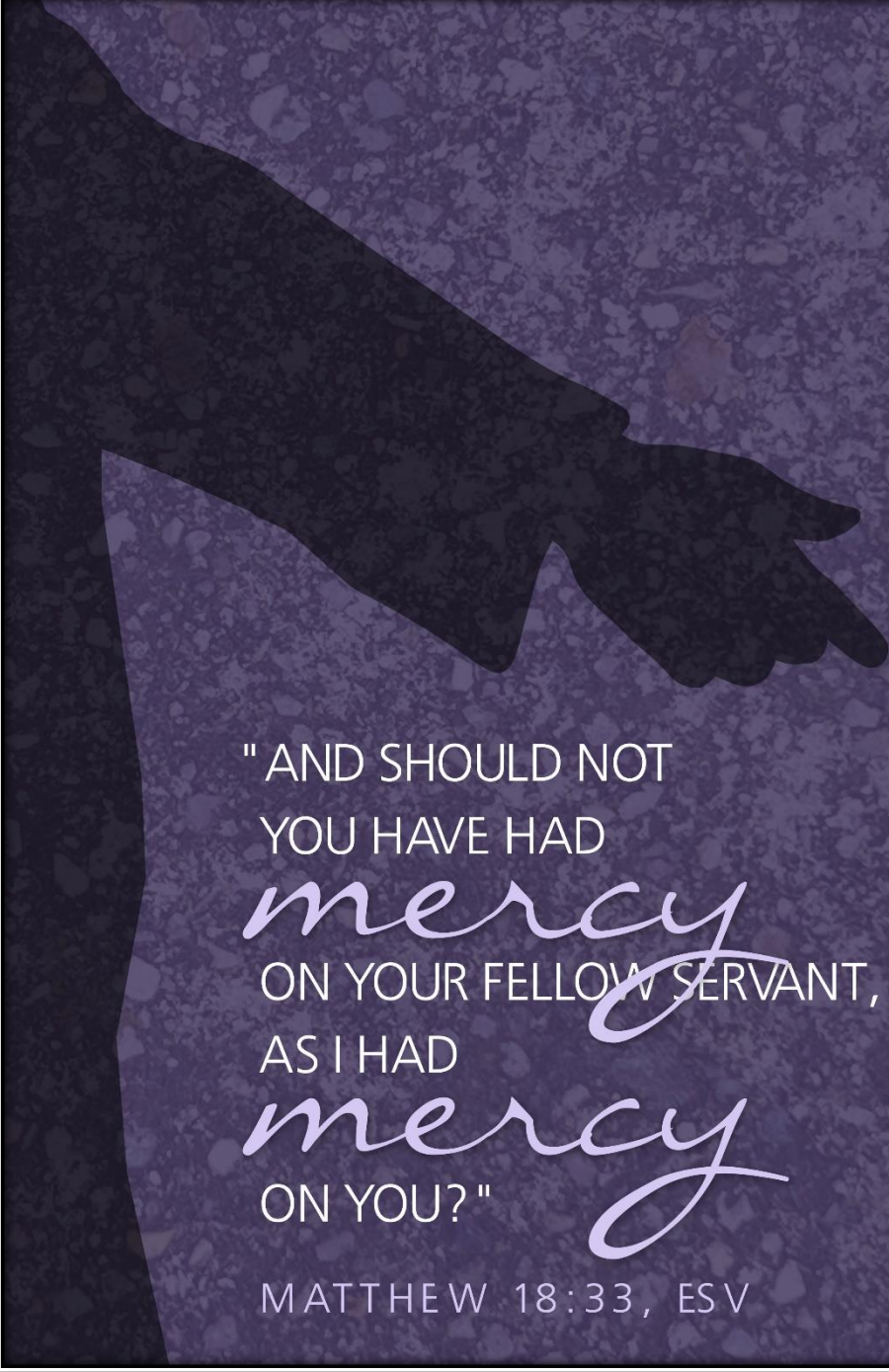




"AND SHOULD NOT
YOU HAVE HAD
mercy
ON YOUR FELLOW SERVANT,
AS I HAD
mercy
ON YOU?"

MATTHEW 18:33, ESV

Hymn 583 – God Loves Me Dearly



1 God loves me dear - ly, grants me sal -
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, sin, death, and
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, my dear Re -
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, him - self did
 5 Now I will praise you, O Love e -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, loves e - ven me.
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing to make me free.
 deem - er, he sent forth Je - sus and set me free.
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, paid all I owed.
 ter - nal; now I will praise you all my life long.



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, loves e - ven me.

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 $\div$ 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.

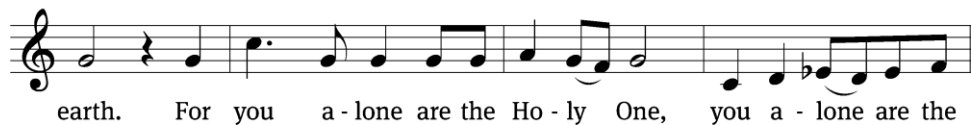
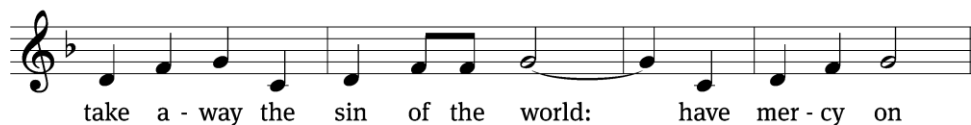
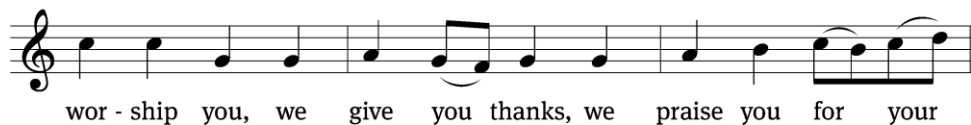
Glory to God in the Highest (Gloria in Excelsis)

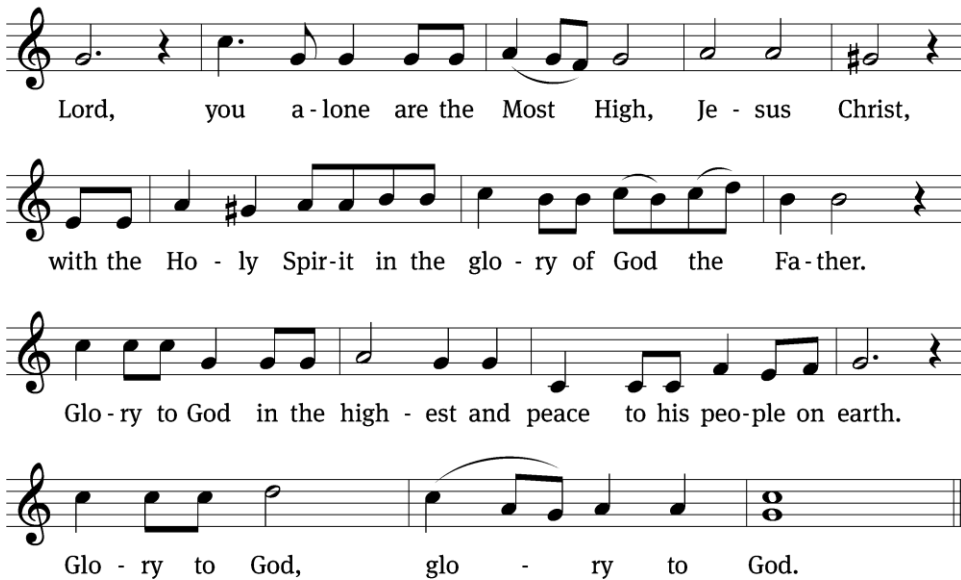


Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



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





THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you graciously forgive us all our sins and abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us confidence in your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we willingly forgive all people, and judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives 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.

Amen.

First Lesson – Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said to one another, “If Joseph is holding a grudge against us, he will certainly repay us for all the suffering we caused him.”

¹⁶So they sent this message to Joseph, “Before he died your father gave a command:

¹⁷‘Say this to Joseph: Please forgive your brothers’ transgression and their sin — the suffering they caused you.’ Therefore, please forgive the transgression of the

servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when their message came to him.
¹⁸His brothers also came to him, bowed down before him, and said, “We are your slaves!”

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result — the survival of many people. ²¹Therefore don’t be afraid. I will take care of you and your children.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103

Refrain



Tone



**Praise the LORD, / my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his / holy name—
who forgives / all your sins
and heals all your dis- / eases,
who redeems your life / from the pit
and crowns you with love and com- / passion,
who satisfies your desires / with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the / eagle’s. *Refrain***

**The LORD is compassionate and / gracious,
slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.
He does not treat us as our / sins deserve
or repay us according to our in- / iquities.
For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,**

so great is his love for those who / fear him;
as far as the east is / from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.
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 – Ephesians 4:29-5:2

²⁹No foul language should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear. ³⁰And don't grieve God's Holy Spirit. You were sealed by him for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander be removed from you, along with all malice. ³²And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.

¹Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children, ²and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

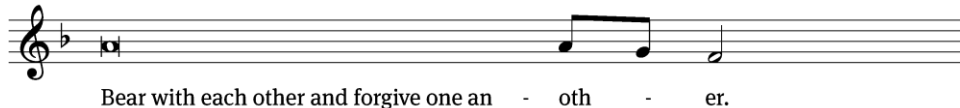
Gospel Acclamation



Refrain



Tone



Gospel – Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Then Peter approached him and asked, “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? As many as seven times?”

²² “I tell you, not as many as seven,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven.

²³ “For this reason, the kingdom of heaven can be compared to a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle accounts, one who owed ten thousand talents was brought before him. ²⁵Since he did not have the money to pay it back, his master commanded that he, his wife, his children, and everything he had be sold to pay the debt.

²⁶ “At this, the servant fell facedown before him and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷Then the master of that servant had compassion, released him, and forgave him the loan.

²⁸ “That servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him, started choking him, and said, ‘Pay what you owe!’

²⁹ “At this, his fellow servant fell down and began begging him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ ³⁰But he wasn’t willing. Instead, he went and threw him into prison until he could pay what was owed. ³¹When the other servants saw what had taken place, they were deeply distressed and went and reported to their master everything that had happened. ³²Then, after he had summoned him, his master said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

³³Shouldn’t you also have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’

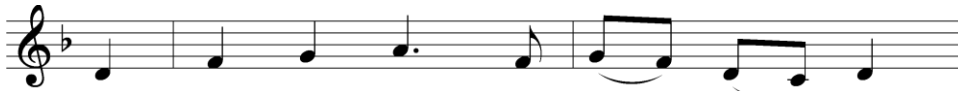
³⁴And because he was angry, his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured until he could pay everything that was owed. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to you unless every one of you forgives his brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn 733 – Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,”
2 How can your par - don reach and bless
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



you taught us, Lord, to pray, but you a - lone can
the un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
the truth we dim - ly knew: how small are oth - ers'
and bid re - sent - ment cease; then, bound to all in



grant us grace to live the words we say.
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
debts to us, how great our debt to you!
bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

Sermon

Genesis 50:15-21

Please forgive

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

Lord, we appreciate what the hymn writer beautifully proclaimed, "My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more." Thank you for complete forgiveness! Since you fully paid the price for the sins of the whole world, it means you fully paid the price for our sins, too. Your complete forgiveness means we have complete comfort, complete confidence in your love, and complete joy as we wait for the day our life is completed and you take us home to live with you in paradise.

Your forgiving love endures forever, Lord. But sometimes ours can hardly get started. We are slow to trust in your justice, slow to believe you will repay the wrongs of all who hurt your children. We feel like we cannot rest until we know just how everything will be made right again. This is not how you want our hearts to be. Too often we little appreciate how much you have forgiven us. Have pity on us. Save us from our own vindictiveness. Put into our hearts the love that covers over a multitude of sins. 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)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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 $\dagger$ 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 $\dagger$ 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 notation is written on four staves. The first staff is a short melodic phrase. The second and third staves are longer and include lyrics. The fourth staff is another melodic phrase. 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".

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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 731 – Oh, How Good It Is



1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -
2 Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -
3 Oh, how good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre -

geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the
joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the
fer one an - oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we

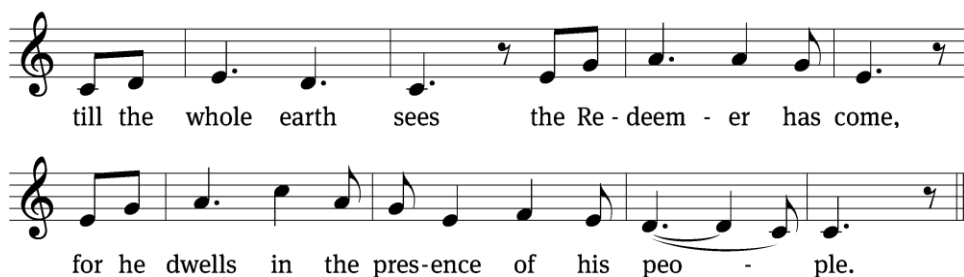
bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the
weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace when we
live as one we all share in the love of the

fruits of his pres - ence here a - mong us.
of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.
Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

Refrain



So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one heart we'll live out his word,



Preacher: Pastor Bart Brauer

Accompanist: Rachel Tacke

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Voters' meeting

There is a voters' meeting today at 9:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Youth rally presentation

Next Sunday, September 20, at 9:15 a.m. the youth rally attendees will give a presentation on their trip to the International Youth Rally in Ohio last July. Thank you to all who supported them for the trip.

Sunday school

Next Sunday, September 20, there will be an organizational meeting for all Sunday school teachers from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Sunday school for children and teens begins on September 27.

HTLS International potluck

Join us for the international potluck Thursday, September 17, at 5:00 in the gym parking lot. Bring your favorite food from your family's culture, get to know the school families, and sample cuisine from around the world. You may park in the main parking lot and come down the sidewalk to the gym parking lot.

This week at Holy Trinity

Today.....9:15 a.m. Voters' meeting
Tuesday6:30 p.m. Bible information class
Wednesday9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible class
Thursday.....5:00 p.m. International potluck

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