

"Which of the two
did the will of
his father?"

Matthew 21:31, NRSV



TRINITY 17 – SETTING ONE

September 27, 2026

Hymn 582 – Not unto Us



1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry, Lord;
2 A - maz-ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were made;
3 O faith-ful love— that shep-herd - ed through faith - less years;
4 Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry, Lord,



not un - to us but to your name be praise;
a - maz - ing grace— that sent your Son to save;
for - giv - ing love— that led us to your truth;
for grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



not un - to us but to your name all hon - or be giv'n
a - maz - ing grace— that robed us in your right - eous - ness
un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn— from you
A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and done,



for match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
and taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
but sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.
and pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

Holy Baptism — Cameron Christian Bond

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In the name of the Father and of the — Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

The LORD has spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

“All humanity is grass, and all its goodness is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flowers fade when the breath of the LORD blows on them;
indeed, the people are grass.

**The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God stands forever.”**

Your iniquities are separating you from your God.

**Our transgressions have multiplied before you,
and our sins testify against us.**

**All of us have become like something unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like a polluted garment;
all of us wither like a leaf,
and our iniquities carry us away like the wind.**

Yet, LORD, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hands.

LORD, do not be terribly angry or remember our iniquity forever.

“Comfort, comfort my people,” says your God.

“I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake,
and remembers your sins no more.

I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist.

Return to me, for I have redeemed you.”

In Christ you have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

**Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid.**

(10:30 a.m. service continues)

Hymn 936 – All Glory Be to God Alone



2 We praise you, God, and you we bless; we
3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, our
wor - ship you in hum - ble - ness. From day to
Fa - ther, the Al - might - y One, O Lord, the
day we glo - ri - fy the ev - er - last - ing
sole - be - got - ten One, Lord Je - sus Christ, the
God on high. Of your great glo - ry do we
Fa - ther's Son, true God from all e - ter - ni -
sing, and to your throne our thanks we bring.
ty, O Lamb of God, to you we flee.

THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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 – Ezekial 18:1-4,25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by using this proverb concerning the land of Israel:

‘The fathers eat sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?

³As I live” — this is the declaration of the Lord GOD — “you will no longer use this proverb in Israel. ⁴Look, every life belongs to me. The life of the father is like the life of the son — both belong to me. The person who sins is the one who will die.

²⁵“But you say, ‘The Lord’s way isn’t fair.’ Now listen, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair? Instead, isn’t it your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When a righteous person turns from his righteousness and acts unjustly, he will die for this. He will die because of the injustice he has committed. ²⁷But if a wicked person turns from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he will preserve his life. ²⁸He will certainly live because he thought it over and turned from all the transgressions he had committed; he will not die. ²⁹But the house of Israel says, ‘The Lord’s way isn’t fair.’ Is it my ways that are unfair, house of Israel? Instead, isn’t it your ways that are unfair?

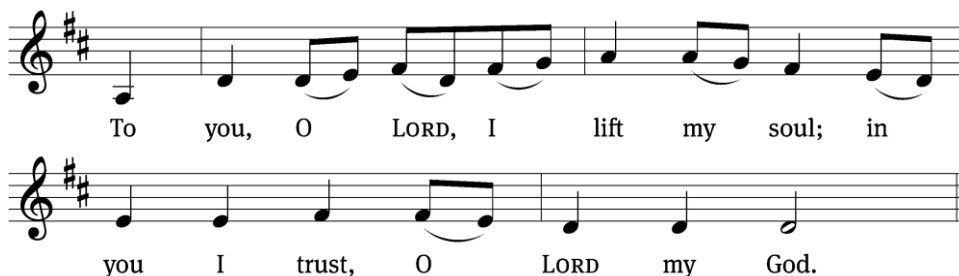
³⁰“Therefore, house of Israel, I will judge each one of you according to his ways.” This is the declaration of the Lord GOD. “Repent and turn from all your rebellious acts, so they will not become a sinful stumbling block to you. ³¹Throw off all the transgressions you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. Why should you die, house of Israel? ³²For I take no pleasure in anyone’s death.” This is the declaration of the Lord GOD. “So repent and live!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25

Refrain



Tone



In you, LORD my God, I / put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be / put to shame.

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me / your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my / Savior.

Remember, LORD, your great mer- / cy and love,

for they are / from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my re- / bellious ways;

according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, / are good. *Refrain*

LORD, forgive my iniquity, though / it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and af- / flicted.

Look on my affliction and / my distress

and take away / all my sins.

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 – Philippians 2:1-11

¹If, then, there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ²make my joy complete by thinking the same way, having the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider

others as more important than yourselves. ⁴Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others.

⁵Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus,

⁶who, existing in the form of God,
did not consider equality with God
as something to be exploited.

⁷Instead he emptied himself
by assuming the form of a servant,
taking on the likeness of humanity.

And when he had come as a man,

⁸he humbled himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death —
even to death on a cross.

⁹For this reason God highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee will bow —
in heaven and on earth
and under the earth —

¹¹and every tongue will confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

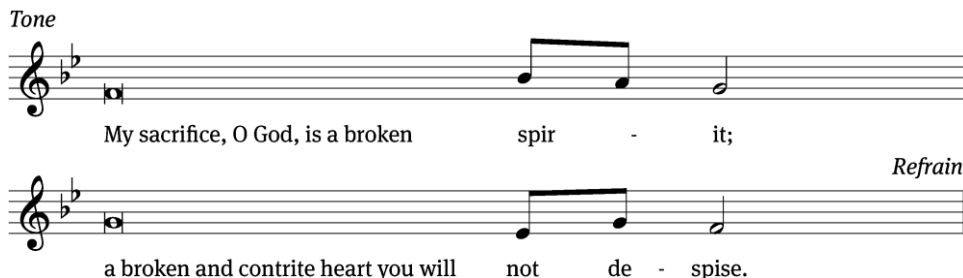
Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Refrain





Gospel – Matthew 21:23-32

²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority?”

²⁴Jesus answered them, “I will also ask you one question, and if you answer it for me, then I will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did John’s baptism come from heaven, or was it of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we’re afraid of the crowd, because everyone considers John to be a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘My son, go work in the vineyard today.’

²⁹ “He answered, ‘I don’t want to,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰Then the man went to the other and said the same thing. ‘I will, sir,’ he answered, but he didn’t go. ³¹Which of the two did his father’s will?”

They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you didn’t believe him. Tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; but you, when you saw it, didn’t even change your minds then and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn 657 – Baptismal Waters Cover Me



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me as I ap -
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, his bod - y
3 Lord, may your wound - ed hand im - part your heal - ing
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; my Fa - ther's mer - cy
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore him
to my bro - ken heart; your love a - lone can
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, for griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
all my sin, my dark - est se - crets from with - in.
form in me a heart that serves you joy - ful - ly.
strong em - brace, with joy I praise him for his grace.

Sermon

Matthew 21:23-32

All's well that ends well

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.

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

Sunday School Teacher Installation

Prayer of the Church

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.**

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
**to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

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

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 SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

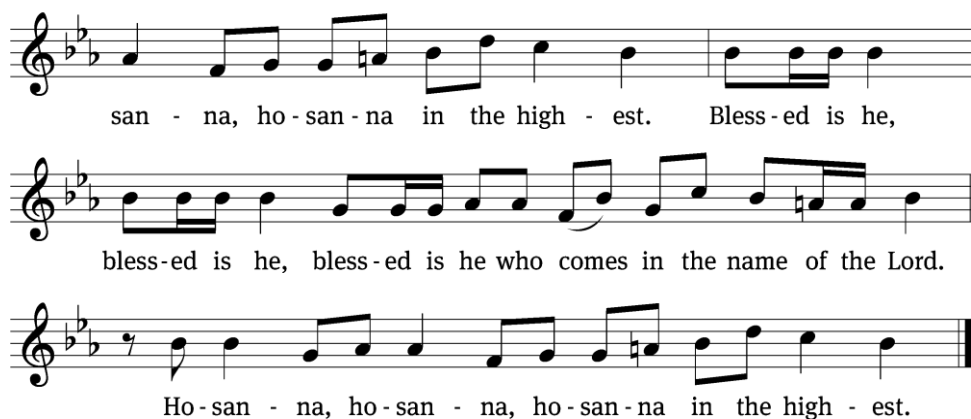
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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





san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
 bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

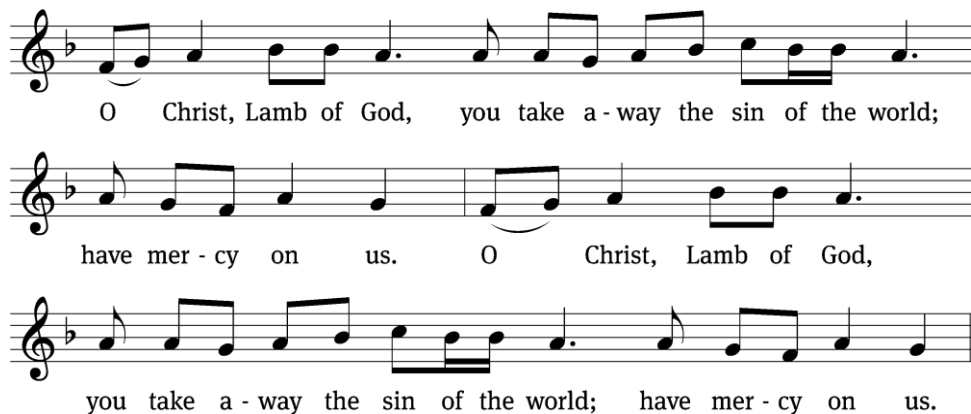
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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



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.



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.

How can we thank you, Father, for allowing us to worship in your house today! We have heard the promises of your love in the gospel. We have praised you, confessed you, and prayed for your blessings. We have been strengthened by the witness and worship of others. Keep our faith strong as we live out the tasks of our lives, take away our doubts and fears, and give us courage to share the good news of your Son wherever we go and however we can.

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 932 – Sent Forth by God’s Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The sup - per is end - ed; O be now ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of his teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us



shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
u - nite us as one in his life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us; his love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Accompanist: Charlotte Farnworth

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Sunday education

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

Our Sunday School teachers are being installed in today's services: Megan Rodmyre, Isla Follmar, Kristin Grassell, Margie Kriewall, Courtney Littlefield, Joel Plocher, Ben Washburn.

Christian civics Bible class

Beginning today the adult Bible class features a course on Christian civics. The course aims to have many practical discussions on what it means to be both a Christian and a citizen in American society.

Children's Sunday school

Our congregation has over 50 individuals from ages 0 to 17. We offer Sunday School classes for all of them. Starting today, this is where the classes meet:

- ages 0-5, lap time with parents in the 1st-grade classroom
- ages 6-9 in the 2nd-grade classroom
- ages 10-13 in the faculty workroom
- ages 14-17 in the gym classroom

Come and grow in Christ!

Refreshments request

The HTLS students will be singing in the 10:30 a.m. service on October 4. We would like to have some refreshments and fellowship for the families after the service. If you would like to help and bring something, please see the weekly email or the bulletin board to sign up.

Bible study for busy women

Our online Bible study starts Wednesday, September 30. We will be studying the book of Romans this fall. Please email Dee Eliason at bdeliason@hotmail.com if you are interested.

Building resilient kids

Please join us on Wednesday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m. for a seminar with Dr. Karen Fischer.

Life brings challenges. How can we help our children face them with confidence, perseverance, and faith? Join us for a free presentation on resilience and discover practical tools to help children navigate challenges, manage emotions, and bounce back from setbacks—all while finding hope and strength in Christ.

Childcare will be provided.

LWMS fall rally

The LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) fall rally will take place on Saturday, October 17, in Ellensburg and will involve helping with a community food drive. More information can be found on the bulletin board by the restrooms.

This week at Holy Trinity

Tuesday6:30 p.m. Bible information class

Wednesday9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible 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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