



If anyone
is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17,
NRSV

Hymn 584 – Jesus Loves Me



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! He who died heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
 He will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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.

Hymn 936 – All Glory Be to God Alone



3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, our
4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; have

Fa - ther, the Al - might - y One, O Lord, the
mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray. You take the

sole - be - got - ten One, Lord Je - sus Christ, the
whole world's sin a - way; O lis - ten to the

Fa - ther's Son, true God from all e - ter - ni -
prayer we say. You sit at God's right hand each

ty, O Lamb of God, to you we flee.
day; have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.

THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have committed to your church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Lesson – Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴“Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. ⁶These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. ⁷Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. ⁹Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 78

O my people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
what we have heard and known,
what our fathers have told us.

**We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power and the wonders he has done.**

He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
Which he commanded our forefathers

to teach their children,
so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.

**Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds
but would keep his commands.**

Second Lesson – 2 Corinthians 5:11-17

¹¹Therefore, since we know the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade people. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to be proud of us, so that you may have a reply for those who take pride in outward appearance rather than in the heart. ¹³For if we are out of our mind, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ compels us, since we have reached this conclusion, that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the one who died for them and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, then, we do not know anyone from a worldly perspective. Even if we have known Christ from a worldly perspective, yet now we no longer know him in this way. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

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

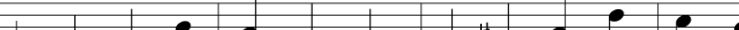
For the LORD gives wis - dom;

from his mouth come knowledge and under - stand - ing.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “So who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²He called a small child and had him stand among them. ³“Truly I tell you,” he said, “unless you turn and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child — this one is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵And whoever welcomes one child like this in my name welcomes me.”

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn 695 – Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau-ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes-sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Sermon

2 Corinthians 5:11-17

Christ's love compels us

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

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

Song – Lovingkindness

PreK-8th grade (10:30 a.m. service)

*Let praises now awake the dawn, we'll greet your mercy with a song;
Your people stand and sing for all your lovingkindness.
You've carried us in faithfulness, upon the paths of righteousness;
Our gracious King, you've crowned us with your lovingkindness.*

Refrain:

*How great is your lovingkindness, O God of goodness;
Our joy forever to sing the glad refrain of grace that saved us,
Of sweet forgiveness; oh how great is your lovingkindness.*

*You lift us with a father's hand, you shelter us with your commands;
What heart could fully comprehend your mercies endless.
You lead us through the shadows deep, where doubts trace ev'ry step it seems;
But as the darkness breaks, we'll see the morning promise.*

Refrain

*A life laid down to rescue us with arms outstretched upon the cross;
The greatest gift there ever was of lovingkindness.
Your lovingkindness.*

Refrain

Prayer of the Church

Eternal Father, your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. You inspired the Scriptures for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that your servants might be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Lead us to love your Word more and more and to receive your message with great eagerness.

You have given us your Word that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name. Enable us to see the wonders of your love in Christ from the beginning to the end of your holy book.

Help us to see Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Work in all your people, especially in parents, the resolve and patience to teach little children the simple truths about the Savior who loves them. Walk with us as we take our children to the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. Let them find Jesus in stories, songs, and prayers.

Move us to bring up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Provide wisdom and commitment to teachers who train our young people in Sunday School, youth Bible classes, and Christian elementary school. Deepen their knowledge of your Word as they prepare and share the lessons they teach. Move them to model a sincere devotion to the Scriptures.

Lead us to plan for and support the Christian training of children.

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your Word. Even when we are old and gray, lead us to meditate on your decrees that we may delight in your wonderful deeds.

Do good to your servants, Lord, according to your Word.

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.**

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 627 – To God Be the Glory



1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



who yield - ed his life an a - tone-ment for sin
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.



Refrain
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son



and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

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Sunday education

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

Welcome

We welcome all of our school families to our 10:30 a.m. service today. If you are interested in learning more about our church and its teachings, we offer a course taught by Pastor Brauer. Speak with him for more information.

Please join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments after the service today.

Bible study for busy women

Our online Bible study started last Wednesday. We are studying the book of Romans this fall. Please email Dee Eliason at bdeliason@hotmail.com if you are interested.

Special Voters' meeting

A special voters' meeting has been called for Sunday, October 18, at 9:15 a.m. in between the services. The church council is proposing to the voters a different health insurance plan for our called workers than the one that was passed at the beginning of this fiscal year. The council intends to publish more information for the congregation ahead of the meeting.

Oktoberfest

We will celebrate Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 25, after second service. Brats, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. We will also have a German potato salad contest.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up, decorate, and provide activities. If you can help, please contact Kevin Nack at 206-909-1573.

Cross country help needed

Holy Trinity Lutheran School is hosting our annual cross country meet on Tuesday, October 20, at 3:45 p.m. at Celebration Park. It takes quite a bit of help to run this meet, so we are looking for about 10 volunteers to help make this a successful one. Volunteer positions include directing runners on the course, timing, and helping at the finish line. If you are available to help on October 20, please talk to Miss Rath or email her at krath@htls-wa.net. Thank you for considering serving in this way!

Building resilient kids

Please join us this 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.

This week at Holy Trinity

Tuesday6:30 p.m. Bible information class
Wednesday9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible class
Wednesday6:00 p.m. Building resilient kids

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

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