

LUKE 23:43 NRSV

# Last Sunday of the Church Year

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## Trinity Lutheran Church and School

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## **Mission Statement**

Trinity is a caring family where people gather to know, worship, serve, and share Jesus.

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#### Welcome

The disciples had hoped for thrones and power to rule beside Jesus, but the throne on which He pronounced His greatest edict was a cross. On it He prayed for forgiveness for His executioners. From it He promised paradise for the thief on a neighboring cross. And because of His royal sacrifice, the Father "delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son." Like the people of Malachi's day, who saw evil running rampant, we may not understand all that is happening in the world around us. But we trust that in Christ God has made "peace by the blood of His cross." So lift high the cross, for by it our sins are forgiven and paradise is open to us!

## **Holy Communion**

We believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, and that we receive the forgiveness of sins along with the bread and wine in this Holy Meal. As a "Family Church," we invite those who share this understanding, and who desire God's forgiveness and strength, to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. (Gluten free wafers are available.) If you have any questions, please speak to our pastor at any time. All worshippers are asked to fill out the "Fellowship Pad" in the pew and pass it down. After all have signed, please leave the pad at the end of the pew to be picked up after worship. Please stand where indicated with a . Thank you!

**PRELUDE** "Fanfare for the Reeds and Other Festal Stops" - Ore

#### **GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

- + We encourage you to leave your pew and greet new people! +
- ❖ HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" LSB 549
- INVOCATION
- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the 

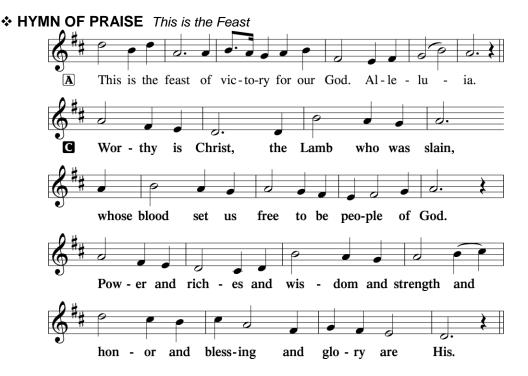
  → Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen. [Matthew 28:19b]

#### ❖ CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [I John 1:8-9]
  - + Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination +
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

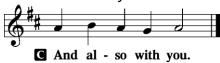
  [John 1:12; Phil. 1:6]
- C Amen.





## **❖ PRAYER**

P The Lord be with you.



Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross.

- Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise;
- for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Betsy Lazarek

Malachi 3:13-18

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

"Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and

they escape."

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. "They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** Colossians 1:13-20

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **❖ ALLELUIA**



#### **\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 23:27-43

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.



And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

## **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



❖ HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

LSB 534

**SERMON** 

Deacon Dog Brosky

+ Please turn and face your fellow members across the center aisle +

#### ❖ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

#### **❖ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

**OFFERING** 

+ Please pass the Fellowship Pad at this time +

**OFFERING VOLUNTARY** (5:00)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

- Wold

**TRINITY CHOIR** (9:00)

"God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

- Behnke

God is our refuge and our strength, our only help in trouble. We will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is... Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress. God is... He makes wars cease; He breaks the bow and burns the shields with fire. Be still, and know that I am God. The Lord Almighty is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress. God is...

## ❖ OFFERTORY What Shall I Render



## **❖ PREFACE**

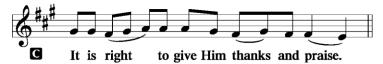
P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



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



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD + The bread and wine used today for Holy Communion have been consecrated by Pastor Hopkins prior to his departure. +

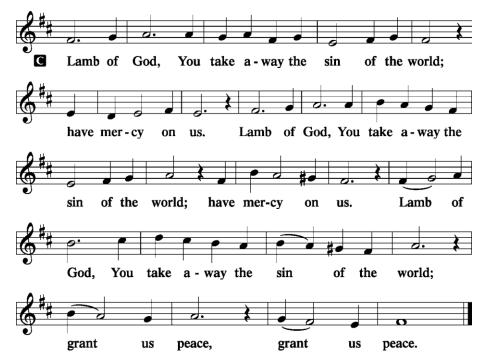
#### **❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

#### **❖ LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## ❖ AGNUS DEI Lamb of God

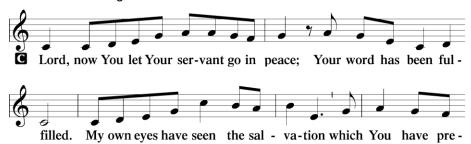


#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

LSB 761

## NUNC DIMITTIS Song of Simeon





#### **❖ CLOSING PRAYER**

- A Let us pray.
  - O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,
- we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;
- A through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **❖** BENEDICTION

- C Amen.
  - + Please stand and face the cross during the recession from the altar. +

♦ HYMN "Lift High the Cross" LSB 837

## **❖ DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

'Toccata on "Lift High the Cross"

- Cherwien

## **UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

## Wednesday November 27

7:15 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Holy Communion

## Saturday/Sunday November 30/December 1

5:00 PM	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
10:45 AM	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

## Wednesday December 4

7:15 PM Advent Midweek Worship

## Saturday/Sunday December 7/8

5:00 PM	I raditional Worship with Holy Communion
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion