



**Holy
Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

Our Mission:
To make Disciples
by Baptizing and
Teaching about Jesus.

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Melchizedek Blesses Abram

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Welcome to our Guests and Visitors! The congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is pleased and honored to have you worship with us today. If you do not have a regular place of worship—**Welcome Home!** We would love to have you join our fellowship! Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taylor and sign our guest book before you go. Thank you for coming!

God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood... invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29). Because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, will want to first speak with the pastor before communing.

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn LSB 615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need



1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's
4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our



where to look for aid; When days and nights of
meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful
cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -
woes be - fore You lay; For sore - ly tried, cast



anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - 'ry hand.

- 5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face; 6 So we with all our hearts each day
Absolve us through Your boundless grace. To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
Be with us in our anguish still; Then walk obedient to Your Word,
Free us at last from ev'ry ill. And now and ever praise You, Lord.

Please stand. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *LSB 186*
C **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord, *Hebrews 10:22*
C **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalms 124:8*
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalms 32:5*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalms 129

- P** ¹“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth”—*
 let Israel | now say—
²“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,*
 yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.
³The plowers plowed up- | on my back,*
 they made long their | furrows.”
⁴YAHWEH is | righteous,*
 he has cut the cords of the | wicked.
⁵May all who hate | Zion*
 be put to shame and turned | backward!
⁶Let them be like the grass on the | housetops,*
 which withers before it | grows up,
⁷with which the reaper does not | fill his hand*
 nor the binder of | sheaves his arms,
⁸nor do those who pass by say,

“The blessing of YAHWEH be up- | on you! *
We bless you in the name | of YAHWEH!”

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

P ¹“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth”—*
let Israel | now say—

Kyrie

LSB 186; Mark 10:47

C **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 14:17—15:1

¹⁷After his [Abram’s] return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley). ¹⁸And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹And he blessed him and said,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;
²⁰and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹And the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself.” ²²But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have lifted my hand to YAHWEH, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’ ²⁴I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share.”

¹After these things the word of YAHWEH came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 5:5–10

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“YOU ARE MY SON,
TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU”;

Psalm 2:7, Acts 13:33

⁶as he says also in another place,

“YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER,
AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.”

Psalm 110:4

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:41–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴“THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,
SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,
UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES UNDER YOUR FEET”?

Psalm 110:1, Mark 12:36, Luke 20:42–43, Acts 2:34–35

⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 191 or inside back cover of hymnal

C 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.

Please be seated.

Sermon Hymn LSB When In The Hour

vss. 5-6

5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face; Ab - solve us
6 So we with all our hearts each day To You our
through Your bound - less grace. Be with us in our
glad thanks - giv - ing pay, Then walk o - be - dient
an - guish still; Free us at last from ev - 'ry ill.
to Your Word, And now and ev - er praise You, Lord.

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Please stand.

Offertory

LSB 192

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Psalm 51:10-12

Please be seated.

Offering

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Psalm 1:36

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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 like Your High Priest Melchizedek is without father, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but abides as priest forever. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196; Matthew 6:6-13

- C** 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.

- C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197; Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Cor 11:26*

- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Rev. 2:20*

Pax Domini

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

- C** Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198; John 1:29

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Please be seated.

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first, and then distribute them to those who come to receive.

Please stand.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199; Luke 2:39-32

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200; Psalm 107:1

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn LSB 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.