



**FAITH TRUSTS IN CHRIST
FOR LIFE ETERNAL**

The First Sunday after Trinity



Sunday, June 3, 2018

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

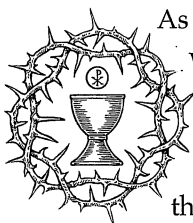
We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

For your convenience, **Listening Devices** are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak with an usher if you need one. A **Large-Print Service Folder** is also available if you are in need of it. A **Nursery** is also available and is equipped with a speaker so that a minimal amount of the service is missed. The nursery is located in the hallway just off the entryway (first door on left).

SERVICE NOTES FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

When the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. For he was truly Abraham’s seed. Like Abraham, he believed in the Lord, and the Lord “counted it to him as righteousness” (Gen. 15:6). The name Lazarus means “God is my help.” The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love and trust in God. For he evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. And “he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen” (1 John 4:20). He who loved and trusted in possessions and prestige died and was in torments in Hades (Luke 16:19–31). Repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets—that is, the Word of God, for it points us to Christ. Only through His death and resurrection are we brought the comfort of life everlasting.

HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED TODAY



As Christians who believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every word written in it is God’s holy word, we believe that we receive the body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. While this is something that goes beyond our human understanding, our faith allows us to accept this as true. God warns us in the Bible that anyone who doesn’t understand this teaching or who denies this real presence of Christ’s body and blood will do damage to his or her soul if not properly taught first (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

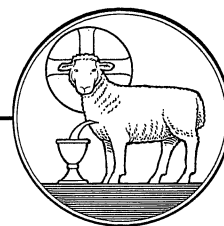
As a congregation we care about people and about the spiritual well-being of individuals, especially those attending the Lord’s Table today. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are not under church discipline in another congregation, and are members of our congregation, one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS], or a member of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS].

SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Presiding & Preaching Minister.....Pr. Nathanael Seelow
Keyboardist.....Michelle Reinsch
UshersBrent Meyer & Chris Stutz
GreetersMannie & Shauna Reinsch

THE DIVINE SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

O Word of God Incarnate | CW 279

We invoke the name of the Trinity to signify our worship as exclusively Christian and to remember that we are God's baptized people. Gathered in his Name, we are sure of his presence and his blessing.

Beginning each day yourself with the invocation and the sign of the cross is a great reminder that your life and day are sanctified by Holy Baptism.

We cannot approach God without having our sins forgiven. He is holy and we are not. Confession assures us of a clean slate before God and prepares us for worship, hearing God's Word, and receiving the Lord's Supper.

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

Please stand.

- M** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- M** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

Silence for meditation as you examine your thoughts, words, and actions according to God's Word.

- M** We confess: **C** Lord of Life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
- For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
- You should cast me away from your presence forever.**
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus sake.

ABSOLUTION

- M** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the

word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✙ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY — *Kyrie*

Mark 10:47

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C Christ, have mercy.

M For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M Lord of Life, live in us that we may live for you.

C Amen.

God is gracious and merciful. He forgives us for Christ's sake. This assures us that we can receive the rest of his gifts through the service and return thanks for those gifts, having been set free from the burden of sin.

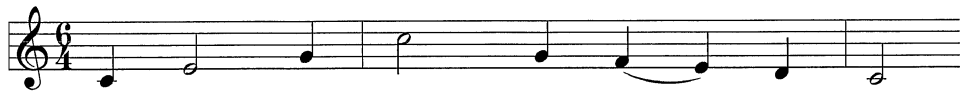
Kyrie eleison [kir-ē-ā ə-lā-ə-sān] is a Greek phrase meaning "Lord, have mercy." We have already received the mercy of God for forgiveness in Holy Absolution. Now we ask his mercy for all other things we need for a God-pleasing spiritual life.

Having just petitioned the Lord for blessings beyond the forgiveness just granted in absolution, we now praise him as the One who can deliver those blessings, because he is the all-powerful God. His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the Lamb worthy of our praise, just as the angels praised him at his birth.

GLORY BE TO GOD — *Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

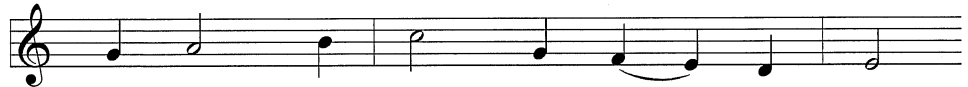
Tune: *DEUS TUORUM MILITUM* [CW 196]



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
 2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
 4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
 For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
 You take all hu - man sin a - way.
 The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



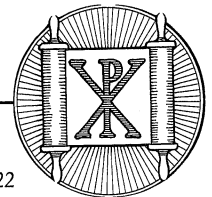
We praise you for your peace and grace,
 For all, O Fath - er, you have done
 Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
 We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
 Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
 From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
 "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

The salutation is found all through the Scriptures. The pastor stands before the congregation as Christ's servant. As the Lord's servant, he speaks God's peace to the congregation. As the congregation responds with "and also with you," they affirm his Call and Vocation with respect and Christian love.

The Service of the Word



SALUTATION

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY — *Collect*

M Let us pray.

O God, the Strength of all who put their trust in You: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may please You both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

AFTER THESE EVENTS the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

² Abram said, "LORD God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ Abram also said, "Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir."

⁴ Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, "This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir." ⁵ The LORD then brought him outside and said, "Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them." He said to Abram, "This is what your descendants will be like." ⁶ Abram believed in the LORD, and the LORD credited it to him as righteousness.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

The Collect serves to prepare the congregation for the reception of the special Word of the Day, now about to be read. In it pastor and people pray for the particular grace which that Word offers and conveys.

When the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. For he was truly Abraham's seed. Like Abraham, he believed in the Lord, and the Lord "counted it to him as righteousness"

Refrain

The earth is full of the good-ness of
God, the good-ness of our God.

Psalm tone *

Refrain

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you | righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to | praise him.

For the Word of the LORD is | right and true;
he is faithful in | all he does.

By the word of the LORD were the | heavens made,
their starry host by the breath | of his mouth.

For he spoke, and it | came to be;
he commanded, and | it stood firm.

Refrain

The LORD foils the plans of the | nations;
he thwarts the purposes of the | peoples.

But the plans of the LORD stand firm for- | ever,
the purposes of his heart through all gener- | ations.

The LORD loves righteousness and | justice;
the earth is full of his un- | failing love.

*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

1 John 4:16-21

WE ALSO HAVE COME TO KNOW and trust the love that God has for us.

God is love. Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. ¹⁷ In this way his love has been brought to its goal among us, so that we may have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are just like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but complete love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who continues to be afraid has not been brought to the goal in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar. For how can anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, love God, whom he has not seen? ²¹ This then is the command we have from him: The one who loves God should also love his brother.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 10:17

Please stand.



The name Lazarus means "God is my help." The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love and trust in God. For he evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. "For how can anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, love God, whom he has not seen?" (1 John 4:20).

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the
 mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

M The Holy Gospel for the First Sunday after Trinity, according to St. Luke, chapter sixteen.

C Praise be to you, O Lord.

Repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets—that is, the Word of God, for it points us to Christ. Only through His death and resurrection are we brought the comfort of life everlasting.

THERE WAS A RICH MAN who was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. ²⁰ A beggar named Lazarus had been laid at his gate. Lazarus was covered with sores and ²¹ longed to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Besides this, the dogs also came and licked his sores. ²² Eventually the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In hell, where he was in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ He called out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in misery in this flame.’

²⁵ “But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in misery. ²⁶ Besides all this, a great chasm has been set in place between us and you, so that those

who want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

27 "He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's home,
28 because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

29 "Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.'

30 "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

31 "Abraham replied to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, You I Love With All My Heart | CW 434

SERMON

Luke 16:19-31 | **Lord, Have Mercy!**

APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

2 Cor. 6:18

Is. 51:13

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.

1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18

Lk. 1:35

Lk. 1:34; 2:7

Lk. 23:16

Mt. 27:32-61; Mk. 15:21-47;

Lk. 23:26-56; Jn. 19:16b-42

1 Pet. 3:19

Upon hearing the Word preached, the congregation unites in one voice to speak a summary of the Christian faith just preached. The creeds signify our allegiance to Christian doctrine and unite us with over 2,000 years of Christian history. By repeating the creeds weekly, we equip ourselves for public witness by grounding our confession in the fundamentals of our faith.

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.

1 Cor. 15:4b

Ac. 2:33-34

Heb. 1:13

Mt. 25:31

2 Tim. 4:1

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 \oplus everlasting. Amen.

Mt. 3:16-17

Eph. 5:23

Eph. 4:3-6

Rom. 4:6-8

Ecc. 12:7

1 Th. 4:17

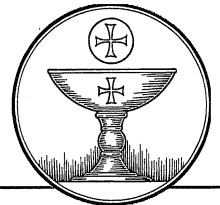
*Moved by God's love
in Christ, by our
Offering we offer him
our first and best
gifts, purely out of
thanks to him. If you
are visiting with us
today, please do not
feel obligated to give
an offering.*

Be seated.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.



The Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

M The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

Lamentations 3:41

C We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

C It is good and right so to do.

*First recorded in
A.D. 220, this dialogue
and prayer begins the
liturgy of the Lord's
Supper. Each season
has its own unique
text (italics).*

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, *who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.* Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY — Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9
Tune: LANCASHIRE [CW 166]

1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is

might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

“Sanctus” means “holy.” The body and blood of our Lord are present in this Sacrament, and so we use the words of the angels from Isaiah 6 and of the Palm Sunday crowds from Matthew 21 to acknowledge the holy presence of God in this meal.

Take note of the intense reverence of God’s holiness in this canticle. May we pray that we daily show such reverence.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M All glory and splendor, thanks and praise are yours, O Lord, heavenly Father. Bless our reception of your Son’s body and blood that we may

As the testaments are linked to Christ in the Service of the Word, so do we remember and give thanks for salvation history in the Church's table prayer.

The Lord's Prayer, given us by Christ himself, is wonderfully and appropriately spoken here as we approach his Supper.

Daily the baptized people of God pray. The Lord's Prayer is both a prayer to pray and a model for all our prayers.

The words of our Lord bestow exactly what they say. In the words of consecration the Lord's Word delivers his body and blood for our forgiveness.

Though we are blessed with many good foods, no other meal gives the body and blood of Christ to sinners. For this reason, we cherish and crave this meal each time it is offered.

shine with the joy of faith. Use this most Holy Sacrament to illumine our lives and minds with Christ's forgiveness, peace, and comfort. Refresh our faith, and help us to reflect his truth and grace to the world. We ask this that you may receive endless honor, glory, and praise from every tribe and language and people and nation.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER — *Pater Noster*

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

M Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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 — *Verba*

Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-24;

Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

M 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."

PEACE OF THE LORD — *Pax Domini*

John 20:19

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

LAMB OF GOD — *Agnus Dei*

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated.

The resurrected Lord calmed the fears of the disciples with his peace. The resurrected Lord is present in the Supper, and so the pastor speaks peace to us on his behalf.

During stressful times, remember the peace of Christ that you received in his Supper today.

"Agnus Dei" [äg-nüs-dä-ē] means "Lamb of God," and reminds us that Jesus is the Lamb of God, sacrificed for our forgiveness.

Good Shepherd
confesses and
practices the Biblical
teaching of a **Closed
Communion**. We
ask that only members
of the Wisconsin
Synod [WELS] or the
Evangelical Lutheran
Synod [ELS] join us
at the Lord's Table. If
you have questions
concerning our
communion practice,
or would like to
inquire about how
you, too, can
commune with us,
please speak with the
Pastor following the
service.

DISTRIBUTION

Those who will be receiving Holy Communion today may wish to read **Personal Preparation for Holy Communion**, found on page 156 in the front section of the hymnal. This page helps us put into practice what the Bible encourages: "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28)

Prayer suggestions for before and after receiving the Lord's Supper can be found in the hymnal on pages 10-11 and 134-139.

SONG OF SIMEON — *Nunc Dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY [CW 368]

Please stand.



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to



as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -



light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une



crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON & COLLECT

Psalm 107:1

M O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

C And his mercy endures forever.

M We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

M 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.

C Amen.

Be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

Abide, O Dearest Jesus | CW 333

Having received forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, we thank the Lord for his gifts and pray that he will grant us faith to use them in love toward our neighbor.

In Numbers 6 God tells Aaron to put his name on the people of God with these words. As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name.

Live each day with confidence, knowing that you have the Lord's blessing and presence with you.



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