



### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting II

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In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "O God of God, O Light of Light" LBW No. 536**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen**

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to see with our own eyes him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**FIRST LESSON: Malachi 3:1-4**

*The prophet speaks of the coming of the God of justice. Malachi looks for that day when the wondrous power of God will purify the priestly descendants of Levi who minister in the temple at Jerusalem.*

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom

you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 84**

<sup>1</sup> How dear to me is your dwelling, O | LORD of hosts!\*

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.

**<sup>2</sup> The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young,\*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.**

<sup>3</sup> Happy are they who dwell | in your house!\*

They will always be | praising you.

**<sup>4</sup> Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,\*  
whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.**

<sup>5</sup> Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a | place of springs,\*  
for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.

**<sup>6</sup> They will climb from | height to height,\*  
and the God of gods will reveal him- | self in Zion.**

<sup>7</sup> LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;\*

hearken, O | God of Jacob.

**<sup>8</sup> Behold our defend- | er, O God;\***  
**and look upon the face of | your anointed.**

<sup>9</sup> For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in | my own room,\*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents | of the wicked.

**<sup>10</sup> For the LORD God is both | sun and shield;\***  
**he will give | grace and glory;**

<sup>11</sup> no good thing will the | LORD withhold\*  
from those who walk | with integrity.

**<sup>12</sup> O | LORD of hosts,\***  
**happy are they who put their | trust in you!**

### **Gloria Patri (chanted after the psalm)**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen**

### **SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 2:14-18**

*Jesus shared human nature fully so that his death might be for all humans a liberation from slavery to death's power. Here the writer uses the image of priestly service in the temple as a way of describing the life and saving death of the Lord Jesus. He is the high priest who offers his life on behalf of his brothers and sisters.*

<sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*This story of Jesus' presentation is a study in contrasts: the infant Jesus with the aged prophets; the joy of birth with the ominous words of Simeon to Mary; the faithful fulfilling of the law with the presentation of him who will release its hold over us. Through it all, we see the light of God's salvation revealed to the world.*

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

<sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped

there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "In His Temple Now Behold Him" LBW No. 184**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

### **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;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,**

**and was made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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**

### **THE PRAYERS**

D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, on this day your only-begotten Son was presented in the temple. Grant that your people may likewise be presented to you with clean hearts by the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Adorn your Church with his beauty and holiness, that many may be drawn into its courts to worship him, the Light of the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make this congregation called Trinity your dwelling-place. Fill us with the love and light of Christ, that like Simeon and Anna we too will proclaim your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with pity on those in every land who are hungry, persecuted, or afflicted by violence or injustice. Guide our earthly rulers to use their authority to do justice and serve the common good of all. Uphold all who recover from fire or disaster. Give courage to members of our military and to all who serve and protect others, and make us to live together as brothers and sisters, and to walk in righteousness before you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant healing, comfort, and strength to those who struggle with sickness, sorrow, or any other affliction. Especially we ask your blessing upon our loved ones, friends, and all who have asked for our prayers. Restore them to health and hope, and to fellowship with all who love them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the lives of all our beloved dead who have departed this life and now rest in you. Grant us the grace of seeing and receiving Christ in your holy Word and Sacraments. And, at your call, may we like Simeon and Anna see your Word fulfilled, depart in peace, and gaze upon your face in glory everlasting. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord...

### **PEACE**

**OFFERING** *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by [clicking here](#).*

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** "Lord, Now You Let Your Servant" Chant

**OFFERTORY:** *"Let the Vineyards"*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

D: Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**LAMB OF GOD**

**THE COMMUNION** *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS: LBW Nos. 206, 349**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:** *"Lord, Now You Let"*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

D: Let us pray...

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** *"O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"* **LBW No. 339**

**DISMISSAL**

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**