



Tough Decisions Because of the Truth

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7–9, 2019

Welcome to Worship

For the last three weekends, we have listened as words of warning come from Jesus' lips. We've heard that the path to heaven is narrow. It is rutted by division and covered with humility. This weekend, we hear one final word of warning in Luke 14: There is a personal cost attached to following Christ. That cost is steep. The Christian life is not one of freedom and easy, but of struggle against sin and of shouldering a cross. There are many times in life where hurt and heartache, divisions and tough decisions must be faced simply because of our love for Jesus and our desire to follow his Word. The right decisions are rarely the easy decisions. The sin that we are to flee often feels like a friend. In other words, the Christian faith is not for the faint of heart! Thankfully, we do not make life-or-death decisions about life's crosses alone. Jesus himself carried a cross for us and our salvation. His love leads us to carefully count the cost of following him. Life in the Lord is worth any cost. Wonderfully, Jesus has already paid the price! It is a privilege to worship with you this weekend!

Our Facilities

Our restrooms are located to the left as you leave the sanctuary. They are located near the coat room. The members of Trinity believe that families should be encouraged to worship together. If your young child needs to be quieted, we have an audio-equipped children's room just outside of the church doors to your right. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

Hymn Enlargement Inserts

Hymn enlargement inserts with the texts to the chosen hymns for today's worship, printed in larger print, are available from the ushers upon request.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister	Pastor Philip Gurgel
Preacher	Pastor Aaron Christie
Trinitas	Aaron Christie, <i>piano</i> Cindy Gut, <i>oboe</i> Jeremy Bakken, <i>bass</i> Ian Welch, <i>guitar</i> Kris Synder, <i>percussion</i> Laura Pufahl, <i>cantor</i> Stacy Hoehl, <i>cantor</i> Casey Pufahl, <i>cantor</i> Karen Vasatko, <i>cantor</i>
Choir (8:15)	Trinity Lutheran School <i>Grades K-2</i>

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Order of Service

Opening Hymn

God Himself Is Present — 224

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

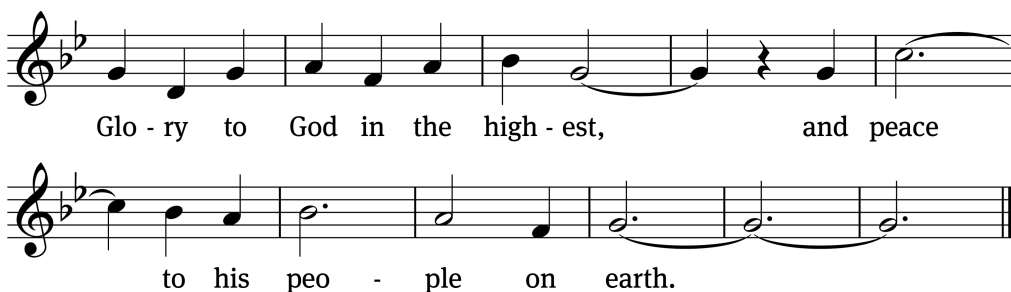
Confession of Sins

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Glory to God

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to his peo - ple on earth.

Refrain

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

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!

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

Children's Devotion

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

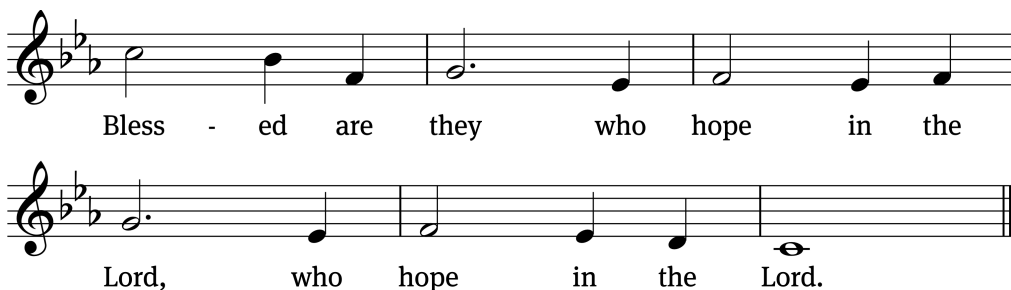


Psalm of the Day (Sunday)

Psalm 1

The cantors introduce the refrain and sing the verses.

All join to sing the refrain after the verses.



Bless - ed are they who hope in the
Lord, who hope in the Lord.

Refrain

Blessed indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the path with sinners, nor abides in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the LORD, and who ponders his law day and night.

Refrain

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.

Refrain

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they, like winnowed chaff, shall be driven away by the wind; for the LORD knows the way of the just, but the way of the wicked will perish.

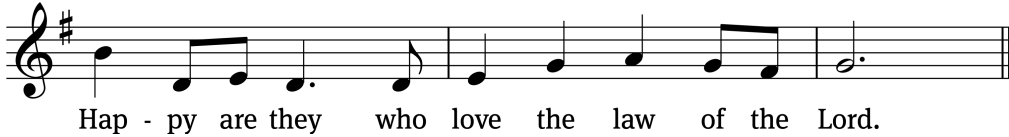
Refrain

Psalm of the Day (Saturday/Monday)

Psalm 1

The cantors introduce the refrain and sing the verses.

All join to sing the refrain after the verses.



Refrain

The one is blest who, fearing God, walks not where sinners meet,
who does not stand with wicked ones, and shuns the scorners' seat.

Refrain

How blest the one who in God's law finds goodness and delight,
and meditates upon that law with gladness day and night.

Refrain

That one is nourished like a tree set by the river's side;
its leaf is green, its fruit is sure; the works of such abide.

Refrain

The wicked, like the driven chaff, are swept from off the land;
they shall not gather with the just, nor at the judgment stand.

Refrain

The Lord will guard the righteous well, their way to God is known;
the way of sinners, far from God, shall surely be o'erthrown.

Refrain

Second Reading

Philemon 1, 10-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker—² also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. ⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—¹⁰ that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

¹² I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. ¹⁵ Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.



¹⁷ So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰ I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

²² And one thing more: Prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers.

²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. ²⁴ And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers.

²⁵ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Verse of the Day

John 6:68

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

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

Refrain

Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

Refrain

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25-35

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

³¹ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

³⁴ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ³⁵ It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken — 465

Sermon

Count Carefully!

Luke 14:25-35

Stand

Confession of Faith

We All Believe in One True God — 270

Be seated

Offering

*Please take a moment during the gathering of the offering to sign the **Friendship Register** in each of the pews. We encourage you to take a moment after the service to get to know those seated around you! If you are not a member of Trinity Lutheran, we do not want you to feel obligated to give an offering. We gather our offerings in church, because the Bible teaches that giving is an act of worship. The vast majority of our church and school ministry is carried out by what is given during weekend services. May the Lord bless you. And may he use our gifts to be a blessing to many others!*

Installation of Sunday School Teachers (8:15)

Holy Baptism (10:45)

Eden Elizabeth Aba Kodua

Hymnal p. 13

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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.

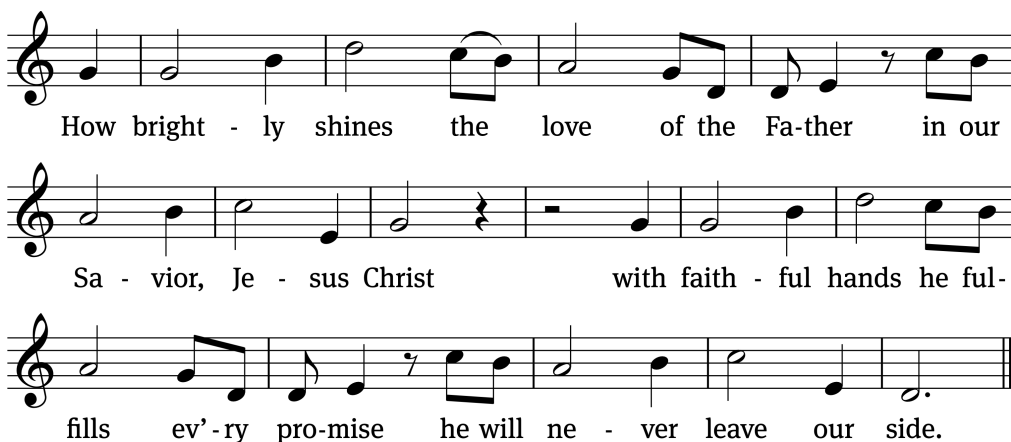
Sermon Hymn

All Is Well

The cantors sing the verses. All join to sing the refrain as printed.

- 1 The sun beams on behind the clouds and in the dark still grace abounds—
all is well because of God's great love. The road of disappointment runs
where unseen mercies wait for us and all is well because of God's great love.

Refrain



How bright - ly shines the love of the Fa-ther in our
Sa - vior, Je - sus Christ with faith - ful hands he ful-
fills ev' - ry pro-mise he will ne - ver leave our side.

- 2 He feels our weakness, knows our need and for our good he intercedes—
all is well because of God's great love. Through every failure, every fear the
Lord of comfort draws us near and all is well because of God's great love.

Refrain

- 3 His coming soon will fill the sky and all that's wrong will be made right.
With newborn eyes we will behold the glory of the risen Lord. All will be
well because of God's great love, yes, all is well because of God's great love.

Refrain

Stand

Prayer

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Anthem (8:15)

May the Peace of God

TLS K-2

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

Refrain:

And to him be praise for his glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.

May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his Communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart. *Refrain*

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.

Closing Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be con - se -
2 Take my hands and let them move at the
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways,
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a
5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy



cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments
im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and
on - ly, for my King. Take my lips and
mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -
be no long - er mine. Take my heart— it
feet its trea - sure store. Take my - self, and



and my days; let them flow in cease - less
let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for
let them be filled with mes - sag - es from
-lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt
is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al
I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for



praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
throne, it shall be thy roy - al throne.
thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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