

If any
man be
in Christ,
he is a
*new
creature.*



2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

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Welcome to Trinity!

*We're glad you're here to worship!
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They will be happy to hear from you.*

Hymn: 256 vv. 1,2,3

(How Great Thou Art)

*1. O Lord my God,
when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
thy hand hath made,
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout
the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul,
my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art!
How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul,
my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art!
How great thou art!"*

*2. When through the woods
and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing
sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty
mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and
feel the gentle breeze,
Then sings my soul,
my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art!
How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul,
my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art!
How great thou art!"*

*3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"*

Please rise

Confessions of Sins:

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

C: Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness:

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated

Old Testament Lesson

When Joshua grew old, he reminded the leaders of Israel of everything God had done for them. God had brought them through the desert and into the Promised Land. He had given them victory after victory by his almighty power. The fighting wasn't over yet. There were still large sections of the land to be brought into the fold.

Joshua reminded his people that the way forward was by walking with God, obeying his commands and rejecting sin no matter where they found it. God's power and promises had brought them this far. They would do well to keep trusting God going forward.

We know that Israel didn't always trust God. They were tempted by the culture around them and the sinful nature within them. When they chose sin, disaster followed. When they chose obedience, God blessed

them. Joshua called on the people to give the Lord their allegiance, their obedience, and their love.

We have even more reason to trust God. We can learn from the entire history of Israel. We see how God consistently kept every one of his promises. We know that he even kept his promise to come to save us. He went to the cross for us. He paid for our sins, defeated the devil, and vanquished death.

We have Jesus' promise to take care of us. Our way forward is by faith. Our way to heaven is Jesus. Whenever we choose sin, we get stress, chaos, and disaster. In Jesus we have forgiveness, security and rest.

Joshua 23:1-11 (EHV)

After many days, when the LORD had given Israel rest from all its enemies all around, when Joshua had grown old and advanced in years, ²Joshua summoned all Israel—its elders, its heads, its judges, and its officers, and he said to them:

I have grown old and advanced in years. ³You yourselves have seen everything that the LORD your God has done for you against all these nations. Yes, the LORD your God was fighting for you! ⁴See now, I have allotted to your tribes an inheritance from these nations that remain unconquered, as well as from the nations that I have destroyed. It extends from the Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵The LORD your God himself will push them away from you and drive them out of your presence, until they perish. He will send wild animals among them until he completely destroys them and their kings from your presence^[b] and you will take possession of their land, just as the LORD your God promised you. ⁶You must be very resolute in carrying out all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses by not turning from it to the right or to the left, ⁷by not intermingling with these nations that remain with you. Do not ever call on or swear by the names of their gods. Never serve them and never bow down to them. ⁸But hold fast to the LORD your God, just as you have been doing to this day.

⁹The LORD has driven out great and powerful nations from among you. As for you, no one has stood up against you to this day. ¹⁰One of you would put a thousand to flight because the LORD your God himself was fighting for you, just as he promised you. ¹¹Therefore, for your own sakes be very careful to love the LORD your God.

Gospel Lesson

How often do you think about heaven? For most of us, most of the time, it's a nice, comfortable background thought—an expectation

that things won't always be so stressful and that we have something better to look forward to. Sometimes, it can rush into the foreground and become very important—if death draws near, we start to think about how fragile life is and we think about what's next. Heaven is definitely something we don't want to lose. Yet, that's exactly what Satan plans to do: to separate us from salvation.

When God wrote to the Hebrews, he taught us about heaven. He told us about the connection between heaven and faith. Heaven can only be reached by faith. He pointed out that there was a whole nation of people who heard God's word, but it didn't benefit them because they didn't have faith.

Don't lose your faith. Keep it strong with the Word and by exercising it.

God also warned us about diminishing faith to merely something here on earth. As amazing as God's blessings are, they are not heaven—not even close. Heaven is more than getting cool stuff and the absence of bad stuff. Heaven is living in the presence of God, bathed in his love and experiencing perfection. It's about perfect rest, perfect peace—a perfect life for all eternity.

Don't settle for anything less.

Hebrews 4:1-11 (EHV)

¹Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be fearful that any one of you may be judged to have failed to reach it. ²In fact, we have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did. But the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united in faith with those who did listen. ³Indeed, we who believe are going to enter his rest.

It happened just as he vowed when he said:

So I swore an oath in my wrath,

“They will never enter my rest.”

And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. ⁴For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in this way:

And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.

⁵And again in this statement:

They will never enter my rest.

⁶Therefore, since it is still the case that some do enter this rest, and yet those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not enter because of disobedience, ⁷God again set a certain day, namely, “today,” when he later said through David, as quoted before:

Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.

⁸For, if Joshua had given them rest, then God would not have spoken later about another day.

⁹So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. ¹⁰For the one who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God rested from his work. ¹¹Therefore, let us make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience.

Hymn: 415 vv. 1,2

(Be Still, My Soul)

1 Be still, my soul;
the Lord is on your side;

Bear patiently the
cross of grief or pain;

Leave to your
God to order and provide;

In ev'ry change
he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul; your best, your
heav'nly friend Through thorny
ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul;
your God will undertake

To guide the future
as he has the past.

Your hope, your confidence,
let nothing shake;

All now mysterious
shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul; the waves and
winds still know His voice who ruled
them while he live

Epistle Lesson/Sermon

Have you ever thought, "Boy, I could use a little rest!"? And then—you take a break and you're still tired? Or—you sleep and wake up tired? Or—you go on vacation and come back tired? Or—you actually retire and find yourself busier than you've ever been before?

Rest is hard to find. Jesus said that God has hidden these things from clever and learned people and revealed to little children. Children can put their lives willingly into someone else's hands. Clever and learned people aren't willing to do that.

Jesus promises rest for our souls. He tells us to do two things. First, come to him. That requires time. We take time to disconnect from schedules, to-do lists, demands, and stress to come to Jesus and sit at his feet. He tells us to read and to think about his word (John 8:31). He instructs us to meet in worship (Hebrews 10:25) and to take communion (Matthew 26:26). God comes to us in word and sacrament. Let's meet him there.

Second, we take his yoke. That means putting ourselves willingly into his hands—submitting to his will instead of demanding our own. That requires a childlike faith. It means sitting at Jesus feet like Mary (Luke 10:39), or sharing like Barnabas (Acts 4:36-37), or talking to people like Philip (Acts 8:30), or serving like Tabitha (Acts 9:36).

It means walking by faith, not by sight—walking hand in hand with Jesus wherever he wants us to go.

Whenever you need rest, come to Jesus.

Matthew 11:25-30 ~ Rest ~

²⁵ At that time, Jesus continued, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. ²⁷ Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Special Prayer regarding Coronavirus

Jesus Christ, our Great Physician,

We come before you in great need. We ask that you would end this plague on our world. We do not ask because we are worthy, but because you are gracious and merciful. If it is your will, heal those who are afflicted. Comfort those who are suffering. Grant wisdom and success to those who are treating and researching this disease.

Teach us to celebrate your blessings and your love. Help us not to take for granted our health or the connections we have among family and friends.

In your name we come to you. Amen.

Prayers for Our family and Friends

Milferd Behnke, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Dorothy Johnson, Helen Johnson, Sally Kamps, Rose Karr, Dave Schacht, Dave, Cindy & Adam Schacht, and Lisa Schmitt.

Prayers for those called to protect

Military: Jesse Adams (Sue Connor’s son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow’s godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson’s grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht’s great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen’s cousin), **Jesse Johnston** (Jim & Laurie Johnston’s son), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth’s son), **Aaron Stocker Jr.** (Martina (Dura) Stocker’s husband), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela’s grandson), and **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush’s nephew). **Firefighter: Steve Campbell.**

Police: Greg Haemker Raymond Cashaw (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) and **David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

The 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.

The Benediction:

*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.

Hymn: 389 v.1

(Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me)

*1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood
From thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r*

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“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.

~Matthew 11:28

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Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.

John 8:12 - *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

Matthew 5:16 - *“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*