



**SOCIETY IS UNITY
IN DIVERSITY.**

*We, being many,
are one body in Christ.*

ROMANS 12:5

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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.*

In God's Word There is Life!

Our scriptures today communicate the power of God's Word to bless our lives in this world and to give us eternal life through his promise of pardon for sin in the sacrifice of Jesus.

Hymn: 184

(O, Holy Spirit, Enter In)

*1 O Holy Spirit, enter in
And in our hearts your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we May be Truly living,
To you giving Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.*

*2 Give to your Word impressive pow'r
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing, That in true
Christian unity We faithful witnesses
may be, Your glory ever showing. Hear
us, Cheer us By your teaching; Let our
preaching And our labor Praise you
Lord and serve our neighbor.*

*3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From you true wisdom learning.
Your grace And peace On us shower;
By your power Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.*

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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. 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. Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

“The Word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so you can obey it!” On the brink of entering the promised land after 40 years of desert wandering and rebellion, God renews his promise of boundless blessing from his hand for his chosen people.

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 (EHV)

⁹ The LORD your God will cause you to be overflowing with good things from all the work of your hands, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your animals, and in the fruit of your soil. Once again he will rejoice over your prosperity, just as he rejoiced over your fathers, ¹⁰ when you obey the voice of the LORD your God by keeping his commandments and his statutes written in this Book of the Law, when you return to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ Certainly, this commandment that I am giving you today is not too difficult for you, and it is not far away. ¹² It is not up in the heavens, so that you have to say, “Which one of us will go up to the heavens and get it for us so we can listen to it and carry it out?” ¹³ It is not across the sea, so that you have to say, “Which one of us will cross over to the other side of the sea and get it for us so we can listen to it and carry it out?” ¹⁴ Instead, the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so you can obey it.

This Psalm provides insight into the repeated pattern of sin, discipline from God’s hand, repentance and restoration in David’s life, which is also the pattern of God’s gracious working in each of us. Please read the words of this Psalm, printed today in the bulletin.

Psalm 25

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul
in you I trust, O my God.*

*Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.*

*Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O Lord.*

*Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.*

*Look upon my affliction and my distress
and take away all my sins.*

*Guard my life and rescue me,
for I take refuge in you.*

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

Epistle Lesson

Just as Moses in our Old Testament lesson reminded God's people that they will be blessed by God with fruitful lives in the Promised Land, St. Paul prays that the Holy Spirit will adorn the lives of God's people (us!) in every age with fruits of faith.

Colossians 1:1-14 (EHV)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the holy and faithful brothers^[a] in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.^[b]

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints ⁵because of the hope that is stored up for you in heaven. You have already heard about this in the word of truth, the gospel ⁶that is present with you now. The gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the entire world, just as it also has been doing among you from the day you heard it and came to know the grace of God in truth. ⁷You learned this from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your^[c] behalf. ⁸He is the one who told us about your love in the Spirit.^[d]

⁹For this reason, from the day we heard about your love, we also have not stopped praying for you. We keep asking that you would be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, ¹⁰so that you might live in a way that is worthy of the Lord. Our goal is that you please him by bearing fruit in every kind of good work and by growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹as you are being strengthened with all power because of his glorious might working in you. Then you will have complete endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who qualified us^[e] to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

¹³ The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption,^[f] the forgiveness of sins.

Verse of the Day:

P: Alleluia! Alleluia! The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it! Alleluia!

Hymn: 384 vv. 1-3

(By Grace I'm Saved)

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| 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not. Why waver at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught? So then this word must true remain: By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain. | 2 By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died, your soul to win? Not, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought him from his heav'nly throne. |
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3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise
When you are by your sins oppressed,
When Satan plagues your troubled conscience,
And when your heart is seeking rest.
What reason cannot comprehend
God by his grace to you did send.

Gospel Lesson/Sermon

Despite God's oft-repeated promise of full pardon for sin in Christ's atonement, many are stuck in the idea that they are saved by DOING! The expert in the Law may have wanted to entrap Jesus in his teaching, or, at least, to point out inconsistencies in his teaching, he asked,

“WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE?”

1. *What seems to the man's (mis) understanding of the way of salvation?*
2. *What is the heart of Jesus' answer to the man's question?*
3. *What relation do believing and doing have in saving faith?*

Luke 10:25-37 (EHV)

²⁵ Just then, an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the law?” he asked him. “What do you read there?”

²⁷ He replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind;^[a] and, love your neighbor as yourself.”^[b]

²⁸ He said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He fell among robbers who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ It just so happened that a priest was going down that way. But when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² In the same way, a Levite also happened to go there, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³³ A Samaritan, as he traveled, came to where the man was. When he saw him, he felt sorry for the man. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He put him on his own animal, took him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day, when he left, he took out two denarii,^[e] gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him. Whatever extra you spend, I will repay you when I return.’ ³⁶ Which of these three do you think acted like a neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?”

³⁷ “The one who showed mercy to him,” he replied.

Then Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

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, Lisa Schmitt and Owen Vieth.

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 Sacrament of Holy Communion:

P: We who trust in Jesus Christ for our full and free salvation can give no higher honor to our Lord than to believe and to do what He has commanded us. For that reason we have come here to obey Jesus' gracious invitation, partaking in His Holy Supper according to His words and commands.

P: Consider carefully the words of the Lord and diligently examine your heart's condition in view of His Word. Jesus said, *"This is My body, which is given for you...this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."*

P: Jesus is telling us that this supper is for sinners. It is for sinners who grieve over their sin, its offense to God and its sentence to death. It is for sinners who long for the forgiveness of sins. It is for sinners who believe Jesus died the death our sins deserve. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe this.

P: Jesus' clear and simple words also reveal a great mystery. In this Supper of bread and wine Jesus actually gives every communicant just what His words say: His body and blood that was crucified for you. Jesus' gifts of His body and blood are God's official seal that God Himself makes a covenant with each one who eats this bread and drinks this wine.

P: In this covenant God promises each communicant that his sins are forgiven and that he is God's child. The Bible states this truth also with warning. Anyone who comes to the Lord's Supper, but *"eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself"* for he is *"guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord."* Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe this.

P: Jesus said: *"Take and eat..this do in remembrance of Me."* And, *"all of you drink of the cup..do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."* Here Jesus invites us and commands everyone who calls Him Lord to come to this blessed Supper frequently. He also instructs us to do it while remembering and celebrating the central truth of our faith – Christ Crucified!

P: Every time you commune you declare that Christ is your greatest treasure. That Jesus is your life. This confession by your actions encourages your fellow believers, proclaims the Gospel to a dying world and praises Jesus who commanded you to do this in memory of His death. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe this.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all compassion and the God of all comfort. For all this was not revealed to you by man, but by our Father in heaven. You are blessed to believe this.

P: In this Supper Jesus will forgive your sins, strengthen your faith, draw you into close communion with the Living God and His holy people, fill your heart with thankful joy, and renew your zeal to walk as a child of Light, loving each other as Christ loved you.

Words of Intuition:

P: 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."

P: 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 sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The Lord's Supper:

We now have the incredible privilege of approaching the Lord's altar at his invitation to receive His body and blood in the sacrament. We come, not because we are worthy, but because He invites us.

Come, for all things are now ready:

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: 528 v. 1 (Sunday)

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

1 Christ is our cornerstone;
On him alone we build.
With his true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On his great love Our hopes we place
Of present grace And joys above.

Hymn: 526 vv. 1,2,5,6 (Monday)

We Are Your People

1 We are your people;
Lord, by your grace
You dare to make us
Christ to our neighbors,
Of ev'ry nation and race.

2 How can we demonstrate
Your love and care?
Speaking or list'ning?
Battling or serving?
Help us to know when and where.

5 Joined in community,
Breaking your bread,
May we discover
Gifts in each other,
Willing to lead and be led.

6 Lord as we minister
In diff'rent ways,
May all we're doing
Show that you're living,
Meeting your love with our praise