



Draw nigh to God.

James 4:8

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(Hymn 609)

Welcome to Trinity!

We're glad you're here to worship!

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They will be happy to hear from you.

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

1. We praise you, O God,
our Redeemer,
Creator!

In grateful devotion our
tribute we bring:
We lay it before you;
we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name;
glad praises we sing.

2. We worship you, God of
our fathers;
we bless you.

Through trial and tempest
our guide you have been;
When perils o'er-take us,
you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord,
our battles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer;
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.

Your strong arm will guide us;
our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer,
Fore'er be praise.

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 33:7-11 (EHV)

7 But I have appointed you, son of man, to be a watchman for the house of Israel. So whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them from me. **8** When I say to a wicked man, “Wicked man, you shall surely die,” if you do not speak to warn the wicked man against his way, that wicked man will die because of his guilt, but I will also hold you responsible for his blood. **9** But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die because of his guilt, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ So you, son of man, say the following to the house of Israel.

This is what you people are saying: “Certainly our rebellion and our sins weigh us down, and because of them we are rotting away. How then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them, “As I live, declares the LORD God, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from their way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why should you die, O house of Israel?”

Epistle Lesson

Galatians 2:11-21 (EHV)

¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly wrong. ¹² For before some people came from James, he ate with the Gentiles. But when those people came, he drew back and separated himself, because he feared those from the circumcision group. ¹³ And the rest of the Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that they were not acting according to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of all of them, “If you, a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, why do you compel the Gentiles to live like the Jews?”

¹⁵ “We are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners. ¹⁶ We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. So we also believed in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷ But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were also found to be sinners, then is Christ a servant of sin? Certainly not!

¹⁸ “In fact, if I build up again those things that I destroyed, I bring on myself the judgment of being a lawbreaker. ¹⁹ Indeed, through the law I died to the law that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I am now living in the flesh, I live by faith

in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.²¹ I do not regard the grace of God as nothing. As a matter of fact, if righteousness is through the law, then Christ died for nothing!"

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20 (EHV)

¹⁵ "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his sin just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he will not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And, if he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as an unbeliever or a tax collector. ¹⁸ Amen I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Amen I tell you again: If two of you on earth agree to ask for anything, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. ²⁰ In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them."

Hymn 610

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

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2. Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next

3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore!
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Sermon Text

Thank God ... Really!

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (EHV)

¹⁸ In everything give thanks. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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

The Beaumont Family, Milferd Behnke, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Ardice Cerney, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Dorothy Johnson, Rose Karr, Noah & Kristin Olson, Lisa Schmitt, and Aaron Wood

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 260

Let All Things Now Living

1. Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us;
His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished
And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

2. His law he enforces;
The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains,
The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing.
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

TRINITY'S CORE MISSION

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.