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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Waukesha, WI

WELCOME

Good morning, and welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church. We are happy you have come to worship with us. This weekend we consider the "the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession." That might sound cerebral, but it is absolutely practical! Jesus teaches his people to "acknowledge him before men" (Matthew 10:34). The *Augsburg Confession* (the "Declaration of Independence" of the Lutheran Church) does exactly that. It serves as a clear, public testimony to the great truths of the biblical, Lutheran faith: grace alone, faith alone, and Scripture alone.

Because the Augsburg Confession is a clear summary of the Bible's teaching, all of our congregation's pastors and teachers swear to publicly preach and teach the doctrine that is clearly presented in the Augsburg Confession. The Augsburg Confession helps us to declare to the entire world what we Lutheran Christians believe, teach, and confess about Jesus and his Word.

In short: documents like the Augsburg Confession are important. Why? Because the Lord holds us accountable both for how we live *and what we believe*. Please come again and worship with us soon!

LARGE PRINT SERVICE FOLDERS and HEARING ASSISTANCE

Large print service folders are available from an usher at your request.

OUR FACILITIES

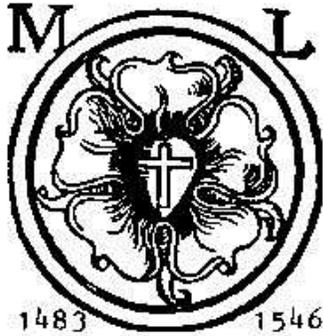
Our restrooms are located to the left as you leave the sanctuary. They are located near the coat room. The members of Trinity believe that families should be encouraged to worship together. (Church, like much of life, needs to be "taught" to young children.) If your young one needs some "time out," we 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.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day from all sin and every form of evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

- Dr. Martin Luther



THE PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
June 26-27, 2011

"CONFESSION ISN'T ALWAYS SAYING YOU'RE SORRY!"

Martin Luther's Seal

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN

"A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"
Hymnal #200

ALL: A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD, A TRUSTY SHIELD AND WEAPON;
HE HELPS US FREE FROM EVERY NEED THAT HAS US NOW O'ERBAKEN.
THE OLD EVIL FOE NOW MEANS DEADLY MOE;
DEEP GUILE AND GREAT MIGHT ARE HIS DREAD ARMS IN FIGHT;
ON EARTH IS NOT HIS EQUAL.

WITH MIGHT OF OURS CAN NAUGHT BE DONE; SOON WERE OUR LOSS EFFECTED.
BUT FOR US FIGHTS THE VALIANT ONE WHOM GOD HIMSELF ELECTED.
YOU ASK, "WHO IS THIS?" JESUS CHRIST IT IS,
THE ALMIGHTY LORD. AND THERE'S NO OTHER GOD;
HE HOLDS THE FIELD FOREVER!

ORGAN: *THOUGH DEVILS ALL THE WORLD SHOULD FILL, ALL EAGER TO DEVOUR US,
WE TREMBLE NOT, WE FEAR NO ILL; THEY SHALL NOT OVERPOWER US.
THIS WORLD'S PRINCE MAY STILL SCOWL FIERCE AS HE WILL,
HE CAN HARM US NONE. HE'S JUDGED; THE DEED IS DONE!
ONE LITTLE WORD CAN FELL HIM.*

ALL: THE WORD THEY STILL SHALL LET REMAIN, NOR ANY THANKS HAVE FOR IT;
HE'S BY OUR SIDE UPON THE PLAIN WITH HIS GOOD GIFTS AND SPIRIT.
AND DO WHAT THEY WILL ~ HAVE, STEAL, HURT, OR KILL ~
THOUGH ALL MAY BE GONE, OUR VICTORY IS WON;
THE KINGDOM'S OURS FOREVER.

MINISTER: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
CONGREGATION: *(SPOKEN)* Amen.

M: 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.

C: 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Musical notation for the Kyrie. The first line of music is in C major, 4/4 time, with a common time signature 'C' in a box. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER and PRAISE

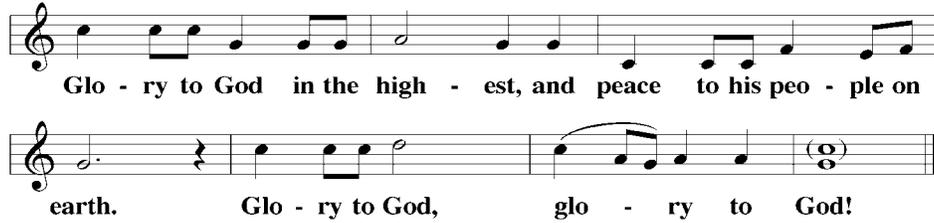
M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the LORD!

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Musical notation for the Gloria in Excelsis. The first line of music is in C major, 4/4 time, with a common time signature 'C' in a box. The lyrics are: Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo-ry! Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. You are
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -
 ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
 earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

M: LET US PRAY.

O LORD, FAVORABLY RECEIVE THE PRAYERS OF YOUR CHURCH, THAT BEING INSTRUCTED BY THE DOCTRINE OF THE BLESSED APOSTLES, WE MAY ALWAYS MAKE A PURE CONFESSION OF YOUR SAYING TRUTH; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.

C: Amen.

Be Seared

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:6-11 (NIV)

THE LORD'S WORD ALWAYS ACCOMPLISHES THE LORD'S PURPOSES

SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND; CALL ON HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR.⁷ LET THE WICKED FORSAKE HIS WAY AND THE EVIL MAN HIS THOUGHTS. LET HIM TURN TO THE LORD, AND HE WILL HAVE MERCY ON HIM, AND TO OUR GOD, FOR HE WILL FREELY PARDON.⁸ "FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS," DECLARES THE LORD.⁹ "AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH, SO ARE MY WAYS HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS AND MY THOUGHTS THAN YOUR THOUGHTS.¹⁰ AS THE RAIN AND THE SNOW COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND DO NOT RETURN TO IT WITHOUT WATERING THE EARTH AND MAKING IT BUD AND FLOURISH, SO THAT IT YIELDS SEED FOR THE SOWER AND BREAD FOR THE EATER,¹¹ SO IS MY WORD THAT GOES OUT FROM MY MOUTH: IT WILL NOT RETURN TO ME EMPTY, BUT WILL ACCOMPLISH WHAT I DESIRE AND ACHIEVE THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH I SENT IT.

PSALM

Psalm 46

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SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:8-17 (NIV)

FAITH AND CONFESSION ALWAYS GO TOGETHER

⁸ BUT WHAT DOES IT SAY? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU; IT IS IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART," THAT IS, THE WORD OF FAITH WE ARE PROCLAIMING:⁹ THAT IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH, "JESUS IS LORD," AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD

raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.¹¹ As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile-- the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."¹⁴ Now, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?"¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

VERSE



C: Refram
M: YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT FOR MY PATH.
C: Refram

Stand out of respect for the words and works of Jesus

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:32-39 (NTV)

Confessing Christ brings unity and opposition

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.³³ But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.³⁴ "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.³⁵ For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law--³⁶ a man's enemies will be the members of his own household."³⁷ "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;³⁸ and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Be Seared

CANTATA

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word”¹

D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

**LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN THY WORD CURB THOSE WHO FAIN BY CRAFT AND SWORD
WOULD WREST THE KINGDOM FROM THY SON AND SET AT NAUGHT ALL HE HATH DONE.**

**LORD JESUS CHRIST, THY POW’R MAKE KNOWN, FOR THOU ART LORD OF LORDS ALONE;
DEFEND THY CHRISTENDOM THAT WE MAY EVERMORE SING PRAISE TO THEE.**

**O COMFORTER OF PRICELESS WORSH, SEND PEACE AND UNITY ON EARTH.
SUPPORT US IN OUR FINAL STRIFE, AND LEAD US OUT OF DEATH TO LIFE.**

**GRANT PEACE, WE PRAY, IN MERCY, LORD PEACE IN OUR TIME, OH, SEND US!
FOR THERE IS NONE ON EARTH BUT THEE, NONE OTHER TO DEFEND US.
THOU ONLY, LORD, CANST FIGHT FOR US.**

**GIVE TO OUR PEOPLE, TO ALL THAT BE IN POWER, PEACE AND GOOD GOVERNMENT,
THAT BY THEIR PROTECTION WE MAY LEAD A QUIET AND PEACEFUL LIFE ALWAYS
IN ALL GODLINESS AND IN ALL HONESTY. AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“If God Himself Be for Me”

HYMNAL #419 vv. 1-4

SERMON

Based upon Matthew 10:32-39

PASTOR AARON CHRISTIE

¹ “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast” was written by Martin Luther in 1541. The hymn was originally written for the Wittenberg boy’s choir to sing at a prayer service for God’s protection against Turkish (Muslim) invaders. It was printed in a hymnal for the first time in 1543 as “A hymn for children to sing...” Luther wanted children to learn and sing good hymns that strengthen heart and soul! “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast” is one of the classic “battle hymns” of the Lutheran Reformation. It has been set in countless ways over hundreds of years.

The composer Dietrich Buxtehude was the greatest Lutheran musician of his day. His organ works are the standard pieces that are used to teach WELS musicians at our high schools, colleges and seminary. He had a long, prestigious career at St. Mary’s Lutheran Church in Lubeck, Germany. J. S. Bach, at age eighteen, traveled over 150 miles to hear Buxtehude’s music at St. Mary’s. Bach almost succeeded Buxtehude as organist at St. Mary’s. There was a significant complication, however. Any prospective organist had to marry Buxtehude’s daughter to become the next organist at St. Mary’s, Lubeck. Bach’s distaste for Buxtehude’s daughter trumped his desire for the post in Lubeck.

The cantata “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast” will last several minutes. Please take the opportunity to ponder the text of the hymn. Pray about what it means for our church and especially for you as you live your Christian life in the world.

Put the Message Where Your Mouth Is
+ Confess the Christ + Count the Cost +

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER

Please take a moment during the collection 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 Faith Lutheran, we do not want you to feel obligated to give an offering. (God wants us to be cheerful with our gifts, not giving out of guilt or a sense of obligation.) 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 on Sunday morning. May the Lord bless you. And may he use our gifts to be a blessing to many others.

Jesus, your boundless love to me
No tongue can reach, no tongue declare.
Dwell in my heart eternally,
And reign without a rival there.
To you alone, dear Lord, I live;
Myself to you, dear Lord, I give. Amen.

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

In the 10:00 a.m. Service

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD'S PRAYER

M: Heavenly Father, your Word is able to make us wise to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Without the gospel message of your forgiveness we would still be lost in unbelief and sin, doomed to everlasting damnation.

C: What a precious treasure your Word, the blessed gospel of Christ, is!

M: And yet for centuries this treasure was all but lost from mankind through the lies and deceptions of Satan. With great blasphemies he diverted men's minds from the truth, convincing them that they must trust in their own loving works for everlasting life.

C: O Lord, we praise your loving kindness that brought about the Lutheran Reformation and uncovered once again the gospel treasure, hidden so long from the minds and hearts of men.

M: Because you intervened in history by guiding the reformers to the Scriptures, sinners throughout every age can learn of their Savior Jesus Christ, and enjoy the salvation won for them.

C: We are especially thankful that your Holy Spirit has removed spiritual blindness and self-righteousness from our hearts and led us to place our trust only in the shed blood of our Savior, Jesus.

M: As children of the Lutheran Reformation, yes, as your children through faith in Christ, may we never depart from the rich heritage of your Word. Keep us faithful to the truth that Jesus Christ loved us and gave himself for us on the cross. Allow nothing that we believe, teach, defend, say, or do, be contrary to your precious Word.

C: May we be ready to make all sacrifices necessary for the preservation and promotion of your saving truth in our midst and throughout the world. Give a double measure of the Spirit to the pastors and teachers of this congregation, that they may be kept from false doctrine.

M: Inspire fathers and mothers to teach the pure Word to their children and to set a good example of loving obedience to all that you command. May your saving Word as taught at church and at home powerfully work in our hearts a solid growth in knowledge and faith. With your Word of truth raise the fallen, reclaim the straying, restore confidence to the doubting, and comfort the troubled.

C: Forgive us wherever we have transgressed, and by your Spirit enable us to serve you in faithful obedience to your Word all our days.

Petitions of the week may follow.

M: We pray it all in the name of our dear Savior, Jesus Christ, through whom we also join to pray;

C: 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.

HYMN

"If God Himself Be for Me"

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CLOSING COLLECT and BENEDICTION

M: 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.

C: Amen.

M: 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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

Hymnal #293

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WORD OF GOD

293 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way; In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925.
Tune: REUTER (87 87 66 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

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