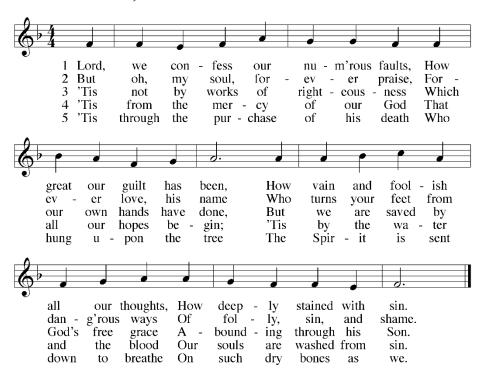
JUSTIFICATION

Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults 398



6 Raised from the dead, we live anew; And, justified by grace, We shall appear in glory, too, And see our Father's face.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Tune: St. Flavian (CM) *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, London, 1562, alt.

INVOCATION

Please stand, if you are able.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

- M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

- M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

 I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

- M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
 - For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C: Christ, have mercy.
- M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.
- C: Amen.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

(The Prayer of the Day is spoken.)

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON Joel 3:12-16

¹² Let the nations be roused.

Let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will be seated to judge all the nations.

¹³ Swing the sickle,

for the harvest is ripe.

Come, trample the grapes,

for the winepress is full and the vats overflow,

because the nations' wickedness is so great!

- ¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes in the Valley of Decision!
 For the Day of the LORD is near in the Valley of Decision.
- ¹⁵ The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars will stop shining.
- ¹⁶ The LORD will roar from Zion

and shout from Jerusalem.

The sky and the earth will tremble.

But the LORD will be a refuge for his people,

a stronghold for the people of Israel.

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 18





Refrain

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by de<u>liv</u>erer;* my God is my rock, in whom I take <u>refuge</u>.

He reached down from on high and took <u>hold</u> of me;* he rescued me from my powerful <u>enemy</u>.

He brought me out into a <u>spa</u>cious place;* he rescued me because he delight<u>ed</u> in me.

Refrain

You, O LORD, keep my lamp <u>burn</u>ing;* my God turns my darkness <u>in</u>to light.

You save the <u>hum</u>ble* but bring low those whose eyes are <u>haugh</u>ty.

You give me your shield of <u>vic</u>tory,* and your right hand sus<u>tains</u> me.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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THE SECOND LESSON Romans 5:12–15

²⁶ In the same way the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we should pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that are not expressed in words. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints, according to God's will.

Please stand, if you are able

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 13:24-30 and 36-43

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He presented another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ The servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy did this.' The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?' ²⁹ 'No,' he answered, 'because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn.""

³⁶ Then Jesus sent the people away and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

³⁷ He answered them, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world. The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the Evil One. ³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the world. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will pull out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and those who continue to break the law. ⁴² The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.

After the Gospel:

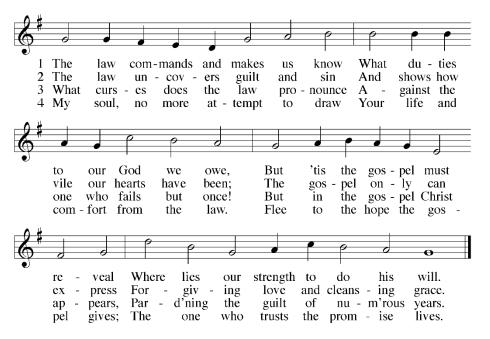
M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please Be Seated

SERMON HYMN CW #286

286 The Law Commands and Makes Us Know



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551.

SERMON JOEL 3:12-16

"GOD'S ALL-IMPORTANT CONJUNCTION"

Please stand, if you are able

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please Be Seated

OFFERTORY (Preparation of the altar for the sacrament)

Please stand, if you are able

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Trinity Lutheran Church follows the historic Christian practice of *close communion*. We ask that only members of Trinity or one of our sister congregations partake of the sacrament. If you are not a member, please see the note about Holy Communion in the beginning of the Worship Folder.

- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- M: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them up to the Lord.
- M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is good and right so to do.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from

sin, death, and the devil's power.

- By his incarnation, he became one with us.
- By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
- By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
- By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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."

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 sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN CW #336

INVITATION



Come unto Me, Ye Weary



Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt.

Tune: Anthes (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–after 1857.

Please stand, if you are able

THANKSGIVING

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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.

Please Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN CW #392

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JUSTIFICATION

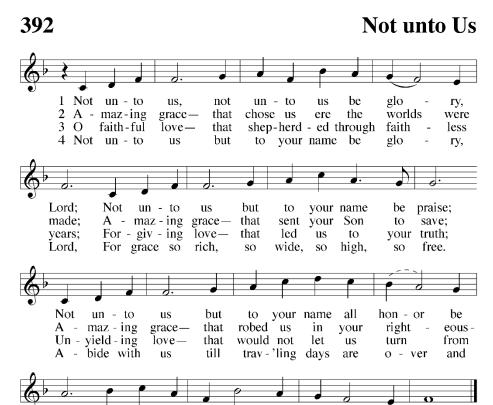
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And taught our lips to

But sent us forth to

pil - grim feet lead