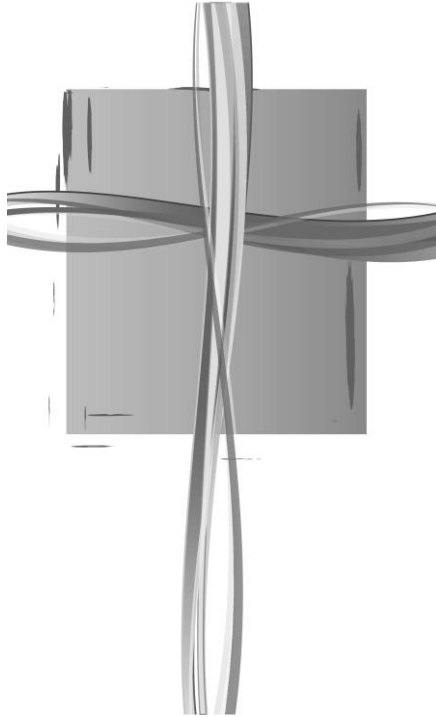




FACING the CROSS



Trinity Lutheran Church

"Facing Our Worldliness"

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

C For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

P The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

C but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Opening Hymn –

"Face the cross"

(Tune)#433

Face the cross of Jesus, who the world did face
That we might see heaven, saved the human race.

When we cling too tightly to the things of earth,
Help us cling to you, Lord, and in you find worth.

Let us face our Savior. Death he overcame,
That we life eternal find now in his name.

Litany

(From Luke 9:51, Matthew 6:19-21 and Romans 12:2)

P When the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem to die on the cross for us.

C So we set our faces to the cross of Christ this day, and there we face our temptations.

P Jesus said, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,
C but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.
P For where your treasure is,
C there your heart will be also.”
P St. Paul tells us, “Do not be conformed to this world,
C but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
P that by testing you may discern what is the will of God,
C what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Confession and Absolution

(From 2 Corinthians 4:6)

P We confess that we have often conformed to the ways of this world and been more concerned about our earthly possessions than our heavenly treasure
C We ask for your forgiveness, O Lord, for all the times that we have put the things of this earth before the things of God.
P Hear these words from St. Paul: “For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”
C We find forgiveness for all our worldly ways in the face of Jesus Christ, and in him we find everything we need for this life and the life yet to come.
P Your sins are forgiven because of Christ. And former grasp of this earthly space has been replaced by a grip on his grace.
C We thank you, Jesus, for facing the world by going to the cross and not being charmed by its temporary treasures. Let us focus our attention solely on the blessings that will last. Amen.

Hymn –

"I'm But a Stranger Here"

#748

<p>1 I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home; Earth is a desert drear, Heav'n is my home. Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev'ry hand; Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.</p>	<p>2 What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home; Short is my pilgrimage, Heav'n is my home; And time's wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast; I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.</p>
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3 Therefore I murmur not,
 Heav'n is my home;
 Whate'er my earthly lot,
 Heav'n is my home;
 And I shall surely stand
 There at my Lord's right hand;
 Heav'n is my fatherland,
 Heav'n is my home.

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Lesson ...

Genesis 11:1-9

Epistle Lesson ...

2 Peter 3:10-14

Gospel Lesson ...

Matthew 19:16-30

Sermon Hymn –

"What is the World to Me"

#730



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Offering/Prayers/The Lord's Prayer

(Each petition ends with the following response)

P: Christ, who faced the cross,

C: turn your eyes to us.

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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn—

"Abide with Me"

#878

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.