

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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St. Paul confessed as “the chief” of sinners, “*This saying is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance: ‘Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst’*” (1 Tim. 1:15). God had mercy on Paul to “*display His unlimited patience*” (1 Tim. 1:16). Similarly, the LORD “*turned from His fierce anger*” (Ex. 32:12) against Israel on the basis of Moses’ intercessory prayer.

Our ascended Savior, too, intercedes for us sinners before God the Father. He is our great Good Shepherd who, “having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them,” would “*leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the one that is lost until he finds it*” (Luke 15:4). When He finds the lost one and brings it home, “*the angels of God in heaven*” rejoice greatly with Him (Luke 15:7, 10).

Jesus places such high value on every soul. May we be led by His mercy to value souls just as much as we share the soul-saving news of the Jesus’ free forgiveness with all people!

Order of Worship: ELH Page 60, THE DIVINE SERVICE “*Rite Two*” with communion.

Hymns: 227 (1-5), 429, 374 (1), 227 (6)

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Exodus 32:7-14. On the basis of the unbreakable promises the LORD had made, Moses asked the LORD of “free and faithful grace” to His divine promises for patience in dealing with Israel’s idolatry.

Psalms of the Day: Psalm 51a. Our prayers for forgiveness in this penitential Psalm are based upon the LORD’s unfailing love and His great compassion (*Supplement*).

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:12-17. Paul’s life story was a wonderful example of God’s patience with sinners through Jesus Christ. God took a blasphemer and a persecutor and turned him into a proclaimer of God’s mercy and unlimited patience.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia. *Alleluia...*

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10. Jesus’ parables of one lost sheep and one lost coin emphasize the value God places on each individual soul.

Sermon: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Theme - “Christ Jesus Came To Save Sinners”

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Points to ponder from the day’s Scripture readings:

- Old Testament: How did the Israelites sin against the LORD and test His patience?
- Old Testament: Summarize Moses’ prayer to the LORD on behalf of the Israelites. (Note how Moses and the LORD use the pronoun “you” especially).
- Epistle: How did God demonstrate His patience in Paul’s life?
- Epistle: Paul says, “*I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.*” Is that his explanation or excuse?
- Epistle: How has Jesus demonstrated unlimited patience in our lives?
- Gospel: What’s ironic about the Pharisees’ statement?
- Gospel: Are there ninety-nine righteous people who don’t need to repent? To whom is Jesus referring?
Gospel: What do these two parables spoken by Jesus emphasize?

Announcements:

+ Please join us for Bible class on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

+ Sunday School at 8:00 a.m.

+ Confirmation class: Monday – 3:30-4:45 p.m.

+ timeofgrace.org – information on a variety of timely topics from Wisconsin Synod pastors.

Holy Communion - We celebrate the Lord’s Supper because Jesus instructed us to do so, and God offers us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation through it (Matthew 26:28). We believe the Bible’s teaching that receiving the Sacrament together is a way of expressing unity in our beliefs as one body (1 Corinthians 10:17). We therefore respectfully ask that guests who are not members of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod, or our sister synod, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, refrain from communing here until becoming familiar with our beliefs and express agreement. We in no way imply that you are not a Christian or are not “good enough” for us. God’s Word teaches us to regard communion as an outward expression of unity in all areas of faith. In communion we publicly confess that we agree in all that we teach and confess on the basis of the Bible (Matthew 28:20, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Romans 16:17, 1 Corinthians 10:17). We pray that you understand and will respect this practice of Close Communion. We encourage you to seek more information about the confession that unites us and would love to meet with you if you have questions regarding Close Communion.

Exodus 32:7-14 – Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’ “I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.” But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “O LORD,” he said,

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“Why should your anger burn against your people? Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened. (EHV™)

1 Timothy 1:12-17 – I give thanks to the one who empowered me, namely, Christ Jesus our Lord, that he treated me as trustworthy, appointing me into his ministry. He did this even though formerly I was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent man. But I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief. The grace of our Lord overflowed on me along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. This saying is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,” of whom I am the worst. But I was shown mercy for this reason: that in me, the worst sinner, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his unlimited patience as an example for those who are going to believe in him, resulting in eternal life. Now to the King eternal, to the immortal, invisible, only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (EHV™)

Luke 15:1-10 - All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” He told them this parable: “Which one of you, if you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that was lost until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls together his friends and his neighbors, telling them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!’ I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent. “Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, would not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found the lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (EHV™)