



# TRINITY MERRILL

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**September 24, 2023 - 10:30 AM**

**PRE-SERVICE:**     ***"God So Loved"***  
                          ***"In Christ Alone"***

### WELCOME & GREETING

### OPENING SONG

***"God So Loved"***

**Vs.1**   *Come all you weary  
Come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water  
Come and thirst no more*

**Vs.2**   *Come all you sinners  
Come find His mercy  
Come to the table He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness  
Find what you're looking for*

**Chorus 1**   ***For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live  
forever***

**Vs.3**   *Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there  
With open arms*

**Chorus 2**   ***For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved God so loved the  
world***

**Bridge**   *Praise God praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him praise Him  
For the wonders of His love  
(Repeat Bridge)*

**Chorus 3**   ***For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save***

**(Chorus 2)**

**Vs.4**   *Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting  
God so loved the world*

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### INVOCATION

P   In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C   **Amen.**

### CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: **O most gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your faithful servants. We have been unforgiving and loveless and careless in the stewardship of Your creation. We deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and guide us into renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**

*Time of silent reflection and confession.*

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

**Pastor:** God is indeed gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## MONTHLY VERSE                  Romans 12:8

**People:** For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

## SONG

### *“Song In My Soul”*

**Vs.1**    *There's a song in my soul  
And I feel it stirring in me  
This I know for sure  
That Your love is like a flood  
And Your mercy never ending  
I give my song to You*

**Vs.2**    *There's a joy in my soul  
And it rises like the morning  
This I know for sure  
That Your grace is enough  
And Your promise never breaking  
I give my song to You*

**Chorus**    *All of Your goodness is like a well  
running over  
Oh my soul it sings for You  
For all of Your goodness I will love  
You forever  
All my songs I sing for You  
Yes all my songs I sing for You*

**Vs.3**    *There's a hope in my heart  
Burning bright in the darkness  
This I know for sure  
That I will look upon Your face  
Forever dwell in Your presence  
And always sing to You*

**Bridge**    Let my life be to You a symphony  
Singing out holy holy  
All my days every single breath I breathe  
Singing out holy (You are) holy  
(Sing Twice)

### **(Chorus)**

Yeah all my songs I sing for You

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## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

## FIRST READING

***Ecclesiastes 2:18-23***

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

## SECOND READING

***1 Timothy 6:6-18***

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

## GOSPEL READING

***Matthew 6:19-24***

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

## MESSAGE

## SONG OF THE DAY

### *“Holy Water”*

**Vs.1** *God I'm on my knees again  
God I'm begging please again  
I need You  
Oh I need You  
Walking down these desert roads  
Water for my thirsty soul  
I need You  
Oh I need You*

**Chorus** ***Your forgiveness  
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips  
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears  
Like holy water (on my skin)***

**Vs.2** *Dead man walking slave to sin  
I wanna know about being born again  
I need You  
Oh God I need You  
So take me to the riverside  
Take me under baptize  
I need You  
Oh God I need You oh **(Chorus)***

**Bridge** *I don't wanna abuse Your grace  
God I need it ev'ry day  
It's the only thing that ever really  
Makes me wanna change  
(Repeat Bridge 2X)  
**(Chorus 2x)***

**Ending** *Yeah it's like holy water on my skin  
Oh it's like holy water*

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## ATTENDANCE/ CONNECT TIME / OFFERING & INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC *“Holy Water”*

During this time, please sign the attendance book found in the pew or use your mobile device to fill out the Connect Card or submit prayer requests on our app or online at [www.trinitymerrill.com/live](http://www.trinitymerrill.com/live). You can also visit our app or [www.trinitymerrill.com/give](http://www.trinitymerrill.com/give) to learn more about other ways to support the ministries at Trinity.

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & 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.

### ✠ WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE ✠

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION SONGS

#### *“Nothing But The Blood”*

**Vs.1** *What can wash away my sins  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

**Chorus** ***Oh precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus***

**Vs.2** *Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Not the good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

**(Chorus)**

**Bridge** *Cause the blood of Jesus is enough for me  
Oh the blood of Jesus is enough*

**Vs.3** *This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

**(Chorus & Bridge – repeat Bridge)**

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**“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us” (Instrumental)**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG**

**“Called Me Higher”**

**Vs.1** *I could just sit I could just sit  
And wait for all Your goodness  
Hope to feel Your presence  
And I could just stay I could just stay  
Right where I am and hope to feel You  
Hope to feel something again*

**Vs.2** *I could hold on I could hold on  
To who I am and never let You  
Change me from the inside  
I could be safe oh I could be safe  
Here in Your arms and never leave home  
Never let these walls down*

**Chorus 1** ***But You have called me higher,  
You have called me deeper  
And I'll go where You will  
lead me Lord  
You have called me higher,  
You have called me deeper  
And I'll go where You will  
lead me Lord  
Where You lead me***

*(Repeat Verse 2 and Chorus 1)*

*Where You lead me Lord*

**Bridge** *I will be Yours oh, I will be Yours  
for all my life  
I will be Yours oh, I will be Yours  
for all my life  
I will be Yours oh, I will be Yours  
for all my life  
So let Your mercy  
Oh I will be Yours Lord,  
I will be Yours for all my life  
So let Your mercy,  
light the path before me*

**Chorus 2** ***'Cause You have called me higher,  
You have called me deeper  
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord  
(Repeat)***

**Ending** *Where You lead me Lord,  
where You lead me Lord  
Where You lead me,  
where You lead me Lord*

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**Altar Guild - Save the Date** -The Altar Guild will have its first meeting of the fall on Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30. Members of Trinity are encouraged to attend to learn more about what we do for our Lord. We will have a demonstration of our member duties and a guest speaker. Plan to attend.

**Come Join us.....** The Ladies Aid will meet on September 28th at 1:00 for our monthly meeting in the church fellowship hall. Come and join us for a short meeting, bible study and lunch. We are looking for Christian women who are interested in serving the Lord with their talents. Bring a friend and join us!

**Our Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale is a great source of income for our church. We are seeking help in decorating the wreaths. If you think this is something you could volunteer to help with.... please contact Grace at 715-536-4985**





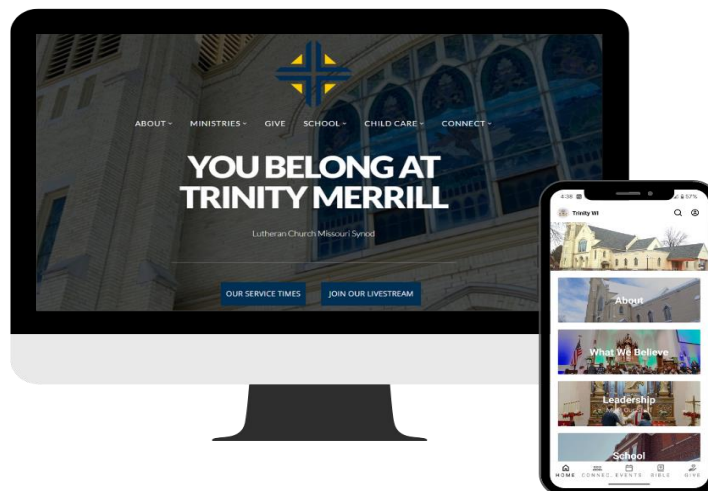
### Sunday, September 24th Events:

- Celebrate the ministries of Trinity Merrill Lutheran Church.
- Hear the witnesses of Open Hearts Food Pantry and Sue Smith.
- Participate in the first Bible study lesson in God's Chosen Stewards titled "Faith Over Funds."

### Consecration Sunday is October 22nd

Every member is asked to make a special effort to attend worship on Sunday, October 22nd at 9:30am, and to make a reservation for a special luncheon to be held at the VFW at 11:30am that day. More details will soon come your way. Reservation cards will be available to you over the next four weeks. Please complete one whether you can attend or not. If you completed one last week, you do not need to complete another one.

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