

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH The Feast of the Holy Trinity + June 4, 2023 +

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"Even unto the End of the Age"



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today, and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew. Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex. We are so glad to have you worshiping with us today!

LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.

WELCOME:

"To the synonyms for God belong the names of God, in whose explanation the greatest part of the doctrine of God is contained. This is because our theology in this life is almost completely bound to language. Thus whatever we can know about God is called 'the name of God,' and when Dionysius the Areopagite planned to say anything about God, he gathered the names that are given to God in the Scriptures."

-Johann Gerhard, On the Nature of God and on the Trinity

THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion¹, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins², and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal³. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?

Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?

Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith⁴, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

¹Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

²Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

³1 Corinthians 11:28-32

⁴1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

DIVINE SERVICE III

PRESERVICE MUSIC

The congregation may use this time to pray and meditate.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lord of Our Life

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The congregation stands to face the back of the church. As the processional cross passes, the congregation turns to face the cross.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

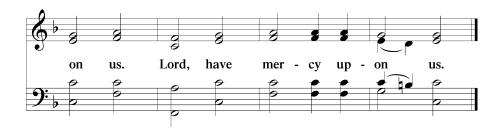
- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD





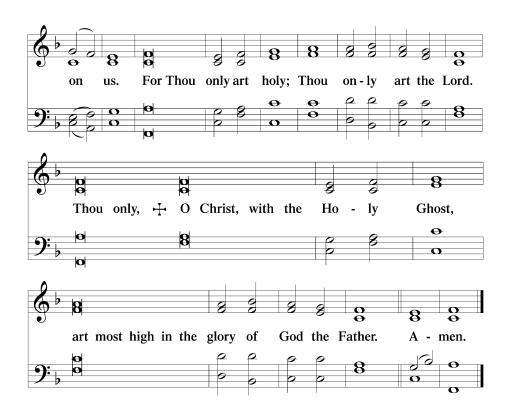
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Luke 2:14; John 1:29

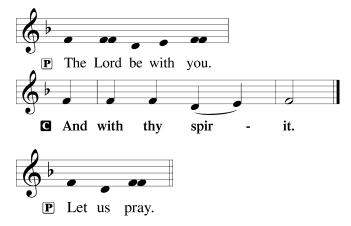
The congregation is invited to sing in parts:







SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to

separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

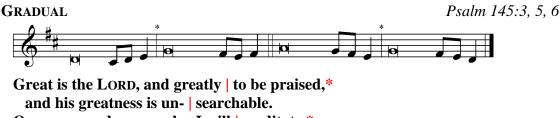
So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,* and I will declare your | greatness.

SECOND READING

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

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or let your Holy One see corruption.

You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

Acts 2:14, 22-36

Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand and face the cross



HOLY GOSPEL

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Matthew 28:16-20
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P The Holy + Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.



Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

OFFICE HYMN

Glory Be to God the Father

SERMON

Please stand

ATHANASIAN CREED

- L Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- **C** Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- **L** And the catholic faith is this,
- **C** that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- **L** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- **C** But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- **L** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- **C** the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- **L** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- **C** the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- **L** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- **C** just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- L In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- **C** and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- L So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- **C** and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- **L** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- **C** and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- L Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- **C** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- **L** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- C The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- L Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

C And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

- L but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- **C** Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- L But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- L He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- **C** perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- L equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- **C** Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- L one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- **C** one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- **L** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- **C** who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- L ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- **C** At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- L And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- **C** This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition of the prayer:

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord, **People: Lord, have mercy.**

For comfort, health and recovery: Connor Cockran, MariLynn Fuhrer, Barbara Glenn, Lonnie McCain, Cathy McDonald, Tim Yundry;

For those who mourn: the family and friends of Willie Thompson;

For those who are ill or distressed: Stan Acey, Jenalee Adams, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Mimi Bradley, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Tina Burke, Wayne Burke, Bobby Carroll,, James E. Cookston, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Randy Fowler, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Paul Hansen, Tim Hansen, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, Beth Jarratt, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Jerry McMahan, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Mildred Odom, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Leonard Watson, Dana Weaver, Cynthia Widlitze, Carol Wright, Jimmy Wright, Marshall Wright, Barbara Zeigler;

For college and graduate students: Sara Fields, Will Nelson;

For military servants and their families: Gabriel Escude, James (Glen) Hansford, Holden Hathcock, William Nelson, Steven Tatum, John Weidner Jr.;

For foreign missionaries: especially Rev. Vance & Linda Becker;

This week's prayer family: Yvonne Townes and her loved ones.

Please be seated

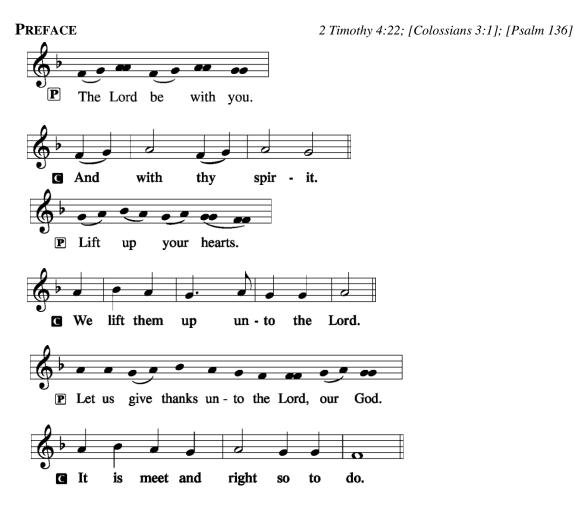
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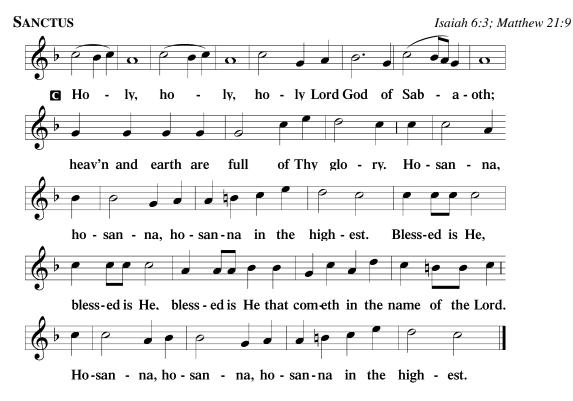
The congregation is invited to sing in parts:



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



 It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only- begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

 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.



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

 \mathbf{P} The peace $\mathbf{+}$ of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI

The congregation is invited to sing in parts.



John 1:29



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DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

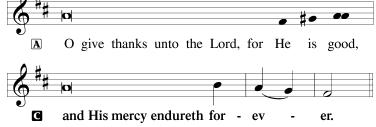
All who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have introduced themselves to the pastor are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran. If you have not spoken to the pastor, but would like to receive the Lord's blessing, you may still come to the rail and kneel, crossing one arm over the other in the shape of an 'X'. This symbolizes that one is marked by the cross and Triune name of Almighty God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	
Holy, Holy, Holy	#507
Father Most Holy	#504
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word	#655

Please stand following distribution of communion

NUNC DIMITTIS





POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



P Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

We Praise You and Acknowledge You #941

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Today's Worship Servants: Celebrant: Rev. George Fields Interpreter: Denee Smith Altar Guild: Mary Atchley

Elder: Gary Atchley **Organist:** Sr. Sara Fields **Cantor:** Christa Kettler

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers this morning are given for the glory of God by Allen & Sabrina Goodlett in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary.

Installation of Officers: During next Sunday's Divine Service, we will be installing the officers we elected in the May voters meeting. We shall keep these servants in our prayers as they faithfully carry out their duties this year.

Readings for next Sunday, June 11th, the Second Sunday after Pentecost: Introit Ps. 50:7-10; Psalm 119:65-72; Hosea 5:15-6:6; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: June 5 – June 11

Tuesday	6:15 p.m. Elders Meeting
Friday	6:30 a.m. Bible & Breaky
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
-	10:30 a.m. Divine Service – The Second Sunday after Pentecost



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