

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH The Feast of the Holy Trinity + May 26, 2024 +

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"All Her Paths Are Peace"



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:

"How late have I loved thee, thou beauty, so old and so new."

-St. Augustine, Confessions

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lord of Our Life

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

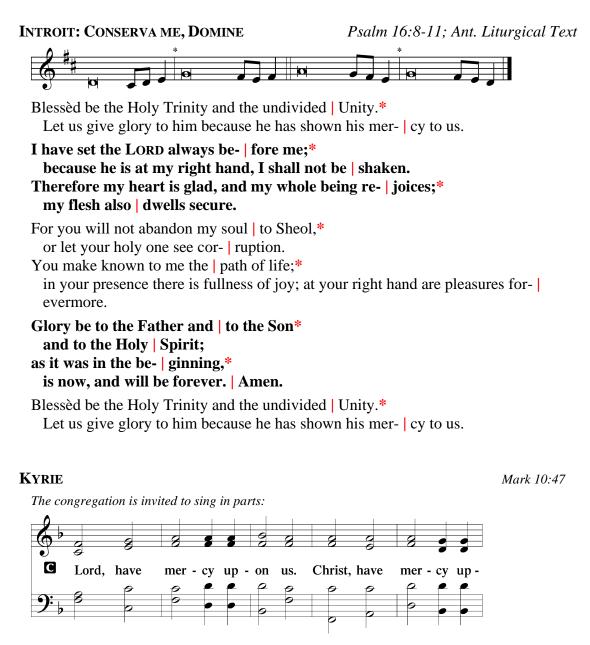
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

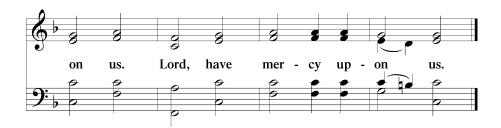
- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the 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





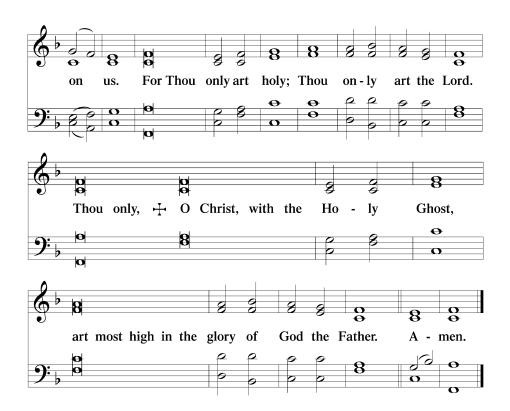
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

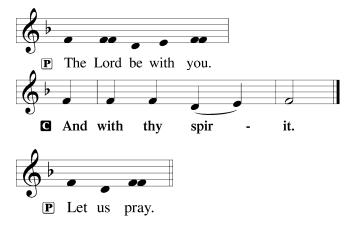
The congregation is invited to sing in parts:







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

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

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

GRADUAL



I will pour out my Spirit | on all flesh,* and your sons and your daughters shall | prophesy. With the heart one believes and is | justified,* and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.

Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10

SECOND READING

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

"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,

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,

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

GOSPEL PROCESSION



HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

P The Holy + Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

OFFICE HYMN	We All Believe in One True God	<i>#</i> 954
SERMON	Things Seen and Unseen; the Kingdom and the King	

Please stand

ATHANASIAN CREED

The Athanasian Creed is named in honor of St. Athanasius, a fourth-century defender of the orthodox faith confessed in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. This creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.



Whoever desires | to be saved* must, above all, hold the | catholic faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled* will without doubt perish e- | ternally. And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in | Trinity* and Trinity in | Unity, neither confusing the | persons* nor dividing the | substance. For the Father is one person, the Son is an- | other,* and the Holy Spirit is an- | other. But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spir- it is one:* the glory equal, the majesty coe- | ternal. Such as the Father is, such | is the Son,* and such is the Holy | Spirit: the Father uncreated, the Son uncre- | ated,* the Holy Spirit uncre- | ated; the Father infinite, the Son | infinite,* the Holy Spirit | infinite; the Father eternal, the Son e- | ternal,* the Holy Spirit e- | ternal. And yet there are not three E- | ternals,* but one E- | ternal, just as there are not three Uncreated or three | Infinites,* but one Uncreated and one | Infinite. In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son al- | mighty,*

the Holy Spirit al- | mighty;

and yet there are not three Al- | mighties,* but one Al- | mighty.

So the Father is God, the | Son is God,* the Holy Spir- | it is God; and yet there are not | three Gods,* but | one Cod

but | one God.

So the Father is Lord, the | Son is Lord,* the Holy Spir- | it is Lord; and yet there are not | three Lords,* but | one Lord.

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.

The Father is not made nor cre- | ated* nor begotten by | anyone.

The Son is neither made nor cre- | ated,* but begotten of the Fa- | ther alone. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and | of the Son,*

neither made nor created nor begotten, but pro- | ceeding.

Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not | three Sons;* one Holy Spirit, not three Holy | Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after an- | other;* none is greater or less than an- | other;

but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and co- | equal,* so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity

in Trinity is to be | worshiped.

Therefore, whoever desires | to be saved*

must think thus about the | Trinity.

But it is also necessary for everlasting sal- | vation* that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord | Jesus Christ.

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.

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: perfect God and | perfect man,*

composed of a rational soul and | human flesh;

equal to the Father with respect to His di- | vinity,* less than the Father with respect to His hu- | manity. Although He is | God and man,*

He is not two, but | one Christ:

one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity | into flesh,*

but by the assumption of the humanity | into God;

one alto- | gether,*

not by confusion of substance, but by unity of | person.

For as the rational soul and flesh is | one man,* so God and man is | one Christ,

who suffered for our sal- | vation,*

descended into hell, rose again the third day | from the dead,

ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Al- | mighty,*

from whence He will come to judge the living | and the dead.

At His coming all people will rise again with their | bodies*

and give an account concerning their | own deeds.

And those who have done good will enter into e- | ternal life,* and those who have done evil into e- | ternal fire.

This is the | catholic faith;*

whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly can- | not be saved.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition of the prayer:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

For comfort, health, and recovery: Cheryl Bodkin, Sabrina Goodlett, James Haughton, Anita Martin, Jon Sandberg, Sherri Smith, Nicole Tatum, John Weidner;

For those who mourn: the family and friends of Suzanne Collipp, Melvin McNair, Jr.;

For those who are ill or distressed: Jenalee Adams, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Mimi Bradley, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Hunter Burkhalter, Wayne Burt, Bobby Carroll, James E. Cookston, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Tahlia Ferderer, Randy Fowler, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Tim Hansen, Faye Hartman, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, April Ann Hubmann, Joslyn Jones, Robert Kelly, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Gary Stoeckmann, Nicole Tatum, Donny Thomas, Leslie Thomas, Nikki Vines, Leonard Watson, Dana Weaver, Cynthia Widlitze, Carol Wright, Jimmy Wright, Marshall Wright, Barbara Zeigler;

For college and graduate students: Sara Fields;

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

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

This week's prayer family: Keeley Rimoldi and her loved ones.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please stand

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

The congregation is invited to sing in parts:



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



 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:

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SANCTUS
                                                                     Isaiah 6:3: Matthew 21:9
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     + bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
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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



AGNUS DEI

The congregation is invited to sing in parts.



Matthew 26:26-28

John 1:29



Please be seated

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
All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine	#815

Please stand following distribution of communion

NUNC DIMITTIS



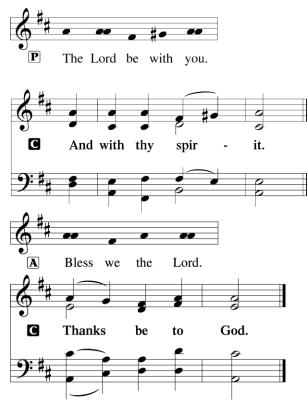


POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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.

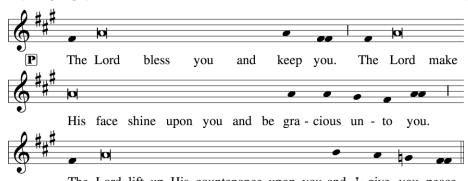


SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

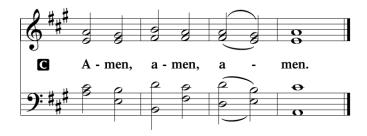


BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26



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



CLOSING HYMN

We Praise You and Acknowledge You

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Serving Today: Celebrant: Rev. George Fields Interpreter: Denee Smith Altar Guild: Michelle Miller & Nancy Teal

Elder: Keith Martin Organist: Sr. Sara Fields Cantor: Christa Kettler

Altar Flowers: This morning's altar flowers are given for the glory of God by the Fields in celebration of Elysia's baptismal anniversary.

Readings for next Sunday, June 2nd, the Second Sunday after Pentecost: Introit Ps. 28:7-9; Psalm 130; Genesis 3:8-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: May 27 – June 2

Friday 6:30 a.m. Bible & Breaky
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Divine Service – Second Sunday after Pentecost



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