

Faith Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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Worship 9:30 am

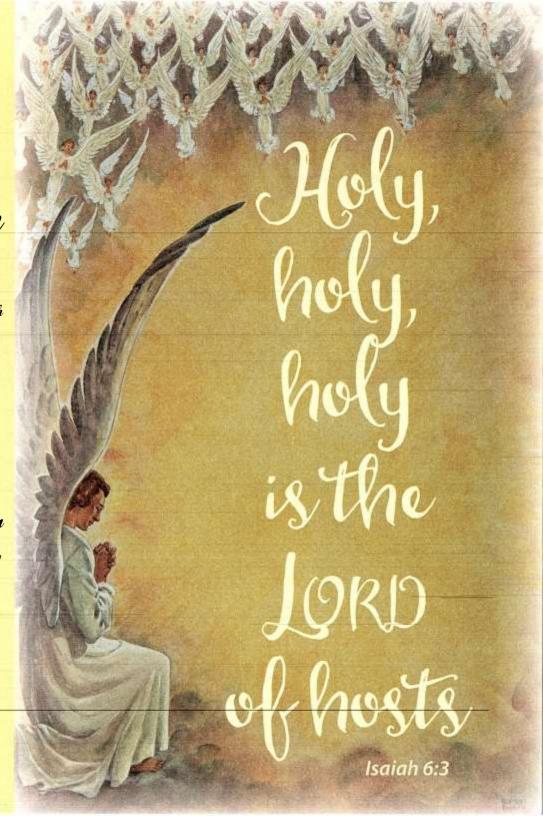
Sunday School

& Bible Classes

11:00 am

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| Rev. Mick Marguardt, Pastor Emeritus | |
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THE PURPOSE OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

In the power, guidance, and strength of the Holy Spirit, we seek God's presence in worship to open our hearts and minds that He may be glorified and we may be empowered to love and serve all people, that souls may be won for Jesus Christ.

The H dy Trinity

May 27, 2018

Prayer upon Entering Church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. *Amen.* +

Guests: We welcome you in the name of our Savior and invite you to worship with us regularly. If you do not have a church home, why not make ours yours? If you have a spiritual concern, or would like to know more about our church, please consult with Pastor Winterstein.

Holy Communion: The practice of the Lutheran church is to receive Holy Communion with members of churches with whom we are in fellowship. If you are not a member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, The Lutheran Church-Canada, or The American Association of Lutheran Churches, please speak to the pastor before communing. If you have not been baptized and instructed in what we teach and confess, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. The individual cups in the middle of the trays contain grape juice with a minimal amount of wine in them. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the Sacrament of the Altar here at Faith, please speak to Pr. Winterstein.

Parish Nurse: Carol Trunzo is available by appointment at 509 393-9938 or cat121551@gmail.com.

Nursery: We encourage all children to be in worship, but, at times, for you and those around you, you may consider using our nursery for your children age 3 and younger. We have helpers for our nursery so that you are able to stay and worship.

Prayer Requests: We encourage everyone to fill out the prayer cards located in the pew racks for any prayer request that you may have. Please hand the cards to the ushers at the time of the offering.

The Rite of Friendship: There is a red vinyl pad on the aisle side of the pew. During the offering please record your first and last name and, if you are a guest, please put your mailing address. This information helps us with ministering to the needs of guests and members. Members, please record address and phone number changes, as well as your current email address, if you would like to receive a weekly update from the church.

The H dy Trinity

Prelude

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Invocation: Come, Moly Chost, Creator Blest

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- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.
- 7 Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One, And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow! Amen.

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At each ⅓, one may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of their Baptism. At each ❖one may bow in reverence.

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Athanasian Creed LSB 319

- Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- 3. And the catholic faith is this,
- 4. that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- 5. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- 6. But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- 8. the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

- 9. the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- ^{13.} In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- 15. So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

- 17. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- 19. 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.
- ^{20.} The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- ^{21.} The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- ^{22.} The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- ^{23.} Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- ^{24.} And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- ^{25.} 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.
- ^{26.} Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- ^{27.} But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ^{28.} 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.
- ^{29.} 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:
- ^{30.} perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh:
- ^{31.} equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- 32 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 altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- 35. For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- 36. who suffered for our salvation, 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 Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- ^{38.} At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- ^{39.} And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- ^{40.} This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

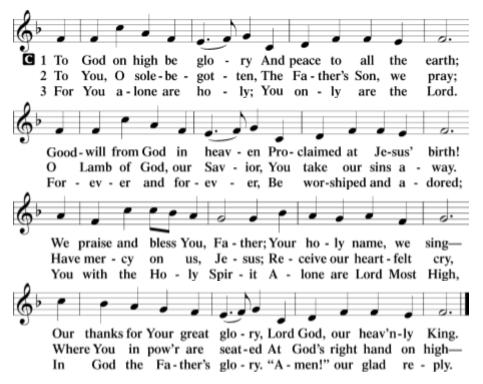
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Kyrie

Mark 10:47



Gloria in Excelsis Luke 2:14 John 1:29



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah's Vision of the LORD

Isaiah's Commission from the LORD

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

Gradual Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

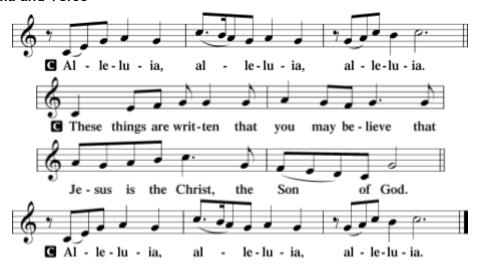
Second Reading Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel John 3:1-17

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

You Must Be Born Again

For God So Loved the World

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

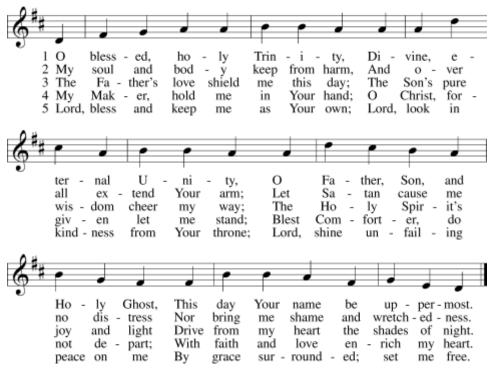
whose kingdom will have no end.

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 will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

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 in 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 ⅓ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: @ Blessed, Moly Trinity

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P ...Lord in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Sit

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22 Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3 Matthew 21:9



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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,

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

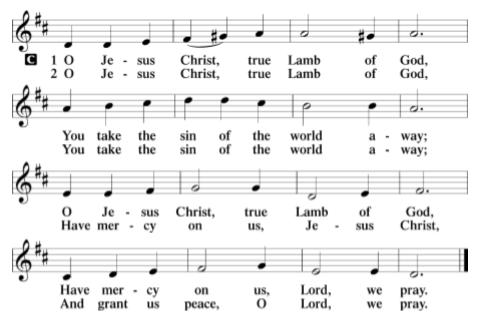
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Agnus Dei John 1:29



Sit

Distribution

Prayer before receiving Christ's Body and Blood: Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word and I shall be healed. [For further preparation, you may want to consider Luther's Christian Questions with their Answers on pp. 329-330 of Lutheran Service Book.]

Prayer after receiving Christ's Body and Blood: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



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Distribution Hymn: Triune God. Be Thou Our Stay

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Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

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 in 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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

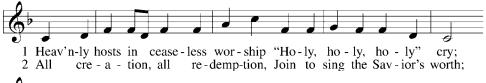
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Announcements

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Closing Hymn: Meavenly Mosts in Ceaseless Worship

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"He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High." Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon - or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a - lone! Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do - min-ion, praise,

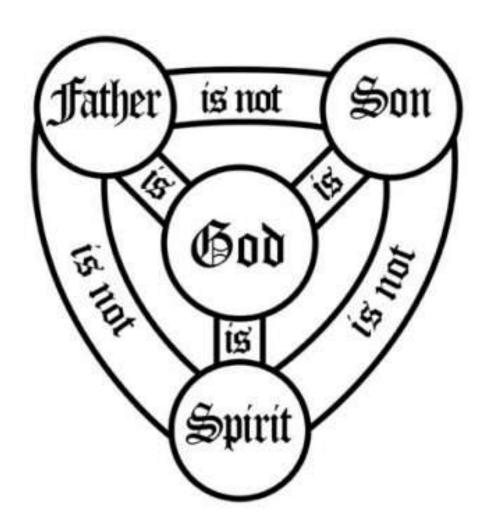


We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther's throne. Now be His from all His crea-tures And to ev - er - last-ing days!

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- **P** Go in the peace of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please join us for fellowship, coffee and cookies in the Fellowship Hall after the service.



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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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Prayers

Missionaries: Neil & Lindsey Broere and children, Sean & Caria Graham and children, Rev. John & Sue Mehl, Danelle Putman, Loraine Rathman, Mark & Becky Schoepp, Faith Lutheran Preschool staff

Our Synod's Leaders: Dr. Matthew Harrison, Rev. Paul Linneman

Prayers for Our Nation: Our President, our Congress, our Governor and Legislators

Our Military: Afghanistan: Jackson Nystrom; Germany: Jonathan Janos, Mike Pappal; Stateside: Dakoda Aldrich, Jonas Balloga, Kyle Barger, Levi Barger, James Beedie, Robert Haight, Thomas & Monica Heuer, Zach Manyrath, Elizabeth Martin, Tim McCamey, Dylan Mitchell, Nick Neely, Mark Pappal, Joseph Reese, Luke Sukow, Ethan Visser

Prayers for Comfort: Dorothy Maydole and the Maydole family after the passing of Jim on Wednesday; the family of Walter Reese, former vacancy pastor, who passed away May 14

Prayers for Continued Healing: Shad Bailey, Larry Barger, Keegan Beckman, Al Berg, Malakiah Blackwell, Daryle Booth, Walt Brunner, Ted Conrad, Jacob and Mellissa Crosby, Pam Dais, Joy Deich, Bob Donnell, Ray Ericksen, Doug Fischer, Gary Fischer, Pita Gonzalez, Dorothy Haight, Steve & Jenny Hancock, Chad Hoffman, Ashlee Johnson and children, Janie Kester, Bob Koenig, Nick Leishman, Paul Lichtenberg, Genevieve Marrapodi, Jo Maydole, Larry Melcher, Marcia Murray, Perci Owens, Kelly Peterson, Don Rosentrater, Leslie Simpson, Diana Snell, Dewey & Ruth Stedman, Stephanie Taylor, Karen Turnipseed, Ernie Vipond, Bonnie Williams, Dwayne Visser

Prayers for Shut-Ins: Elsie Dobrowolski, Tom Oelke, Harriet Robinson, Wes & Judy Visser

General Prayers: For those seeking employment and/or experiencing hardship in these difficult times, and preschool children

For those continuing their instruction in the Christian Faith: Ava Langford, Jameson Maydole, Jonas Winterstein, Salem Winterstein

Prayers for Marriages and Families:

Prayers for Safe Travel and Spiritual Growth:

Expectant Mothers: Carissa Stone

Announcements

Quilt Raffle: Tabitha Circle will raffle two quilts, one is crocheted and the other is a wall hanging. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5, and will be available after church until the drawing.

Ladies Bible Study: The Friday morning Ladies Bible Study will meet on June 1 at Susan Rumble's home for brunch, and will close for the summer. We will continue in September for a new study.

Graduate Sunday: Women's Circle will host a special reception on June 3 to honor our high school graduates Kerstin Ericksen and Taylor Maydole. Cards are available for anyone wishing to write a personal congratulatory message to these youth. If you have a Faith Lutheran Church family member who has or will be graduating from college or a technical school between July 2017 and June 2018, please notify the church secretary so that all of Faith's graduates can be recognized.

Altar Guild Spring Luncheon: Altar Guild will hold its Spring Luncheon on Monday, June 4, at 11:30 am at Olive Garden.

Bible Studies: First some bad news: Men's Friday morning Bible Study is over for the summer, and the Ladies Bible Study will end this week. So the good news is: beginning the first Tuesday in June, at 9:00 am, and continuing throughout the summer, everybody is invited to meet for prayer, Bible Study, and muffins! So come in starting June 5, and everybody will Bible Study together.

Prayer for Life: "Upholding and defending the sanctity of each human life..." at Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We will meet to pray for life Tuesday, June 5, 6:30-7:30, at Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Please invite your friends to join us to pray for the Lord to restore to the church, to our nation and to the world the understanding that human life is created in the sacred image of God. Thank you and God bless you all, Norm & Cheryl Armstrong ncarm66@gmail.com and Pastor Gene Helsel ghelsel58@gmail.com

Work Station Computer: The work station computer in the office will be replaced soon, so if you have information on it please come and get it. Flash drives are available if you need them.

Office Hours: The office will be closed tomorrow, May 28, for Memorial Day and there will be no activities.

Thank You: Thank you all so much for your prayers and cards, and your calls while I was sick recently. I'm feeling much better now, and wouldn't be so much better without your prayers! Love, Millie Fortner

| Sunday 27 The Holy Trinity | Divine Service | 9:30 am |
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| | Coffee Fellowship | 10:45 am |
| | Adult Study/Sunday School | 11:00 am |
| Monday 28 Memorial Day | Office Closed | |
| Tuesday 29 | Preschool | 9:00 am |
| • | Preschool | 12:30 pm |
| | All Boards Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday 30 | Pre-K Graduation | 10:00 am |
| , | SAIL Exercise Class | 11:30 am |
| | Pre-K Graduation | 1:00 pm |
| | Bible Study | 2:00 pm |
| Thursday 31 | Preschool End of the Year Party | 9:00 am |
| | Tabitha Circle (note: no lunch) | 9:30 am |
| | Preschool End of the Year Party | 12:30 pm |
| Friday 1 | Lady's Bible Study | 9:00 am |
| | SAIL Exercise Class | 11:30 am |
| Saturday 2 | | |
| Sunday 3 The Second Sunday | Divine Service | 9:30 am |
| after Pentecost | Graduate Reception | 10:45 am |
| Graduate Sunday | Adult Study/Sunday School | 11:00 am |

| | Today | Next Sunday | |
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| Elders | | | |
| Ushers | Lawrence Guyll Ron Colwell | Mark Maydole Eric Loebsack | |
| Organist | Susan Rumble | Laura Cornwall | |
| Altar Care | Peggy Christensen & Jane Watson | | |
| Chancel Flowers | Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by in loving memory of the Wischnofske's parents, Bev's brother, Merle's sister, and their infant grandchildren | | |
| Last Week Offerings: | Total Offerings This Month: | Last Week Attendance: 67 | |

Trinity



About the Cover

Today, we publicly celebrate "the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity," as we say in the Athanasian Creed. We believe, teach, and confess that the Holy Trinity consists of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, three persons in one divine essence or being. The thrice spoken "holy, holy, holy" is our humble way of praising the holy, divine, and eternal Trinity.

THE HOLY TRINITY

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!"

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And 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!"

6Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7And 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."

Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

14Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

22"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—23this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 25For David says concerning him,

"'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life;

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

^{29®}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. ³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand,

35 until I make your enemies your footstool.'

36Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Holy Gospel: John 3:1–17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2This man came to lesus 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." 4Nicodemus 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?" 5Jesus 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. 7Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8The 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?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, I ruly, 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. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."