

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

THE HOLY TRINITY

June 4, 2023

"Loving People to Christ"



Welcome to God's Holy House!

May this worship service be an uplifting and spiritual blessing for you and your family.

PRAYER AS WE GATHER: *Holy Trinity, you have revealed yourself as the one true God. We praise you for the wonders of creation, knowing it is to you that we belong. We thank you for coming to us in Christ to redeem us from all that holds us bound. We pray that you would be at work through your Word, so that we would acknowledge and honor you as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said *"Take and Eat, This is my Body, Take and Drink, This is my Blood given for you for the forgiveness of SINS"* (Matt. 26: 26-28).




We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, and believe that Jesus is truly present "in, and with and under" the bread and wine. All communicant members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are welcome to receive communion. Participation means that one is repentant of sin and believes the Sacrament increases faith, forgives sin, and is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are a visitor and wish to take communion, please see Pastor or an Elder before the service. Grape juice is offered for those who can not drink wine.

DIVINE SERVICE FOUR
with HOLY COMMUNION
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Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn “Glory Be to God the Father” LSB 506

Invocation  **LSB 203**

P In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

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.

Service of the Word



Introit for The Holy Trinity

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.**

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Kyrie  **LSB 204**

**C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis  **LSB 204**

Salutation **LSB 205**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.



Collect for The Holy Trinity

P 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.**

First Reading

Romans 11:33–36

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual for The Holy Trinity

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

¹⁴But 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.

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;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.*

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

*²⁸You 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,*

³⁵until 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.”*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Verse for The Holy Trinity

**C Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, ***“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching 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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



The Athanasian Creed: The Church's Confession of the Holy Trinity



Early in the fourth century, a new teaching appeared which claimed that Jesus was not true God. Arius, the north African priest who first proposed this theory, was extremely persuasive, and soon the controversy was so widespread that a church council was called to settle the matter. Out of that meeting in A.D. 325 came the Nicene Creed, which clearly confesses Jesus to be true God. That creed, which was expanded in A.D. 381 in order to defend the divinity of the Holy Spirit, is still widely used today as a confession of the triune faith.

The other two creeds are the Apostles and Nicene Creed more often used during the year. All 3 Creeds are symbols of the Christian Faith.

The Athanasian 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. The church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given himself for our salvation.

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic* faith. (*universal, Christian)

C: **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

P: 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.

P: 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.**

P: 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;**

P: The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C: **The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

P: 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.**

P: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

C: **And yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.

P: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,

C: So also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

P: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

Men: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

Women: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

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

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

Women: 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.

All: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

P: 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.

Men: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;

Women: And He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

All: Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

P: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Men: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

Women: One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

All: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

P: 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,

P: 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.

P: 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.


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Sermon Hymn “Holy God We Praise Thy Name” LSB 940

Sermon  “*Presence, Purpose, Promise*”

Offering We ask all members and visitors to please sign our “Friendship Folder” located at the center aisle end of each pew in the red vinyl folder.

Prayer  Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people.



Brief silence

P Lord, in Your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface 



LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and evermore praising
You and singing...

Sanctus 

LSB 208

Prayer of Thanksgiving for The Holy Trinity



P You once revealed Your name to Moses in the burning bush; and through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You unveiled the mystery of Your holy name in the Trinity of persons and the Unity of being.

Grant that we, who have been baptized and instructed in the triune name, may faithfully eat and drink of Your Son's body and blood and worship You in spirit and truth, O Father, through Your Son in the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209



The Words of Institution

LSB 209

Pax Domini

LSB 209

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei



LSB 210

Distribution Hymns



"Holy, Holy, Holy "

LSB 507

"O Blessed Holy Trinity"

LSB 876

The Dismissal

LSB 210

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

C Amen.

“Nunc Dimittis”



LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

P We give thanks to You, almighty God....one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Benediction

LSB 212

C Amen

Closing Hymn  “Praise to You and Adoration”

LSB 692

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Pastor:	Pastor John Richy
Elder:	Gary Knight
Communion Asst.	Paul Kolarczyk
Lector:	Sue Olson
Usher:	Duane Schultz & Mike Winters
Music Director:	Sue Olson
Organist:	Kyle Castillo

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Joe and Madine Kolarczyk's 60th Wedding Anniversary.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 7 and 8

6-9:00 pm Clippers Nation Elite Basketball using gym

June 11 Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:15 am Adult Bible Study

9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

**NOTE: The Saturday Men's Bible Class is taking a break now until it starts again in September.*

PRAYERS FOR OUR ST. JOHN'S FAMILY (*Homebound)

*Barb Bales * Andy Banas Jr.* Charlene Cox*
Irma Deichen* Al Erke Lynn Erke John Linn
Sandra Luepke* Shirley Odegaard* Linda Poppe*
Sandy Swanson Norma Vierk* Margaret Zoellick**

THOSE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Norma Vierk, June 4

Dave Planer, June 5

Taya Fowler, June 7

OBSERVING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Dave and Sue Planer, June 4

Paul and Carrie Steinweg, June 8

Douglas and Robbyn Rebeck, June 11

SHOP WITH SCRIPS: The Shop with Scrips (also known as Raise Right) card fundraiser is being offered

EVERY MONTH. Orders are to be placed the last Sunday of the month with delivery the following

Sunday. The enrollment code is A938D6FC4588 The website is

<https://www.raiseright.com/>

Questions?call Tina Funchion @

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LANSING FOOD PANTRY MONTH DRIVE: DON'T FORGET that our Lansing Food Pantry donation collections go on each month. Items may be placed on the table inside the inner school doors. Delivery takes place the last Monday of the month.

CHURCH BRICKS have come in with the most recent orders. Ray Nommensen is working on placing them on the ground. If you wish to make an order., order forms (“Legacy Project”) are available at either entrance. However, it may be a few months before we get at least 5 to help with shipping.

JUST IN: The June/July Summer 2023 newsletters, June-August Worship Assistants’ Schedule, and the July-September “**PORTALS OF PRAYER**” are available at either church entrance.

CHURCH STATISTICS FOR MAY 28

Attendance:

Church: 43

Communion: 42

Bible Study: 16

**Blessed Income/Donations
\$2395.00**

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