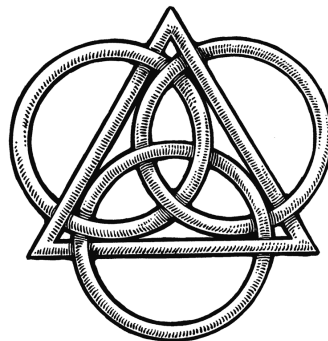


+ Holy Trinity Sunday +

June 15, Year of our Lord 2025 / DS3

+ Confession and Absolution +

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



Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- 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.

Confession of Sins

- 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.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- 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 +

Introit

Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text



P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

C I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*

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

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*

my flesh also | dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*

or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.

You make known to me the | path of life;*

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

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.

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis, p. 187-189 for music

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

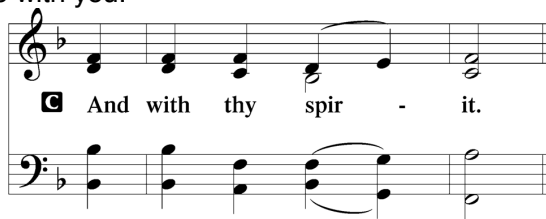
P (sung) Glory be to God on high:

C (sung) and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

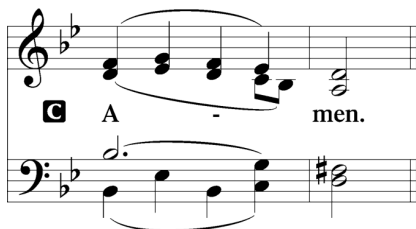
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P (sung) The Lord be 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.



Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: "To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. . . . "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face

of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.”

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

Gradual

Romans 10:8b, 10

C **The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,
the word of faith that we proclaim.
For with the heart one believes and is justified,
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

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.**

Verse of the Day

Isaiah 6:3b

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

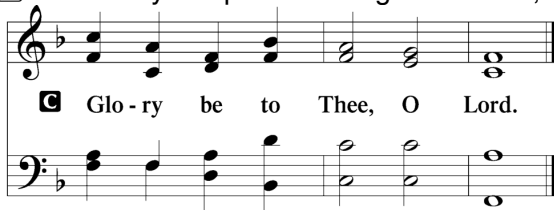
Triple Alleluia



Holy Gospel

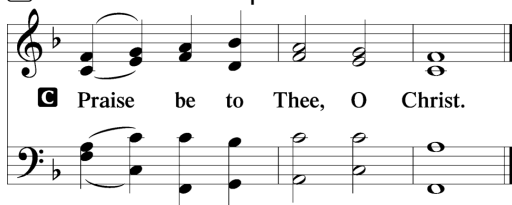
John 8:48–59

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



The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Athanasian Creed

The Athanasian Creed declares 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 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.



P 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.

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 another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

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:

the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

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.

In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit 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 created nor begotten by anyone.

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

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

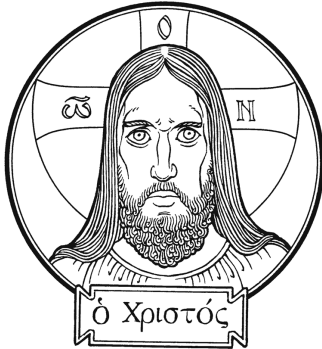
Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

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

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.

Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
(next...)

But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation 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 divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

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;

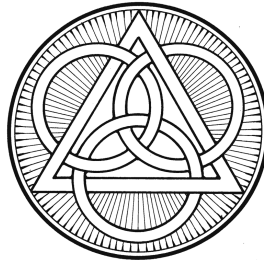
one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

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

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 eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.



Hymn of the Day

8:30 a.m. 507 Holy, Holy, Holy (see hymnal or lyrics below)

11:00 a.m. Choral and Congregation Anthem: 507 Holy, Holy, Holy

Choir begins the hymn with: Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy...

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 *Choir only:*** Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 *Choir only:*** Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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+ Sermon +

Before Abraham Was

Offertory, p. 192-193 for music

Psalms 51:10–12

- ☐ (sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Offering

Following the offering (when announced), 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).

+ Prayer +

World: For **protection** and **peace**. For **fire, flood, and hurricane** recovery. For **Camp Linn Haven** (North Carolina) reconstruction after flood. For God to cease the wars between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas** and the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**.

Concern for the Lost: For family and friends who do not know or have fallen away from the truth, grace, and love of the Savior, Christ Jesus.

Vocation: For **those newly elected** at our Mid-South District Convention which ended yesterday. For **churchworkers** including **DCEs** (our synod's emphasis and encouragement to appreciate for the month of June). For our singles, parents, grandparents, and families. For our families expecting a baby: **Alex & Shelby Hicks**, **Luke and Blair Johnson**, **Elijah & Faith Miessler** (boy in Sept.), **Sam & Kate Bohnet** (boy in Aug.), and **Samual and Sarah Kropp** (girl in Sept.). For **veterans and our military** (including **Carter Felt**, **Casey Lawson**, **Tyler Smith** and **William Smolter**). For **those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters**. For **teachers** in our community schools. For our circuit's seminary students: **Aaron Wade** (vicarage placement in Grabill, IN), **Sam Bohnet** (vicarage placement in Louisville, KY), **Daniel Bueckman**, and **Alex Ogden** (call placements). **Michael Saxton** was placed as a convertible vicar at Grace Lutheran, Knoxville. For **children and families** dealing with difficult situations due to drugs, alcohol, violence, abuse, stress, and strife.

Loss and Mourning: For loved ones who've passed away in recent months and years: **Dora Reckow** (Mavis Johnson's 100-year-old aunt), **Cindy Crotty** (Lisa Gift's friend), **Michael Blizzard** (son of Sandy Bagley), **Stella Tharpe** (wife of Phyllis Bembas's departed brother Jimmy [4/17]), **Pat Dettmer** (wife of Pastor Linsey Dettmer, 4/14), **Jeremy McGee** (friend of the Hebars), **Rev. Edward Balfour** (Becky Hamby's former pastor in Maine, 4/3), **Sharon Yoder** 2/10, **Rev. John Schulz** (Pastor Emeritus at First Lutheran, Knoxville, 3/12), **Louise Kropp** (Jerry Kropp's mother, 2/20), **Darrel Wehmeier** (Deb Wales's brother, 2/15), **Marty Smith** (Tyler and Megan Smith's father[-in-law]), 2/3, **Brian** (56 yr. old son of Fred & Faye Hansen), **Brad Barnett** (Phil & Carol's son). For many remembering loved ones who passed away.

Health: For **Sandy Bagley** recovering from procedure to clear 3 blockages and 2 stents. For **Larry Wacker** (recovering from elbow surgery). For **Mona** (Angela Gift's mom) in hospice care. For **Charlotte** (newborn great-granddaughter to Mary Schopmann) in the NICU (born a little early) and for her mother **Alexis**. For **Margaret** (Justin Gift's great grandma) transitional care. For **Shauna** (Laura Bisconte's friend) recovering from surgery and treatments. For **Pat Sweet** (friend of Ole & Mavis) fragile health condition. For **Kris Smith** recovering from an aortic valve replacement on 6/2. For **June McDonnell** recovering from falls and lung health. For **Tim Smith** heart and blood pressure health. For **Ted Frazier** headaches and blood pressure drops. For **Carol Ehrens** recovering from pneumonia (now home after hospitalization). For **Lee Schuck** who fell and broke her back (and **Gus** taking care of her). For **Bill Miller** recovery from knee surgery. For **Pam** (Jim Roberts's sister) hospitalized for heart and respiratory issues. For **Charlie Schopmann** (Mary's son, recovering from knee replacement). For **Derek Bryant** (friend of Mary Schopmann) upcoming kidney reception. For **Stephanie** (Larry & Cathy Wacker's daughter) for stage 4 cancer treatment and stem cell treatment for **Kevin** her husband. For **Linda McMichael** knee surgery recovery. For **Fred Hansen** recovery

of strength after receiving aortic valve replacement. For **Bob Goodrich** health. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** for lung and heart health. For **George Vitzthum** cataract surgery recovery and for **Carole**. For **Ken Kropp** recovering from heart surgery. For **Kim Smolter** health. For **Emma Lu Kerekes** health and hospice care (in Oak Ridge). For **Gary Kubin** hip surgery rehab (now home). For **Ed & Barbara McGillick** health, pain and dizziness management. For **Haley Jenkins** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's niece) esophageal issues. For Katie Felt's uncle, **Tim** in Florida, final months. For **Don Hammond** heart a-fib (Joan Large's son). For **Rachel Ernst** upcoming rescheduled surgery. For **Margarete** (neighbor to Jim & Maureen Roberts) dealing with advancing cancer. For **Bill Frazho** (Paul Ruble's brother-in-law) lung and overall health. For **Ron Williams** (back at Foothills) and for his wife Pamela. For **Barbara Moyers** recovery from back surgery (now home). For **Garrison** with ALS (student of Amy Mohr's daughter, Coleen Williams). For **Marie Guinn** (Jennifer Kropp's mother) cancer treatment and health. For **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) health. For **June Latham** (Phyllis Bembas' sister) stroke and vision recovery. For **Fred Goddard** (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) lung cancer treatment. For **Steve Greene** (friend of Jim Vesper) dealing with multiple cancers. For **Andrew** (son of a friend of Laura Bisconte) treatment for a mass in the base of his brain. For **Carol** (Alex Hick's aunt) recent diagnosis of frontal lobe dementia. For **Tom Williams** maintenance chemo treatments. For **Janeen Meier** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts's Aunt). **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health issues. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** health. **Aurora Stevens** back and shoulder pain treatments. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (health).

Birthdays: Rebecca J 6/15, George V 6/15, Lee S 6/16, Jeff J 6/17, Faith M 6/18, Barbara M 6/19, Levi N 6/20, Sally C 6/21, Laura B 6/22, Jonathan R 6/24, Joan L 6/25, Christopher S 6/26, Al Collver 6/28

Anniversaries: Levi & Suzanne N 23, Steve & Debra S 6/23, Justin & Nicole F 6/25, Al & Sally Collver 6/27, Keith & Cheryl D 6/27, Tom & Corlis W 6/28

*Reminder for those watching at home to pray **The Lord's Prayer**.*

Benediction for those worshipping via the livestream.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

Preface

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

P (sung) The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy, p. 195 for music

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,

**Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord *Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.*

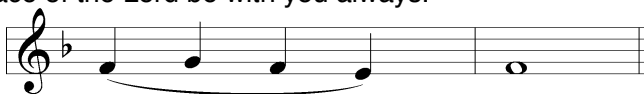
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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

P (sung) The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei, p. 198 for music

John 1:29

C (sung) **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 578 Thy Strong Word

Distribution Hymn: 876 O Blessed, Holy Trinity

Distribution Hymn: 832 Jesus Shall Reign

Nunc Dimittis, p. 199-200 for music

Luke 2:29–32

C (sung) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

A (sung) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

Musical notation for the Thanksgiving section. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics "and His mercy endureth for - ev - er." are written below the notes.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You... now and forever.

Musical notation for the Post-Communion Collect. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics "A - men." are written below the notes.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P (sung) The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the Salutation section. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics "And with thy spir - it." are written below the notes.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

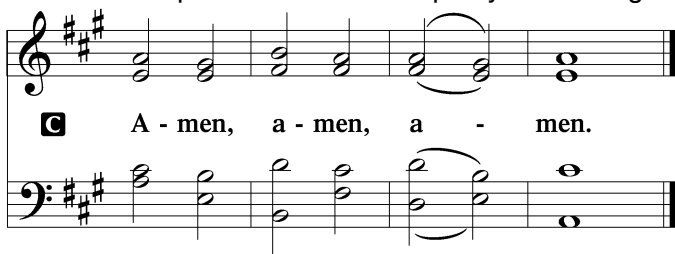
A (sung) Bless we the Lord.

Musical notation for the Benedicamus section. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics "Thanks be to God." are written below the notes.

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



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Prayer requests: if possible, please submit by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays

Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson, Gary Schauerma

Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

Church Calendar: praiselutheran.com/events

Moved? Changed your email address or phone? Please let the church office know.

Three Large Print Hymnals are available. Please check with an usher if you would like one.

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Visit praiselutheran.com/build to see our build completion video!

| Building Fund | 2024 Receipts | 2025 Receipts | Total Receipts |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Actual | \$211,037 | \$30,400 | \$1,208,395 |
| Pledged | \$179,106 | \$42,744 | \$1,065,270 |
| Remaining | \$31,931 [over] | -\$12,344 [under] | \$143,125 [over] |

Build Project total cost: \$2,973,613 (approximately 38% funded).

Gifts to the Build Fund are still encouraged (the extended Capital Campaign ends on December 31, 2025).

Our total monthly mortgage payments to Lutheran Church Extension Fund: \$11,413 [breakdown: \$10,309 (new building) + \$1,104 (older building)]

Youth and Families

Summer Sunday School Series for all children and students, age 2 through 12th grade! Join us for a fun-filled and faith-growing summer! We will drop off and pick up in the nursery.

Did you know? Our church has implemented a cohesive Christian education system! This summer our middle and high school students have been trained to take the lead on our summer lessons (under the guidance of early childhood education expert, Linda McMichael).

NEW: Starting June 22: 6-week parenting skills class taught by Travis Haynes, who is a commissioned Lutheran school teacher and has prepared a great course geared toward helping families in all life stages incorporate faith routines and rhythms into daily life as we live out faith daily! This class will start June 22 and go weekly through July 27 in the larger classroom off the kitchen.

We are hopeful parents of all ages will enjoy the summer opportunities for Christian education offered by Pastor Roberts or Travis Haynes.

Middle and High School Midweek Youth this Wednesday! Please make plans to join us for community building activities and devotions that are geared to life in Middle School (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.) and High School (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)! Please wear clothes that you can move in, your water bottle, and Bible!

Support Our NYG Students & Shine Up Your Car! Help our students get to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July—buy a **Tidal Wave Car Wash ticket** for just \$12 (or 2 for \$20) and get a \$30 top-tier wash!

- Grab yours after service—let's send them off in style and sparkle!
Thanks for supporting their faith journey!
- Swig Gift Cards—Perfect for these summer days!
Looking for a sweet gift or fun treat? Grab a \$10 Swig gift card—perfect for fans (or first-timers!) of the beloved dirty soda shop.

Great for Father's Day, Confirmands, and for you!

Our students will be in the narthex every Sunday—stop by and grab yours with a smile!

Please join us for trivia! Our final National Youth Gathering fundraiser will happen Saturday, June 21, at 6:00 p.m.! Come and play some trivia, invite your friends for an even more well-rounded experience! We will serve hotdog, popcorn, and other snacks for purchase. All proceeds will benefit our students going to this year's NYG in New Orleans.

Campfirmation at Camp Linn Haven will be July 7-11, 2025. Please watch for emails from Shelli concerning prep and packing details and remaining funds owed per camper. Theme for 2025: *The Sacraments: Signed, Sealed, and Delivered*. There are 15 youth and 8 adult leaders attending.

Get a Lutheran mug! Mugs are \$25 and order forms are available in the narthex and are custom-made by Suzanne Nunnink! See Suzanne with any questions. Supports Youth Campfirmation this summer.

YouTube was recently added to our service livestreams. Visit and subscribe to our page: youtube.com/@PraiseLutheran

Congratulations to our Confirmands Praise be to God for the 8 students who were confirmed in their baptismal faith! Please pray with us God continue to strengthen their faith in Christ.

This Week

Choir Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Men's Lunch Wednesday at TC's Grill at 11:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Middle and High School Youth Wed. Middle School (6-7 p.m.); High School (7-8 p.m.)

Ladies Bible Study Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Barbara Morsch

Elders Meeting Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

This Saturday

Baby Shower Sat, June 21 at 2:00 p.m. for Kate (nee Roberts) and Sam Bohnet's baby boy. Gift registry is on Amazon under the name *Kate Bohnet*.

Trivia Fundraiser NYG Sat, June 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall (fun and snacks!)

Upcoming

June 22 New Sunday morning Bible Study series on *Christian Issues* (schedule of topics to come) with Pr. Roberts in the Social Hall. *Plus see Youth & Families classes.*

June 22 Church Council Meeting begins at 12:30 p.m.

June 24 Cards Creation 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

July 6-12 Campfirmation at Camp Linn Haven in NC

July 18-23 LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA

Open: Admin Position Our Office Admin at Praise, Tina Pierce, is taking a position as middle school Math and Science teacher at First Lutheran Church and School. Congratulations, Tina! We are now seeking (internally from the congregation) names for possible candidates for our open office admin position. Please contact Pastor Roberts or President Tom Wittkopp, or Vice President Tim Nunnink, or Elder Mark Ratliff.