

The Holy Trinity May 26, A+D 2024



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> DIVINE SERVICE Setting 4 – Page 203 Lutheran Service Book

# The Glory of the LORD of Hosts Shines in Mercy, Forgiveness and Salvation

When Isaiah "saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up," he cried out and confessed that he was "a man of unclean lips." If even the holy angels cover their faces in the presence of "the King, the LORD of hosts," how can sinful humans stand before Him (Is. 6:1–5)? Yet, the glory of the Lord is saving grace, and with "a burning coal" from the altar the angel touched Isaiah's lips, removing his guilt (Is. 6:6–7). Likewise, from the altar of Christ's cross, by the ministry of the Gospel, "the whole earth is full of his glory" (Is. 6:3). For He was crucified, died and was buried, "according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God," and God "raised him up, loosing the pangs of death" (Acts 2:23–24). He "received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:33), and He raises up the fallen world by pouring out His life–giving Spirit upon sinners through His earthly Means of Grace. To give this saving gift, God sent His Son into the world, "that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16–17).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

#### The Star Spangled Banner

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#### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

**C** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the Cross

**C** I pledge allegiance to the Cross of my Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, One Savior eternal, with mercy and grace for all. So help me God.

# **Confession and Absolution**

### 578 Thy Strong Word

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

#### Invocation

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

C Amen.

#### Exhortation

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- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** 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.

### **Confession of Sins**

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.

Stand

# Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

- P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
- **C** Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.
- **P** I have set the LORD always before me;
- **G** because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
- **G** my flesh also dwells secure.
- P For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
- **G** or let your holy one see corruption.
- P You make known to me the path of life;
- **I** in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- **G** 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.
- **P** Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
- **C** Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

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#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** 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

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adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

A The Old Testament Reading for The Holy Trinity is from the sixth chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

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

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

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

<sup>8</sup>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.

### Second Reading

- Acts 2:14a, 22–36
- A The Second Reading is from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

Isaiah 6:1–8

 $^{14}\mbox{Peter},$  standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

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

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

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

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

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

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

<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.'

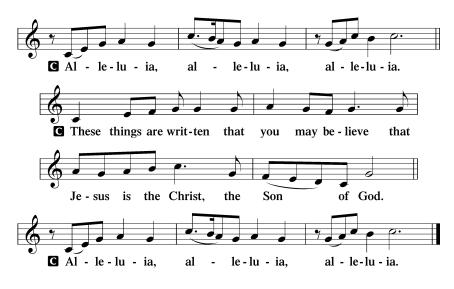
<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



#### 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.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>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?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>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."

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not

understand these things? <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>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.

Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Athanasian Creed

- L Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- **O** Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- L And the catholic faith is this,
- **C** that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- **I** 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.
- L 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;
- L the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- **C** the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- L And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- **I** just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- L In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- **G** and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.

- L So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- **G** and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- L So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- **G** and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- L Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- **C** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- **I** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- **C** The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- L Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- L but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- **C** Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- L But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- L He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- L equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- **G** Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- L one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

- L For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- L ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- L And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

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#### 506 Glory Be to God the Father

## Sermon Text: John 3:1–17

#### Sermon Title: What an awesome God we have.

#### **Gathering of Tithes & Offerings**

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

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#### 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

#### **Prayer of the Church**

- P ... Lord, in Your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

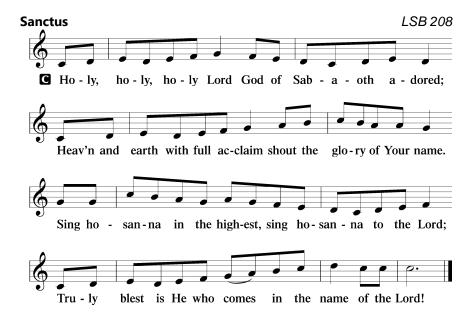
## Service of the Sacrament

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#### Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

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.

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

#### Lord's Prayer

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.

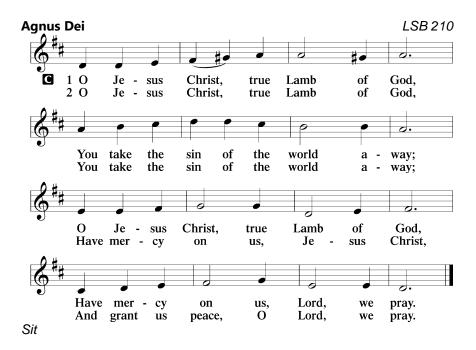
#### The Words of Our Lord

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

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



#### **Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood**

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

**Silent Prayer Just Before Communing:** Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Silent Prayer Just After Communing:** Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

#### 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

### 644 The Church's One Foundation

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#### The Dismissal

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C Amen.



#### **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.



#### Benedicamus

Amen.

A Let us bless the Lord.

**C** 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.

#### 507 Holy, Holy, Holy

#### 717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Silent Prayer

#### Announcements

#### Acknowledgments

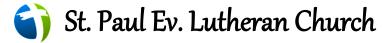
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## May 26, 2024

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

## ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Lisa Sheridan Bailey Sheridan Connor Sheridan David Sinise, Family Zachary Chance Sinise

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Jacob Middleton, 5/28 Brianne Giba, 5/29 Brianna Middleton, 5/31 Taylor VanDommelen, 6/1

### **BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES**

Janet Sanders, 5/29 Nathanial Conway, 5/30

## **CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES**

Jennifer Olson, 5/26 Jacob Middleton, 5/27 Alec Schassburger, 5/31 Melanie Hudson, 5/27 Travis Middleton, 5/30

## SPECIAL CONCERNS

**Pray for** Diane Akers, Norma Allen, Janice Abel, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirly Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer, Ray Zander.

**Serving in the Military** – Austin Brandy, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

**Serving as First Responders** – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.



## NEWS UPDATE

Flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of PFC Erwin H. Diekelman, DOW in WWII, from his family.

The bulletin for today and the eternal light for this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of the retirement of Rob Wiseley from the U.S. Marine Corp. on May 31, 2024 by his mother in-law, Tracy Middleton. We thank Rob for almost 21 years of dedicated and faithful service. May God bless him.



St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday June 12 at 10:00 am, to review *No Two Persons* by Erica Bauermeister. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

**Christ For You this week on KFUO.org:** Study Ezra 6-10 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Proverbs 22-24 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study the Lord's Supper in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (6/1 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

**Essential Exercise For The Christian Mind...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: American Revivalism, Christian Hope, The U.S. Constitution & Civic Virtue, Media Bias and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or a podcast provider.

**We'd love to see** you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at www.facebook.com/splcms/videos. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at www.splcms.org/worship.

"May God send an army of angels to protect the babies in the womb from the laws being enacted in some states that are taking away protections for God's smallest, most vulnerable humans. May hearts be changed with the truths found in Scripture. And may the influence the devil has on our society, with his culture of death, be deposed." Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

## **Born Again!**

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3 (NIV)

Based on John 3:1-17 (NIV)



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## **GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION**

### **ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS**

May 19th Attendance 14, 14 Communed

Short	\$-566.00		
Offering Needed	1,362.00		
<b>Budgeted Total</b>	796.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$85.00
Eternal Light	10.00		
Bulletin	10.00	Social Ministry	45.00
Envelopes	545.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
Basket	\$231.00	Weekly Missions	\$30.00



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

9:30 am	Worship Service
10:30 am	Coffee &

Today

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee &...

### SERVANT SCHEDULE

Pastor Usher Lay Reader Sun, May 26, 9:30 AM Pastor Fluechtling Louis Sella Tracy Middleton

Sun, Jun 2, 9:30 AM Pastor Udoekong Bill Sommer

DONATIONS



