

The Holy Trinity
May 26, 2024, 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church

Memorial Day Tribute

The Star Spangled Banner

The Men's Choir

Announcements

Prelude

Voluntary on Thaxted

Albert L. Travis

Ringling of the Church Bell

Confession and Forgiveness

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L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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Greeting and Kyrie

"In peace, let us pray..."

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. **C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Prayer of the Day: L: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Psalm 29

L: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

L: ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**C: ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

L: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**C: ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

L: ⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**C: ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L: ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

**C: ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

L: ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Anthem

The Battle Hymn of the Republic
The Men’s Choir

Children’s Message

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?”

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just 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, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Sermon

Confession of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Prayer

L: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

Prayers of the Church: L: Merciful God,... **C: ...receive our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

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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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

L: The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Go in peace. Share the Good News! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn

God Bless Our Native Land

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Postlude

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sun, May 26	8:30am & 10am
Mon, May 27	all day
Sat, June 1	9am-3:45pm
Sun, June 2	8:30am & 10am

May 26, 2024 to June 2, 2024

Worship services
 Offices closed
 Ministry Fair-Waverly
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Scripture Reader	8:30am	Bailey Benson
	10am	Linda Groe
Greeters	8:30am	Virgil & Deb Thorstenson
	10am	Ann Rademaker
Ushers	8:30am	Gerald & Diane Piittmann
	10am	Dave & Wendy Sanderson, Nona Sawyer, Jon Payne
Secretary		Steve & Sheryl Evanson
Custodians		Rhonda Barr
Organist/Director of Music		John & Sharon Roe
Pastor		James H. Bieber
		Bryan Robertson

Radio Broadcast Ministry –Today’s radio broadcast is given by Darrell & Jolayne Winkie, listeners from Decorah. Thank you for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

Camperships : *We are handing out 2 more campership checks today.* All campers will receive \$25 from WELCA, \$100 from the Trust Fund and \$100 from the Orrin Grangaard Campership Fund. Those attending are: Henry Clarke and Leila Johnsen.

Vacation Bible School at Village Creek Bible Camp on Wednesday, June 5. Meet at church parking lot at 7:45am. Cost is \$20 per child. Camp finishes at 4:30pm. Arrive back at church parking lot around 4:50pm. We are in need of adult (over age 16) chaperones & drivers, if you are available to help, please let Board of Ed know. Forms available at church office.

Memorial Day Lunch at Washington Prairie Lutheran Church on Monday, May 27. Serving from 11am-1pm. Menu includes: maid-rites, assorted salads, bars, chips and a beverage. Free will donation. Proceeds will go to the cemetery fund. All are welcome.

C3 Ministry Fair, June 1, Wartburg College, Waverly, IA. This new event is an opportunity for lay people, pastors and deacons from across the synod to gather in fellowship, learn together, share ideas, and get inspired with skills to strengthen their congregational ministries. This year's Ministry Fair replaces the Synod Assembly, which will take place every other year and will meet again in 2025. The cost to attend is \$50 per person, which includes access to workshops, a box lunch and a welcome packet. Online registration is due by Friday, May 24.