#### THE HOLY TRINITY

JUNE 4, 2023
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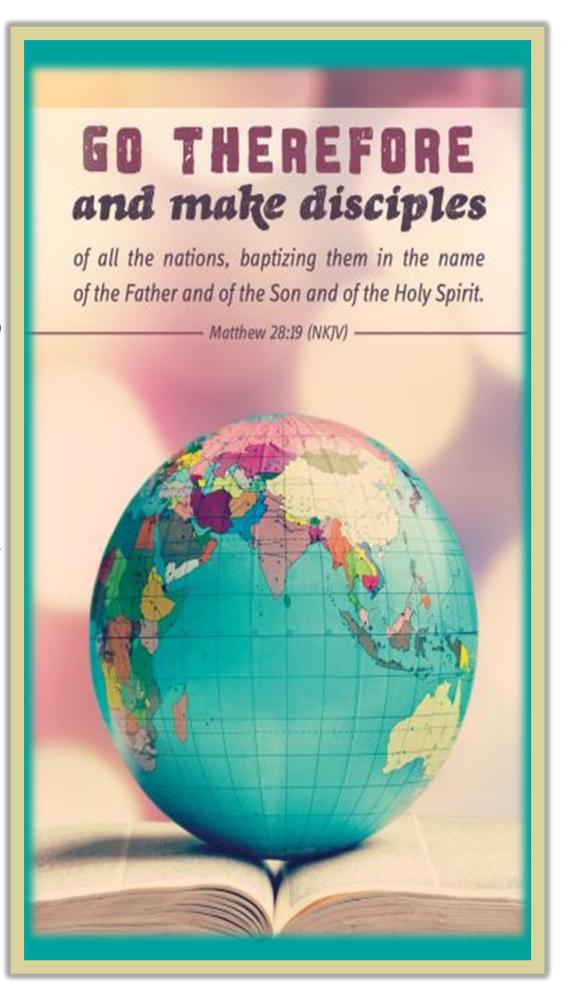
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# **WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

- A Prayer Upon Entering Church Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and filling creation with Your Spirit, reveal Your glory through our Lord Jesus Christ, cleanse me from doubt and fear, and send me boldly into all the world to worship You, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.
- AS WE GATHER Preachers, poets, and others have shared many images to help the faithful understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity. One of the most lasting images has been that of the shamrock—a simple and sturdy plant with three leaves joined together on one stem. Saint Patrick, the famed Christian missionary to Ireland in the fifth century, used the shamrock to illustrate the concept of "Three in One" that is central to understanding the Trinity. The shamrock plant is closely associated both with the saint

and with the Emerald Isle. Each shamrock is at its loveliest when it is in bloom—just as those who confess the Holy Trinity are at their most beautiful and most gracious when they show forth the presence of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in their lives.

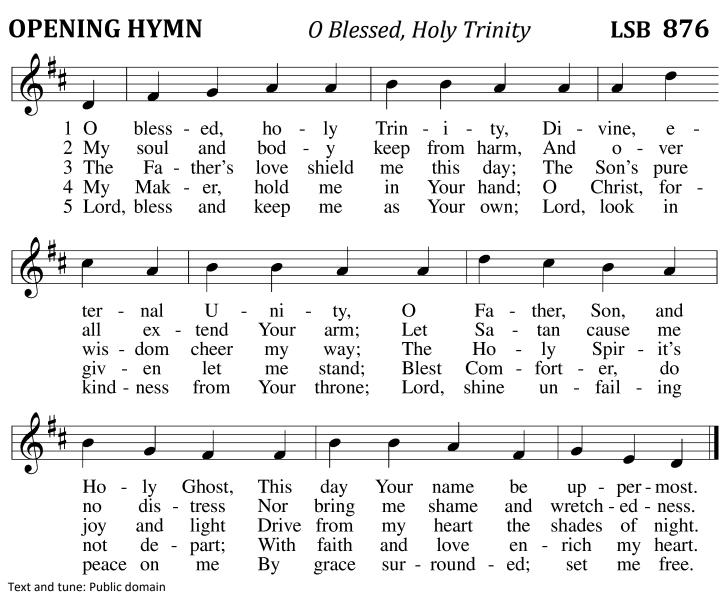
# **DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR**

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WELCOME

**PRELUDE** 

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)



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#### **INVOCATION**

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

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#### C Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.
- 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* (LSB 604:1)

- P I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.
- C I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.
- P Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope.
- C For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
- P You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of

joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

All I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

## **KYRIE**



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

# **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

#### **SALUTATION**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Please sit

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 1:1–2:4a

(The account of creation)

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. 6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day. 9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the

herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. 16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. 17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day. 20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day. 24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him: male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. 1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

4 This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created,

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

### **PSALM** Psalm 8

- P O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, who have set Your glory above the heavens!
- C Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger.
- P When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained,
- C What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?
- P For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor.
- C You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,
- P All sheep and oxen—even the beasts of the field,
- C The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas.

P O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!

**EPISTLE** *Acts 2:14a, 22–39* 

(The sermon of Peter at Pentecost)

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, 22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and fore-knowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 For David says concerning Him:

'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. 27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

29 "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. 33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, 35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE

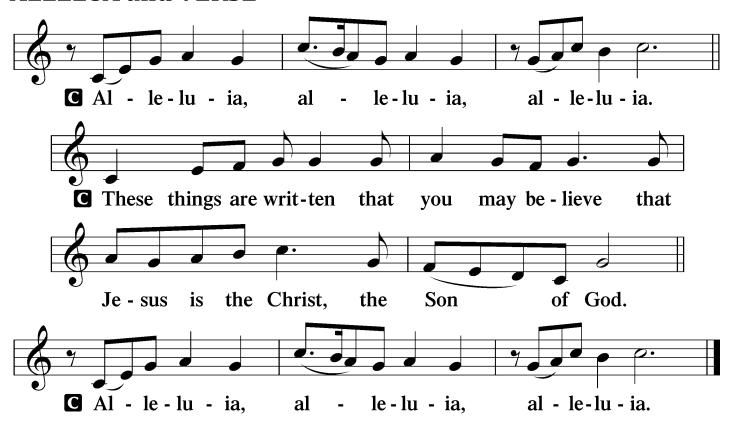
made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

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

#### **ALLELUA and VERSE**



Please stand

#### **HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 28:16–20

(Jesus gives His Great Command to the disciples)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

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

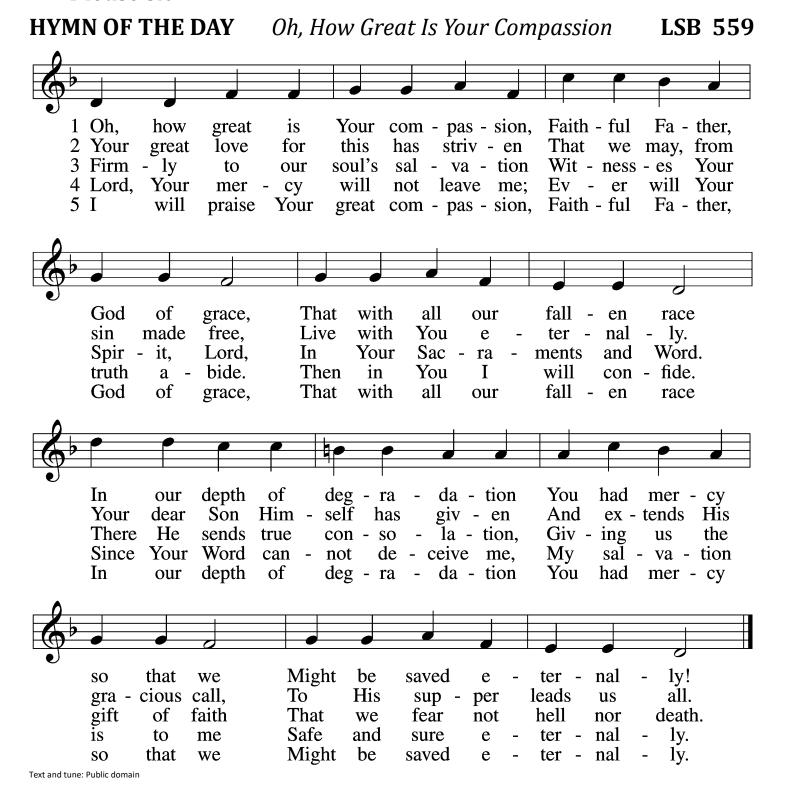
## **NICENE CREED**

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

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, whose kingdom will have no end.

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 of the world to come. Amen.



# **SERMON** "Let the message of Pentecost be known and heeded!" (Acts 2:14)

# **OFFERING**

# **OFFERTORY**

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

LSB 660 vs, 1,4



SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" (John 20:21) (Sharing through ASL (American Sign Language))

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

As the community of Cod's forgiven people, we pray for the

As the community of God's forgiven people, we pray for the Church and for ourselves, asking that You help us fully engage in service to God and in ministry to one another. Triune God, in mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P We pray for the world in which we are living, asking that there be times of peace and security in our days, bringing us the blessings of contentment and joy. Triune God, in mercy,

#### $\mathbf{C}$ hear our prayer.

We pray for those who use their gifts of teaching for beneficial P instruction. We pray for learners, especially our young people graduating from educational institutions. Triune God, in mercy,

#### $\mathbf{C}$ hear our prayer.

P We make our petitions for the sick and all who this day need our prayers, [especially . . . ], that they be supported by God's people as they await God's direction for their lives according to His gracious will. Triune God, in mercy,

#### $\mathbf{C}$ hear our prayer.

With thankfulness for the gift of civic liberty, we ask God's blessing P on our nation, its leaders, and all who bring security and a sense of community to our lives. Grant that we cherish the freedoms and sense of peace we enjoy and do all in our power to maintain the public good in our communities. Triune God, in mercy,

#### $\mathbf{C}$ hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, P trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

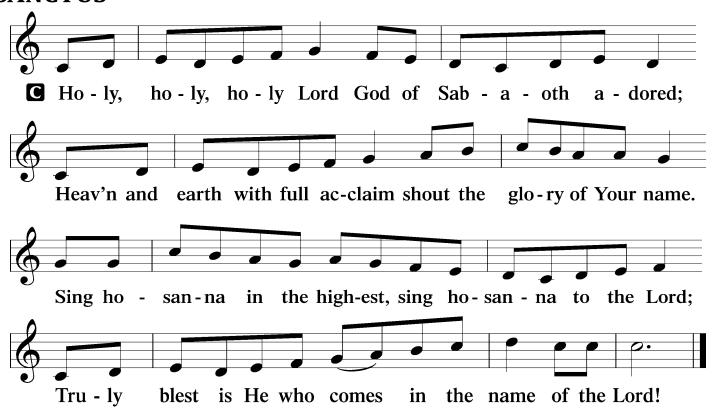
#### C Amen.

# +SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

# **PREFACE**

- The Lord be with you. P
- $\mathbf{C}$ And with your spirit.
- Lift up your hearts. P
- We lift them to the Lord.  $\mathbf{C}$
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. P
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.  $\mathbf{C}$
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and P in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. We thank You that You have called us as Your own and bound us in the waters of Baptism to the Holy Trinity, and that You nourish us for our earthly journey through the Holy Supper. With all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glory by joining the eternal anthem of praise: 14

## **SANCTUS**



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for all of creation and for every good gift with which You bless us. Accept our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be grateful for Your abiding presence in us. As we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, grant that we be sanctified in body and soul and spirit and finally be granted our place with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# **LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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.

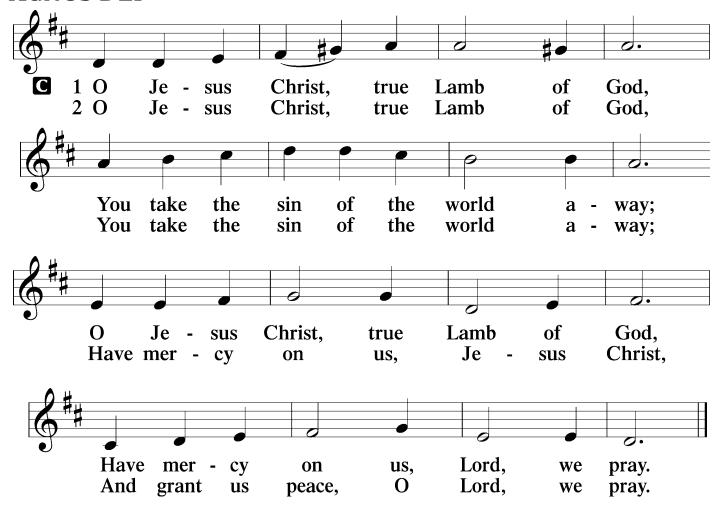
#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- 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."
- P 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.

# **AGNUS DEI**



## Please sit

# SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

# **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619



Lord, may Thy bod-y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

- **ref** Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!
- 4 Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer; For He who is of death the master With aid and comfort e'er is near. Refrain
- My heart has now become Thy dwelling,
   O blessèd, holy Trinity.
   With angels I, Thy praises telling,
   Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

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#### Please stand

#### **NUNC DIMITTIS**





#### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank You for giving us a foretaste of the feast to come at the Table of the Lord. Strengthen us through the blessed gift we have received and grant that we faithfully respond to the workings of the Spirit in us. Grant that we graciously carry out the Great Commission given us by our Lord, Jesus Christ, as we await that time when we come at last to that heavenly banquet in Your kingdom where joy knows no ending. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### **BENEDICAMUS**

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24–26)

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine P on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
- C Amen.

# **SENDING HYMN**

# O God of God, O Light of Light

LSB 810



- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and 2 For deep in proph-ets' sa cred page, And grand in po ets'
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
- 4 Then raise to Christ a might y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo-ry bright The song of wing-ed word, Slow-ly in type, from age to age The na-tions hate and scorn—These all are past, and now a-bove He reigns, our mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne, saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates! earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



but raised a - gain, The Lamb once slain Be all the song, "Good-will to men!" Rang out the Sung once by be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your sang that host song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -For - ev - er let the



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men. now, "Good - will!" light, ech - oes sons of It A - men. We lift a - waits. them A - men, King up. a - men. throned to All A - men, reign, glo - ry, pow'r! a - men.

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# **DISMISSAL**

- P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

# **POSTLUDE**

Sermon Notes				

# Memory Verse Challenge

This week's memory verse: 1 Corinthians 6:20

You were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

#### From Pastor's Desk

**Portals of Prayer** for July to September 2023 are available in the Narthex or office.

Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Weber will be leading the class.

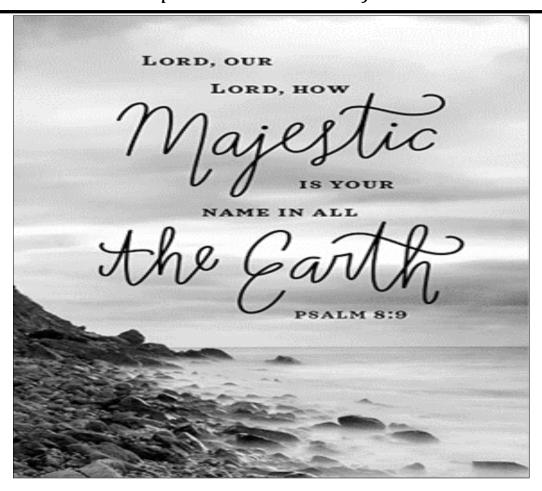
# Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall

> Father's Day June 18th, 2023

# Summer Camp (free)

June 26 thru 30, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Kinder thru 6th grade Children will experience the world of science and art!



# The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in the Image and Likeness of Christ Jesus

The holy Triune God "created the heavens and the earth," and "behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God's good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be "delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God" to be "crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men" (Acts 2:23). As Jesus "received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His apostles to "make disciples of all nations" by "baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and "teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded" (Matt. 28:19–20). Through such baptizing and teaching — Gospel and Sacraments — the holy Triune God recreates us in the image and likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus, the Christ, and behold, it is "very good" (Gen. 1:31).

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# Second Sunday of Pentecost Readings:

Hosea 5:15-5:6 Psalm 119:65-72 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13

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	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule			
	June Sunday Servants:			
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus			
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez			
Music:	Doris Pickering			
This Week	The Holy Trinity			
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus			
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am		
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am		
Next Week	Second Sunday after Pentecost			
Usher:	Ken Eilers			
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am		
24	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am		