

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Welcomes You!*



*Our*  
**TRIUNE  
GOD**

**Thursday, May 23, 2023**

**@ 7PM**

**Sunday, May 26, 2023**

**@ 8AM & 10:45AM**

**4333 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville, MI 49127**

**Sunday Services @ 8AM & 10:45AM**

**Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM**

**Thursday Evening Service at 7PM**

**Christian Day School: PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

# The Holy Trinity

## First Sunday after Pentecost

### As We Gather

Lutheranism is not a new faith, but the continuation of the historic, Christian faith of all times and places. In this sense Lutheranism is *catholic*, a word that comes from two Greek words, meaning “according to the whole.” With Christians of all times, and all places, we confess what God’s Word teaches—nothing more, and nothing less. For this reason we confess the ancient creeds of the Church: the Apostles’, Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds.


### The Athanasian Creed

Early in the fourth century, a North African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God but rather the first of creation. The Church responded decisively in A.D. 325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confesses what the Bible says that Jesus is, in fact, truly God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that describes further the mystery of the Trinity. This creed is named for Athanasius, who stood up for Christ against the attack of Arius upon Jesus' divinity.

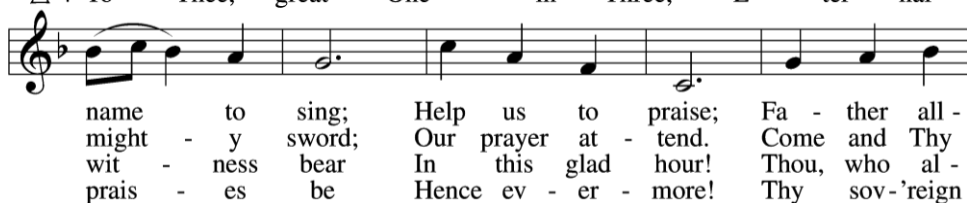
The Athanasian Creed proclaims the teachings of the Bible and the universal Christian or *catholic* faith concerning God as He has revealed Himself to us as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the One we know as the Holy Trinity. The true church of all times and all places has confessed this faith. More than 15 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.

-The Athanasian Creed is found on pages 319 & 320 of the hymnal.

### “Come, Thou Almighty King” ..... Hymn 905



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend; Come and Thy  
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,  
 Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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# Confession and Absolution

Stand

## Invocation

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

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

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28.19b; [18:20]*

**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.

*1 John 1:8-9*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

**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.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit



- P** Blessed 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.**
- P** Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;\*  
my flesh also | dwells secure.
- C** **For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,\***  
**or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.**
- P** 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.
- C** **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**
- P** Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*  
Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.


*Ps. 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

## Kyrie


- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** 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.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise  
let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## "This is the Feast"


*Refrain*




**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.



Women 1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
Men 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
Women 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
Men 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al-le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Collect 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

## Reading from the Book of Concord

*An explanation of what we believe as Lutherans.*

*The Augsburg Confession, Article I, God, 1-4.*

Our churches teach with common consent the decree of the Council of Nicaea about the unity of the divine essence and the three persons is true. It is to be believed without any doubt. God is one divine essence who is eternal, without a body, without parts, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. He is the maker and preserver of all things, visible and invisible. Yet there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three persons are of the same essence and power. Our churches use the term *person* as the Fathers have used it. We use it to signify, not a part or quality in another, but that which subsists of itself.

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Old Testament

Isaiah 6:1–8

<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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

**P** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

**C** and his greatness is unsearchable.

**P** On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

**C** and I will declare your greatness.

*Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b*

## Epistle Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

<sup>14</sup>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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter

**C** **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.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Athanasian Creed

## Part 1

**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.**

**P** And the catholic faith is this,

**C** **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

**P** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

**C** **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

**P** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

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

**P** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

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

**P** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,



**C** just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

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

**C** and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

**P** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**C** and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

**P** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**C** and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

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

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

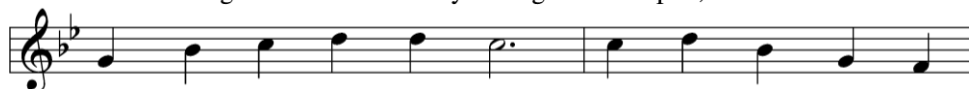
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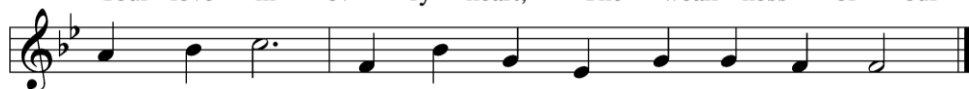
# "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" ..... Hymn 498



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make  
2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,  
3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's  
4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and  
the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the  
al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of  
Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.  
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.  
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

5 Drive far away our wily foe,  
And Your abiding peace bestow;  
With You as our protecting guide,  
No evil can with us abide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And You, from both, as Three in One  
That we Your name may ever bless  
And in our lives the truth confess.

△ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.  
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## Sermon

### “The Meaning of Pentecost”

#### Acts 2:14a, 22-36

*Stand*

## Athanasian Creed

## Part 2

- P** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- C** **The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.**
- P** The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- C** **Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**
- P** And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- C** **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.**
- P** Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- C** **But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- P** 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.
- C** **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:**
- P** perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- C** **equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.**
- P** Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- C** **one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;**
- P** one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- C** **For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,**
- P** who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- C** **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.**

- P** At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- C** **And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.**
- P** This is the \*catholic faith;
- C** **whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

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## Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

*There will be no passing of the offering plates.*

*Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.*

Offertory

**"O Blessed, Holy Trinity"** (stanzas 1 & 5)..... Hymn 876

1 O bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Di - vine, e -  
5 Lord, bless and keep me as Your own; Lord, look in  
ter - nal U - ni - ty, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
kind - ness from Your throne; Lord, shine un - fail - ing  
Ho - ly Ghost, This day Your name be up - per - most.  
peace on me By grace sur - round - ed; set me free.

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## Service of the Sacrament

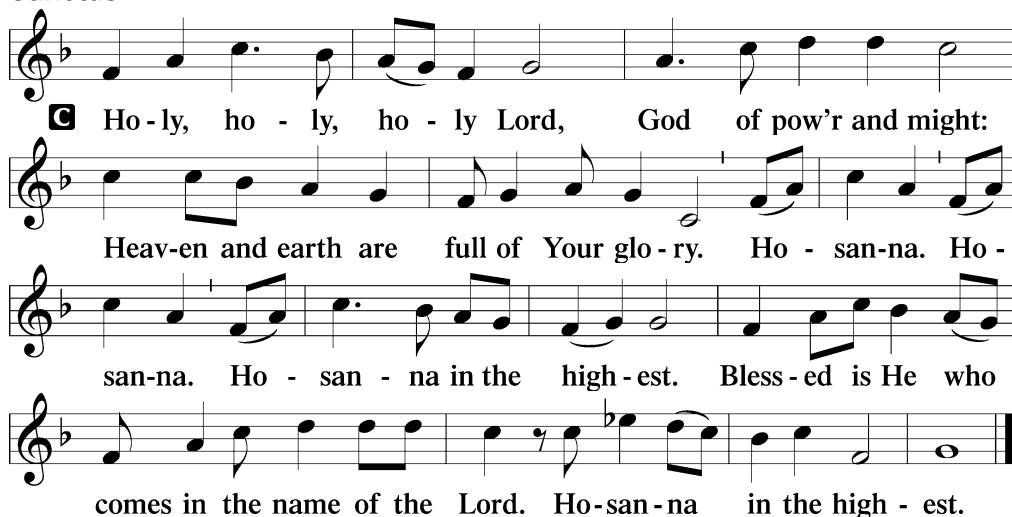
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Stand

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty co-equal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Lord's Prayer

**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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

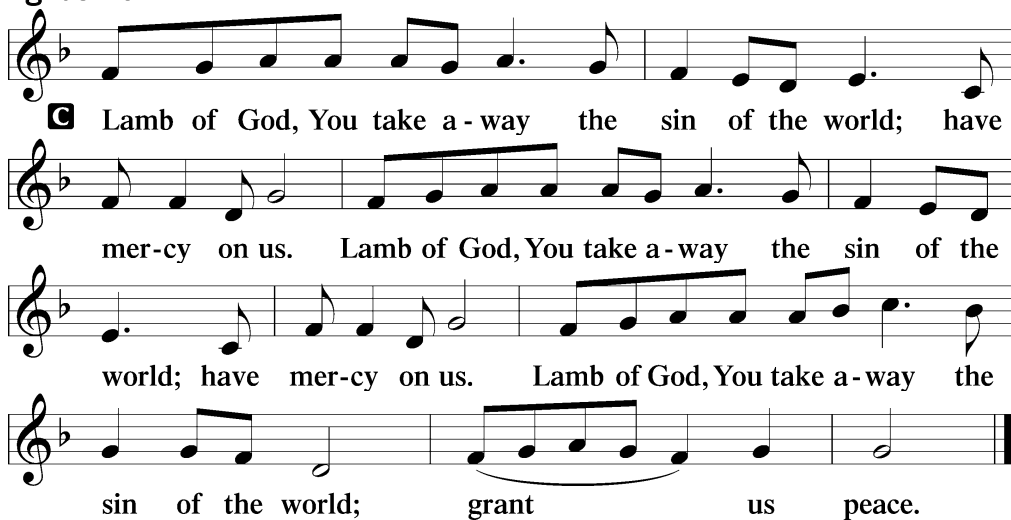
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

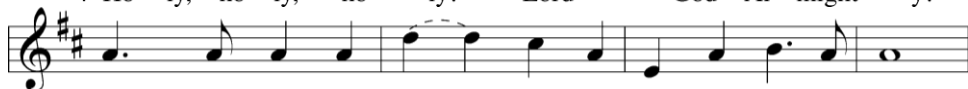
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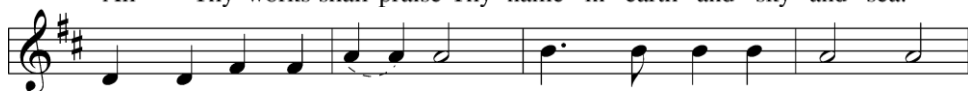
# "Holy, Holy, Holy" ..... Hymn 507



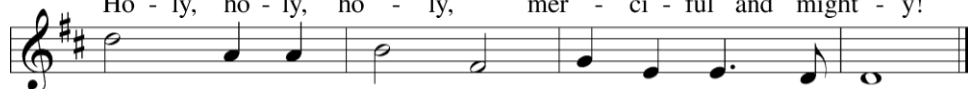
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

# "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" ..... Hymn 643

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,  
 The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.  
 The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,  
 The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
 Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.  
 The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
 Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
 U-nite us as one in this life that we share.  
 His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
 Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing  
 To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
 Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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+ Silent Prayer +



**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:**

THE PREACHER & THE LITURGIST ..... Rev. Thomas Batsky  
THE ORGANIST ..... Mark Steffens  
THE ORGANIST (Thursday) ..... Mary Spaulding  
ELDER(S) ON DUTY (Thursday) ..... Rich Wandel  
ELDER(S) ON DUTY (8AM | 10:45AM) ..... Mike Jackemeyer, Bob Appelget | Phil Cole  
ALTAR GUILD ..... Christine Quardokus, Pattie Allred  
USHERS (8AM) ..... Bob Appelget, Andrew Copi, Paul Jackemeyer  
USHERS (10:45AM) ..... Dale Zombory, Phil Cole

**John 3:6 – “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”** In Holy Baptism we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense: the total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God’s math works differently (as we might expect from the Trinity!). A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is celebrated 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 (*Matthew 26:26-28*) 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 until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their own detriment (*1 Corinthians 11:28-30*) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, (*1 Corinthians 10:16-18*) any whom are not members, not yet instructed, or whom hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

**THE FRONT PEW ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY** is reserved during communion services for those whom have physical difficulty approaching the altar for communion. Communion services are held the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Please be seated in this pew if you want the pastor to bring you communion.

**Welcome to worship on Holy Trinity Sunday — in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.** If you are visiting, please sign our guest book located on the *welcome* center desk.

**FLOWER CHART** — If you want to sponsor altar flowers, be sure to add your name to the **2023 or 2024 chart in the commons.** Consider honoring a family member or special occasion by sponsoring Sunday altar flowers. The cost is **\$35.00.** After church services, the bouquet is delivered to a shut-in members or an individual on our prayer list. Thank you!

## *Altar Flowers*

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the glory of God,

***In loving memory of Al Beezley & Doug Beezley.***

*Given by Doris Beezley.*

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** — Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month. Consider sponsoring a broadcast for \$150.00 to share with a family member or friend. Be sure to sign-up in order to secure a specific date! Our *Local Lutheran Worship Service Broadcasts* are on **WSJM 106.1 FM** on **Sunday mornings** from **9AM – 10AM.** The services can also be heard by visiting [www.wsjmsports.com](http://www.wsjmsports.com) and clicking on *listen live*.

## **THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.**

*We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:*



Rev. Ted and Rebecca Krey have served in the Dominican Republic since 2009. Ted serves as the regional director for the Latin America and the Caribbean region of the LCMS, which encompasses 22 countries in South and Central America and the Caribbean. He is privileged to oversee 45 missionaries planting churches in 10 countries. Hand-in-hand with church planting, he works to establish the formation of pastors and deaconesses in Latin America. Ted

also works with partner churches to strengthen them in their church planting efforts and in various other ministry areas. The LCMS Office of International Mission has worked in the Dominican Republic since 2005. As a result of what the Lord has been doing through His Gospel work, six missions have been established. Two Lutheran schools have been started, along with Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes which seeks to serve people with intellectual and physical disabilities throughout the country. A regional seminary established in 2018 serves over 120 men and women throughout Latin America in the formation of pastors and deaconesses. Ted and Rebecca enjoy spending time with their five beautiful children — Esther, Matthias, Natalia, Evangeline and Azariah.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR QUARDOKUS** - Pastor Quardokus leads a Bible study titled, “God’s Answers to my Personal Christianity.” on **Thursday mornings at 10AM.** The class engages in conversations concerning important questions posed by Christians focusing on God’s answers as found in the Bible.

**SONS OF SOLOMON / DAUGHTERS OF WISDOM** – The Sons of Solomon is an ecumenical prayer habitus of catholic Christian men worldwide who daily 1. Pray the Psalms in Jesus' name 2. Ponder the Proverbs 3. Carry a bible and crucifix. The quiet heart of a chaste and trustworthy woman is worth more than rubies. Submit your fear of man to the holy trust you have in Your Almighty God. He is gracious and merciful, full of compassion, and abounding in the loyalty of love. This is encouragement for building Godly men and Godly women, started by an LCMS pastor, Rev Fisk. Help yourself to a booklet in the narthex, and check out the website: [sonsofsolomon.net](http://sonsofsolomon.net)

**NURSERY STAFFED.** Angie Webb, our kindergarten teacher, has become aware that there are a few families who could benefit from someone staffing the nursery. So starting after Easter, she and her daughter Grace, will staff the nursery during the late service. All ages welcome! No reservations needed!

**RUMMAGE SALE** – The rummage sale is only two months away (**June 20<sup>th</sup> thru June 22<sup>nd</sup>**). Start stacking your pile(s) of items you want to get out of your home and into our 2024 Rummage Sale! There is now a *jewelry donation* box under the church mailboxes. Our biggest “ask” at this moment is for individuals with trucks and willing (and able) to assist in picking-up larger donations (furniture, etc.) from members. If you’re interested, please contact Thelma Szoke (269-369-2821) or Alex Mast (269-944-8480). Thank you!

**ARE YOU GRADUATING THIS YEAR?** – Please contact the church office by **May 27<sup>th</sup>** with the following information: **High School Graduates** – *tell us where you’re going!* **College Graduates** – *where are you graduating from and what is your degree?!* We invite you to attend and take part in our graduation service happening **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Feel free to call the church office (269-429-7222) or send an email to [clcoffice@christstevensville.com](mailto:clcoffice@christstevensville.com). Thank you!

**CANS-4-CHRIST** – Just a little reminder that the Cans-4-Christ receptacles will not be available after Memorial Day through Labor Day. Thank you all for your donations this school year!

Saturday

Friday

Thursday

Wednesday

Tuesday

Monday

Sunday

WEEKLY

Sneak Peek

Sunday, May 26	8AM 9:30AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service <b>Bible Class</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL Communion Worship Service
Monday, May 27	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Office Closed	
Tuesday, May 28		
Wednesday, May 29		
Thursday, May 30	10:00AM 7PM	<b>Bible Class</b> Worship Service
Friday, May 31		
Saturday, June 1		
Sunday, June 2	8AM 9:30AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Worship Service <b>Bible Class</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL Worship Service



# CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

## Weekly Services

## Attendance

Thursday 5/16/24	7PM	8
Sunday 05/19/24	8AM	92
<b>Online Attendees: 19</b>	10:45AM	117
<b>Total: 217</b>		
Tuesday Bible Class	05/14/24	11
Wednesday Bible Class	05/15/24	29
Thursday Bible Class	05/16/24	17
<b>*Week of 05/19/24 total budgeted receipts</b>		<b>\$10,053.00</b>
YTD Contributions		\$732,469.02
YTD Budget		\$777,307.69
YTD Over (Under)		\$-44,838.67

*\*This area represents budgeted receipts for plate and envelope giving, plus undesignated memorials.*

*This totals \$860,000 for the year ending June 30, 2024.*



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