


Divine Service

THE HOLY TRINITY



 THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION

JUNE 16, 2019 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.



Welcome! Please fill out the Record of Fellowship, which is the red book at the end of your pew.

PRELUDE

Aria in F Major

George F. Handel

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 507

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Kneeling or sitting forward

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

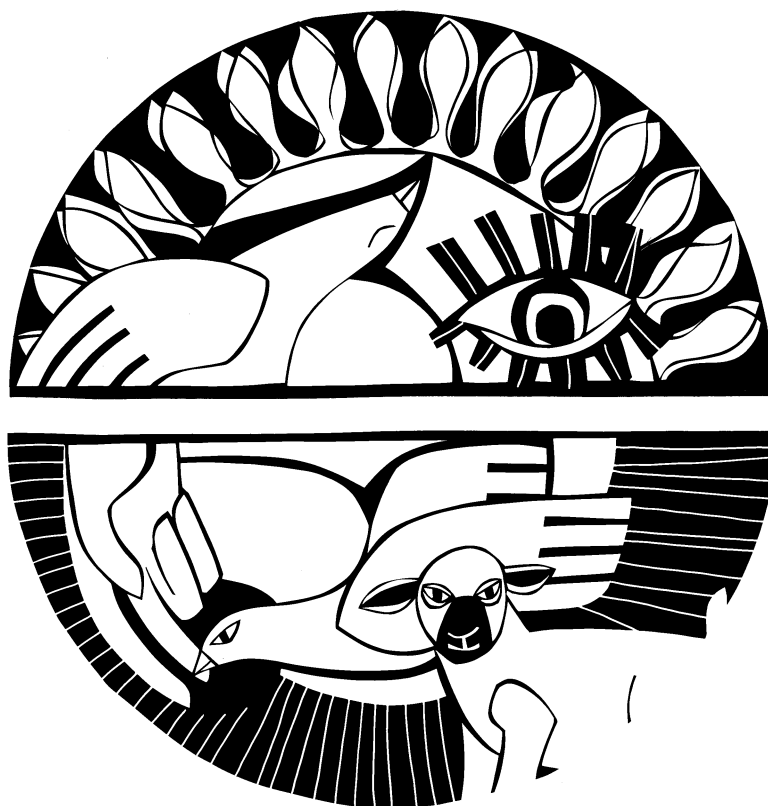
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- 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 \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*
- C** Amen.

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

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

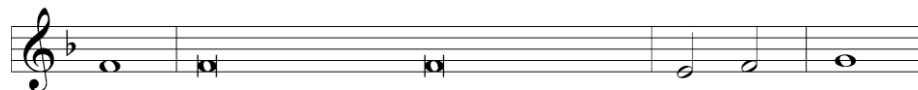


GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



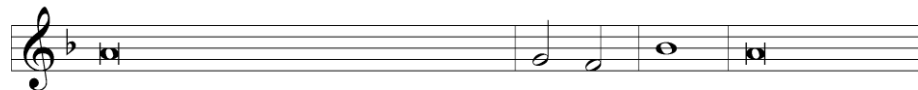
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



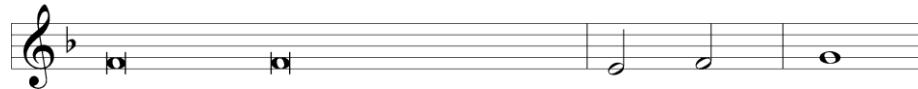
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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.**

Sitting

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 6:1-7

A The Old Testament Reading for The Holy Trinity is from Isaiah, chapter six.

¹In 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. ²Above 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. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called,

and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And 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!”

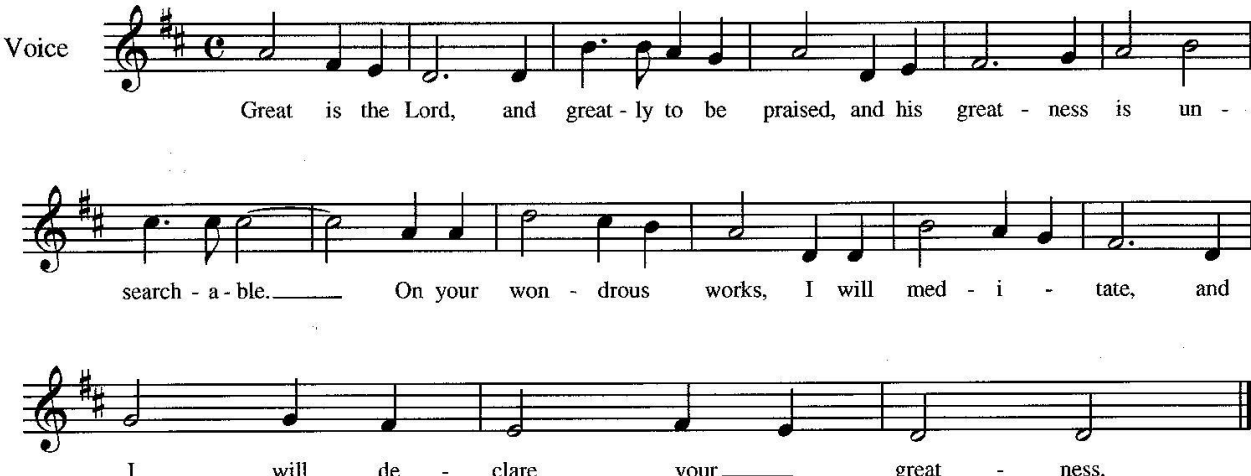
⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Antiphon*Cantor introduces the first time then congregation repeats:***Brad Hall**

Voice



Great is the Lord, and great-ly to be praised, and his great-ness is un-
 search-a-ble. On your won-drous works, I will med-i-tate, and
 I will de-clare your great-ness.



- L** Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly | beings,*
 ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- C** Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
 worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness.
- L** The voice of the LORD is over the | waters;*
 the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many | waters.
- C** The voice of the LORD is | powerful;*
 the voice of the LORD is full of | majesty.
- L** The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedars;*
 the LORD breaks the cedars of | Lebanon.
- C** He makes Lebanon to skip | like a calf,*
 and Sirion like a young | wild ox.
- L** The voice | of the LORD*
 flashes forth | flames of fire.



- C** The voice of the LORD shakes the | wilderness;*
the LORD shakes the wilderness | of Kadesh.
- L** The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the | forests bare,*
and in his temple all cry, | "Glory!"
- C** The LORD sits enthroned o- | ver the flood;*
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | ever.
- L** May the LORD give strength to his | people!*
- May the LORD bless his people | with peace!
- 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.
- C** *Antiphon*

EPISTLE

Romans 11:33-36

- A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter eleven.
- ³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
- ³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"
- ³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"
- ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 822 (stanzas 1-2)

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa -
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.

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



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ 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. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

Lutheran Service Book 822 (stanzas 3-4)

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”

3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -
4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -

ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!

The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -

the Bride-groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!

Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;

There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

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ATHANASIAN CREED

- P** Let us confess our faith in the Triune God using the words of the Athanasian Creed.
- C** **Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.**
Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
And the catholic faith is this,
that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons
nor dividing the substance.
For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory
equal, the majesty coeternal.
Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

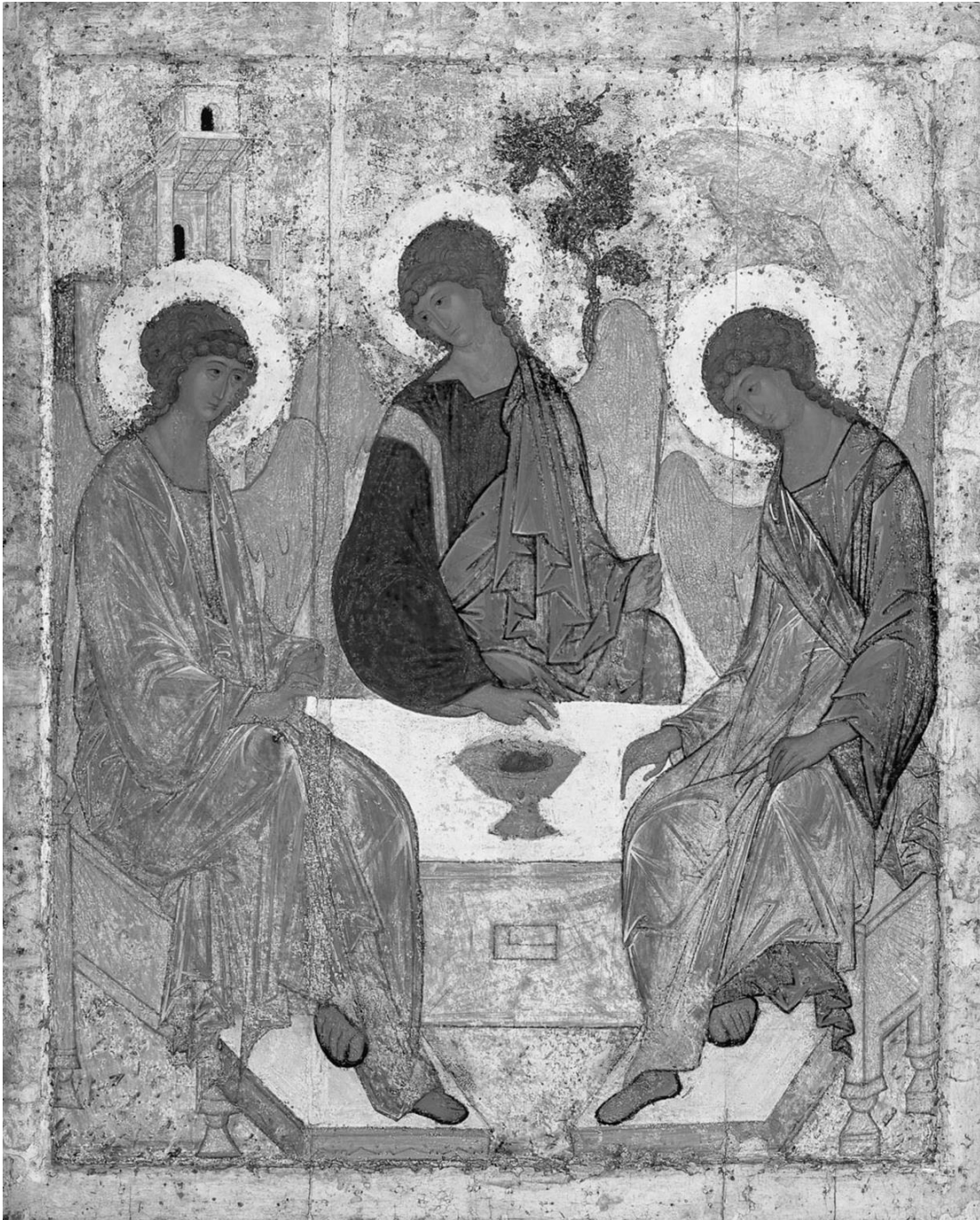
C In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.
So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 790

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

SERMON



The Trinity (The Hospitality of Abraham) by Andrei Rublev, 15th century

Standing

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sitting

OFFERING

MUSIC

Voluntary in D

John Alcock

MEDITATION

Isaiah 6:3 – “And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!’” Three times the angels cry out: “Holy, Holy, Holy!” which is an indication of the threeness in one God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name in which we are baptized. We have been made a part of God’s family. And so we are called to live lives that are in harmony with our new family. We are to be godly and to live in God’s image. As God is loving, kind, and generous – so are we called to be.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 10:32-33 NKJV alt.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R Yes, I do.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

R *I do.*

P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

R *I will, with the help of God.*

P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Standing

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your son and daughter to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C **Amen.**

We give thanks to God for the addition of John and Arlene Kateen to the Ascension family.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

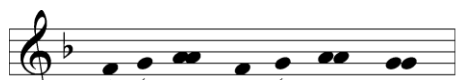
Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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



P The Lord be with you.



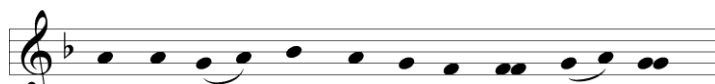
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, 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 coequal. 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 ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Kneeling or sitting forward

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

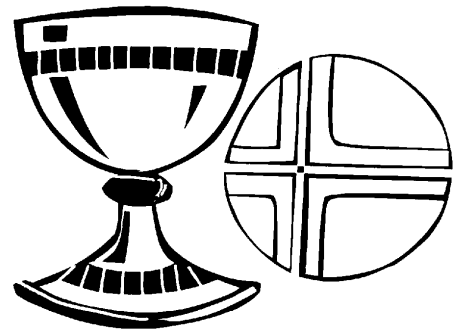
Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † bod - y, which is giv-en for you.
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
My † blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

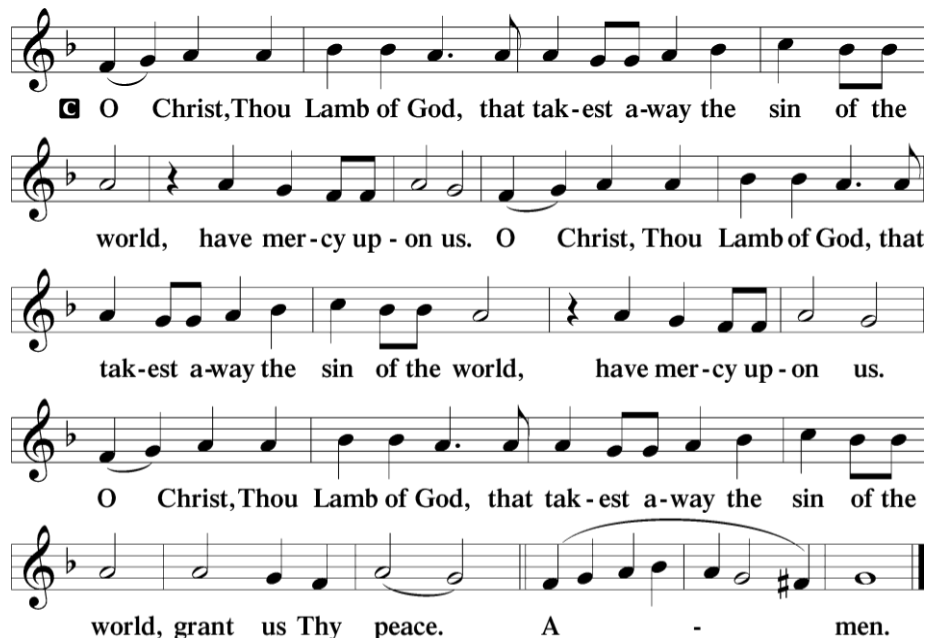
John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.



AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from *Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper*, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 907

"God Himself is Present"

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

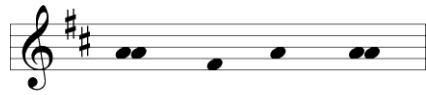
2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



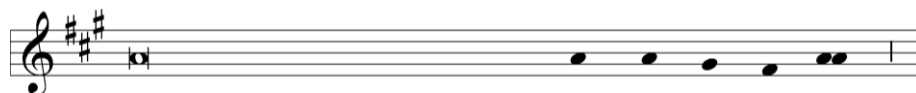
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

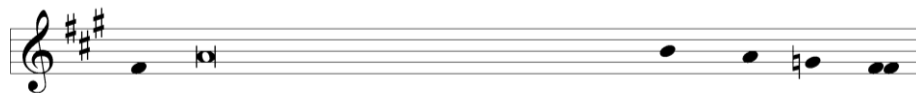
Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 966

“Before You, Lord, We Bow”

POSTLUDE

Old Hundredth

Johann Pachelbel

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

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J.P. Morr, *Head Elder*
Edie Durden, *Acolyte*

Organist

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

Musicians

Zac Lavender, *Cantor / cello*

Altar Guild

Judy Russell/Jill Drachenberg

Usher(s)

Daniel Barnett/Martin Kunkel

Greeter(s)

Richard & Jill Drachenberg

Fellowship Host(s)

Daniel & Caitlin Barnett

SERVING NEXT WEEK

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Usher(s)

Justin Ledford/J.P. Morr

Greeter(s)

Jason & Christina Schoellen

Life Together

CALENDAR		
Sunday 6/16	The Holy Trinity Nursery available Adult Bible Study: The Book of Job Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship
Monday 6/17	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 6/18	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Adult Bible Study: The Book of Job	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:45 – 11:45 AM
Wednesday 6/19	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM
Thursday 6/20	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 6/21	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 6/22	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Men's/Women's Group Bible Study	Closed Closed 9:30 – 11:00 AM
Sunday 6/23	First Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Adult Bible Study: The Book of Job Divine Service with Holy Communion Congregational Luncheon	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship

GROWING IN HIS WORD

✝ Bible Study: The Book of Job

Theme: Job is a complicated book, asking life's most difficult questions. For millennia, it has confounded many as well as been a blessing to countless generations. It is one of the most brutally honest and raw books of the Bible, and at the same time provides some of the brightest rays of hope. Come, and discover what it has to say about you and your existence on earth. Even more, may it reveal to you a God of comfort, who accompanies us at all times, and even dares to enter into the difficulties of our human condition.

Day & Time: Sundays, at 9:00 A.M.
Tuesdays, at 10:45 A.M.

Location: Sundays in church fellowship hall
Tuesdays in church overflow room

✝ Men's Group: Bible Study

Theme: Calling all guys! Mark your calendar for the last Saturday of each month for a regular time of prayer, fellowship, and study of God's Word together. Breakfast will be provided too! At this next meeting, we will be covering the fifth chapter of Jeffrey Hemmer's book, *Man Up!*

Day & Time: Saturday, June 22 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church overflow room

✝ Women's Group: Bible Study

Theme: The ladies group is taking a look at *He Restores My Soul: Writings on Cross and Comfort*, edited by Katie Schuermann. The book is available for purchase on Amazon for \$18, and we'll cover chapters two and three at the next gathering. Join your sisters in Christ to discuss important topics like Christian faith in the public square, issues of infertility, mental illness and chronic disease, caring for aging parents, sexual temptation and a host of others. Childcare also provided!

Day & Time: Saturday, June 22 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church narthex

✦ Vacation Bible School

Theme: It's that time again! Children ages three through ten are invited to register for VBS. There will be arts and crafts, storytelling, and music, all centered around a biblical, Christ-centered curriculum. Every day, Pastor Miller will lead chapel. Enrollment is free and easy, and kids of the congregation may stay the entire day (7:00 A.M. – 6:30 P.M.) at no additional cost. To register, please contact Open Arms at 404-256-1330 or info@openarmsbuckhead.org. Deadline for registration is June 14.

Days & Time: Monday through Friday, June 24 – 28 (from 9:00 A.M. – noon)

Location: Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center of Buckhead

SERVING IN HIS NAME

✦ All Nations Society of Atlanta

Theme: Would you like to reach out as a member of Christ's body to embrace those in your community? A group of LCMS Christians from several local congregations in Atlanta would like to give you such an opportunity for outreach. Meeting each week, they invite you to join them in welcoming new immigrant and refugee families to the area with fresh produce and a word of prayer. Please contact the Rev. Adam Ellsworth of Grace Lutheran Church, Midtown for more information and to sign up: pastoradamellsworth@gmail.com.

Day & Time: Saturdays at 10:00 A.M.

Location: St. Mark Lutheran Church
2110 Brockett Road
Tucker, GA 30084

✦ 1-1-1 Mission Campaign

Theme: For less than the price of one visit to Starbuck's, you could contribute a month's worth of financial support toward our Lord's mission work in the English District. 1-1-1 is a new campaign to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone in the district can give toward the work of getting the Gospel out to those in our community. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, the English District is supporting Concordia Lutheran Mission in Myerstown, PA. But this money goes toward eight other startup congregations, including two Spanish-speaking churches and several college ministries. Please consider playing a part in the mission of our English District! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

✚ LCMS National Convention Offering

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

St. Paul reminds us, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 THESS. 5:16-18).

When the Thessalonians heard Paul’s urging to rejoice, pray and give thanks, they did so. This July, so will we, when elected delegates and visitors from around the world gather in Tampa for the 67th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. And through that rejoicing, praying and giving thanks, we will bear witness to God’s love in Christ.

WILL YOU ALSO PREPARE JOYFULLY TO TAKE ON THIS WORK WITH US? HERE’S WHAT YOU CAN DO.

FIRST, PLEASE PRAY! Pray for me as your Synod President, for my brothers on the Council of Presidents, for my fellow pastors, deaconesses, DCE’s, church musicians, teachers, and all church workers, our congregations and schools, our seminaries and universities, and all our partners in ministry throughout the world. Pray that we may all be strengthened in our joyful confession of Christ and renewed winsome witnesses to His love. Pray especially for the delegates and guests who will gather in Tampa, asking God for the gift of His Spirit that we may listen to each other in humility, speak in love, and plan together for ways to meet the challenges before us in faithfulness to God’s Word.

SECOND, JOIN WITH ALL OF THE LCMS AS WE PARTICIPATE TOGETHER IN THE 2019-21 LCMS NATIONAL OFFERING. This special collection of monetary gifts sets the tone for our next triennium under the theme, “Joy to the World,” preparing hearts for prayerful rejoicing, gratitude and bold action. Any gifts received go directly to the mission of the LCMS to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ, joy incarnate, to the world.

We know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ brings great joy to God’s people through the forgiveness of sins and the certain hope of eternal life. Your church’s gifts will help support work that reflects the Christ-centered joy of Lutheran Christians everywhere, and share that joy across boundaries among those who have not yet heard the powerful message of His salvation.

Having joyfully received the Gospel through Word and Sacrament, let’s come together for the 2019-21 National Offering and watch how it emboldens the work that God has given His people to do and brings true and lasting joy to the world, that all might rejoice and give thanks to God for every good gift.

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison
President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

✝ Musicians of Ascension Benefit Concert

Theme: The Musicians of Ascension are graciously donating their time and talents for a benefit concert. Admission is at no cost to you, but a collection will be taken. All monies received will go toward the special music fund so that it may continue to be a blessing to Lutheran Church of the Ascension and a source of ongoing praise to our God!

We appreciate all of our benefactors, and are grateful for every contribution made to the music program. We look forward to recognizing each of our 2019 donors in the program for the benefit concert. If you'd like to become a donor yourself, you are humbly invited to contribute at any time. Please be sure to make a note that your donation is for the Musicians of Ascension. Thank you!

Day & Time: Sunday, June 30 at 3:00 P.M.

Location: Church sanctuary

FELLOWSHIPING WITH THE SAINTS

✝ Congregational Luncheon

Theme: Join your brothers and sisters in Christ after church every fourth Sunday of the month for a family meal! You're welcome to bring either a hot or a cold dish to share. If you'd like to bring a particular beverage, you may also do so. Plates, napkins, cups, and cutlery will be provided. Bring your appetite!

Day & Time: Sunday, June 23 following Divine Service

Location: Church fellowship hall

LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

In Celebration

Birthdays

✝ None this week

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

✝ Bob Wollman, 6/20

Wedding Anniversaries

✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries

✝ None this week

In Need

Recent Requests

- ✝ Bonnie Boyle (neighbor of Eileen Buehl), for health and healing.
- ✝ Darrell Henry (son of Ruth Henry), for health and healing.
- ✝ Linda Jones (daughter of Arlene Kateen), for health and healing.
- ✝ John & Arlene Kateen, for blessings on their reception into membership at Ascension.
- ✝ Shirley Lee (friend of the congregation), for health and healing.
- ✝ Willard Meyer (grandfather of J.P. Morr), for health and healing.
- ✝ Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens), for safety during military deployment.
- ✝ Bob Wollman, for health and healing.
- ✝ For all fathers, that they would be both blessed and a blessing their vocation.
- ✝ Persecuted Christians in Pakistan, where forced marriages and conversions to Islam are on the rise.

Ongoing Requests

- ✝ David Beckman (father of Brian Beckman), for health and healing.
- ✝ Jack and Carolyn DeLong, for health and healing.
- ✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden, for growth and development.
- ✝ Arlene Kateen, for health and healing.
- ✝ Adi Murphy (neighbor of the Beckmans), for strength and courage.
- ✝ Tom Murphy (neighbor of the Beckmans), for relief and comfort.
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith), for health and healing.
- ✝ Ingrid Worthington (mother of Keith Worthington), for health and healing.
- ✝ Rhonda Zacharias (friend of the Millers), for health and comfort.
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to the Dominican Republic, & all synodically deployed missionaries.
- ✝ Lutheran Church of the Ascension & Pastor David Miller
- ✝ Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center & Director, Barbara Collins
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials
- ✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials



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RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located to the right of the church entrance, down the hallway. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

NURSERY

Children are always welcome and encouraged to be in worship! For those who need it, however, we have a staffed nursery located down the hallway in the preschool. It is intended for children from birth to age 5. Hours of operation are 8:30 – 11:30 A.M.

BABY CHANGING STATION

For your convenience, a baby changing station is located in both the men’s and women’s restrooms on this level, just down the hall. For further privacy, a mother-infant station, which includes a rocking chair and changing table, is available in the enclosed lounge of the women’s restroom downstairs.

BUSY BAGS

Each Sunday your child may pick up a “busy bag” from the stand in the Narthex. Each busy bag has different books and activities for your child to keep them busy during the Divine Service when they are unable to focus. Please return the pouch and its contents to the stand in the Narthex at the end of the service. This way the pouches will be clean and ready for the next Sunday’s service.

PRINT RESOURCES

Resources for personal devotions as well as understanding Lutheran faith and worship, are available to anyone gratis in the narthex by the bulletins:

- *Portals of Prayer*: Quarterly devotional resource for private prayer.
- *A Simple Explanation of the Christian Faith*: Luther’s Small Catechism in convenient booklet form.
- *A Simple Explanation of the Church Service*: Easy to understand guide to Sunday’s liturgy in the Divine Service.
- *What About . . . Fellowship in the Lord’s Supper*: An explanation of one of the Lutheran church’s most misunderstood doctrines. Learn more about the biblical, historic, and loving practice of closed Communion.