

Trinitytide

JULY 12, 2026 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY





VEN THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD WHICH IS BY FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST
UNTO ALL AND UPON ALL THEM THAT BELIEVE: FOR THERE IS NO
DIFFERENCE.

- ROMANS 3:22

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

“Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved”. - Augsburg Confession. Article XXIV. The Mass. 1-2a.



PRELUDE

Die Güldne Sonne (LSB 726, Evening and Morning)

Setting by David A. deSilva

When the bell tolls, please stand and face the processional cross.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 726

“Evening and Morning”



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and
2 Fa - ther, O hear me, Par - don and spare me; Calm all my
3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil - lows
4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv - en! Come, let us



glad - ness, Com - fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the
ter - rors, Blot out my er - rors That by Thine eyes they may
tow - er, And winds gain pow - er, Af - ter the storm the fair
of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a - tor the



glo - ry be Thine! Times with - out num - ber, A - wake or in
no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, Di - rect all my
sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - creas - ing And peace nev - er
gifts He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth A heart that be -



slum - ber, Thine eye ob - serves us, From dan - ger pre - serves us,
do - ings; As it may please Thee, Re - tain or re - lease me;
ceas - ing: These shall I trea - sure And share in full mea - sure
liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him



Caus - ing Thy mer - cy up - on us to shine.
All I com - mit to Thy fa - ther - ly hand.
When in His man - sions God grants me a place.
And to His throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

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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.

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Fourth Commandment:

- *Do I submit to those whom God has put in authority over me?*
- *Have I been ashamed of, angry, stubborn, or disrespectful toward my parents, teachers, employer, pastor, government or other authorities?*
- *Do I obey all the laws of the city, state and country, and pay my rightful share of all taxes?*

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 28:1-2, 7; antiphon: Psalm 28:8-9



- L** The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.
Save your people and bless your | heritage!*
Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.
- L** To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf o me,*
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.
- C** Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.
- L** The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

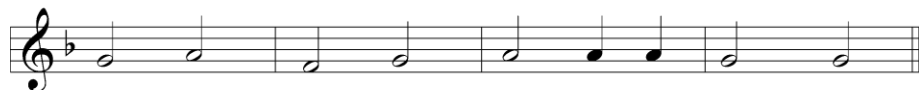
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KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

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



The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of 12 lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: "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."

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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.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sitting

PROPHECY

Exodus 20:1–17

A The Prophecy for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity is from Exodus, chapter 20.

A In those days: God spoke all these words, saying: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the

Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:13, 1, 2b



- # EPISTLE

Romans 6:3–11

- that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 31:1



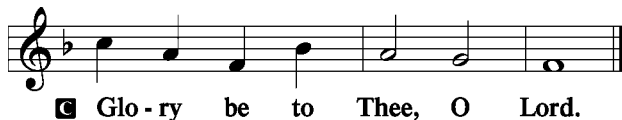
- [L]** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame, in your righteousness deliver me!



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:20–26

- [P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



- [P]** At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "Assuredly, I say to you, unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore

if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny."

- [P]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

C **I believe in one God**, *Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 6:4; Ephesians 4:6*
the Father Almighty, *Psalms 89:26; Matthew 6:9; Romans 1:20*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; Nehemiah 9:6; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *2 Corinthians 4:18; Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:5; 1 Timothy 2:5*
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 1:14; 3:16, 18; Acts 13:33; 1 John 4:9*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:18; 17:24; Ephesians 1:4; Colossians 1:17; 1 Peter 1:20*
God of God, Light of Light, *John 1:4-9; 8:12; 12:46; Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 21:23*
very God of very God, *Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:19; 2:9; 1 John 5:20*
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30; 17:22*
by Whom all things were made; *John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2*
Who for us men and for our salvation *John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:4*
came down from heaven *John 3:13; 6:41; Luke 15:20; Ephesians 4:10*
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:34-35*
and was made man; *John 1:14; Galatians 4:4*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:25; Luke 23:33; John 19:18*
He suffered and was buried. *Acts 1:13; 3:18; Matthew 14:12; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:53; John 19:42*
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *Luke 24:46; Acts 10:40; 1 Corinthians 15:4*
and ascended into heaven *Luke 24:51; John 20:17; Acts 1:2, 9, 11, 22; Ephesians 4:8*
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Mark 16:19; Acts 2:33; 5:31; 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1*
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 1:7*
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; 17:31; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Timothy 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5; Revelation 20:12*
Whose kingdom will have no end. *Luke 1:33; 2 Peter 1:11; Hebrews 1:8; Revelation 11:15*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; 16:13; Acts 2:4*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:5-6; 15:26-27; Romans 8:2*
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 14:26; 16:7; Acts 1:8; 2:33; Romans 5:5*
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14*
Who spoke by the prophets. *Luke 1:67; Acts 28:25; Ephesians 3:5; 2 Peter 1:21*
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5; Revelation 21:14*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:5*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *John 5:29; 6:39, 40, 44, 54; 11:25-26; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 15:20-22*
and the life of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Luke 18:30; John 5:24; 6:33; Galatians 6:8; 1 Timothy 4:8; 1 John 5:11*
Amen. *Psalms 106:48; 2 Corinthians 1:20*

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 649

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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SERMON

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

Boylston (LSB 649, Blest Be the Tie That Binds)

Setting by Brian Henkelmann

FIRST COMMUNION PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION

The pastor addresses the congregation:

P Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism this young person was born again as God's child and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself and so eat the bread and drink of the cup," and, "as often as you eat this bread and drink of the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." This candidate has received instruction and has been examined by the pastor regarding his sin and his understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar.

1 Corinthians 11:28, 26

The pastor addresses the candidate:

You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.

Acts 2:42

In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you:

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.*

P Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and man, is your Lord?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe that you are a sinner?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins?

R *Yes, I believe.*

- P** Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others?
- R** *Yes, I believe.*
- P** Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?
- R** *Yes, with the help of God.*
- P** I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

The pastor addresses the congregation:

- P** Parents and members of the congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and concern for the ongoing instruction and spiritual care of this young person. I now ask you, will you intercede for him in prayer and, as much as you are able, give him your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, he may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? Then answer: We will, with the help of God.
- C** **We will, with the help of God.**

Standing

- P** Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ loved the young and called them to Himself, we ask You to bless Titus. Strengthen him in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that he may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love toward others to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** We rejoice with thankful hearts in your confession of faith. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His holy Supper, He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Peace ✠ be with you.
- C** **Amen.**

Please remain standing.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

Brief silence

P O God of all truth, goodness and beauty, teach us the truth of Your Word. Fill us with virtue and righteousness. Inspire in our hearts the adoration of Your glory, that we may always be one with You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, You alone are our dwelling place and have given us order, peace and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the faith. Bless and guide our Synod, its leaders, its organizations and our congregation, that we may honor and follow You above all else. Keep us faithful to the end even as You have preserved and strengthened us to this day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You gave the Law that we might know Your will and live as Your holy people. Increase in us true fear, love and trust in Your holy name and saving Word, that we may have no other gods but You. Guide and bless all fathers and mothers, pastors and teachers as they bring up children in the discipline and knowledge of the true faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, uphold Donald, our president; Brian, our governor; our legislatures and judges; our local leaders; and all who serve in our armed forces. Grant peace graciously, O Lord, in our time; for there is no other who fights for us but You only, O Lord, our God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, preserve us and all who call to You in any need [*especially* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that he would turn from his evil way and live. We flee to Your mercy in Christ Jesus. Grant that we may ever thus believe and never waver. Grant that in such faith we may worthily go to Your altar to receive the very body and true blood that Your Son has given for our redemption, that we may ever praise, serve and honor You and Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord, for the gift of eternal life and for all who rest in their graves in the hope of the resurrection. You indeed have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess that we are poor, miserable sinners with no good in us. Our hearts and our flesh and blood are so corrupted by sin that we are never without sinful desires in this life. Therefore, we implore You, forgive us our sins. Let Your Holy Spirit so cleanse our hearts that we would love Your Word, abide by it and, by Your grace, be saved forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- 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.

Please remain standing.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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.
A 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 Holy Communion:

All guests and visitors are asked to please speak to Pastor Miller before receiving Holy Communion for the first time.

Those who are not receiving the Sacrament but still request a pastoral blessing are invited to approach the altar with arms crossed in an "X" over their chests to indicate this desire.

We are grateful for your cooperation in honoring our practice. For further explanation, please see below:

Drawn from God's Word, the Lutheran Confessions are a true and binding exposition of Holy Scripture and serve as authoritative texts for all pastors, congregations and other rostered church workers of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. That being the case, we are bound to follow its prescribed practice of Closed Communion:

"The custom has been retained among us of not administering the sacrament to those who have not previously been examined and absolved [1 Corinthians 11:27-28]" (Augsburg Confession XXV:1).

Closed Communion was always the common practice among Christians from the first century and remains the practice of Confessional Lutherans. It originates from the clear biblical teaching that the Sacrament of the Altar "is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink" (Small Catechism VI:1). The "words [according to our Lord's institution], "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words" (SC VI:3).

Because "whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord," it is important that each person "examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). To ensure worthy reception, pastors are required to be faithful in their stewardship of the sacraments (1 Cor 4:1-2). This assumes pastoral care between Pastor Miller and those intending to receive Holy Communion.

Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion

O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called me to be a Christian and granted me the remission of sins. Make me ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins, and grant me a grateful heart that I may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 623

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
gift of love re - told; All that You are we
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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Lutheran Service Book 687

"Thine Forever, God of Love"



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep - herd, keep These Thy frail and trem - bling sheep;
5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n - ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good - ness share.
All our sins by Thee for - giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

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1 If Your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had not to earth de -
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De - spair no more reigns
 3 I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sor - row
 4 All righ-teous-ness by works is vain; The Law brings con - dem -
 △ 5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, You have laid On Christ, Your Son, my



scend - ed And in our mor - tal flesh and blood Had not sin's
 o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, For Christ has
 ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; His blood from
 na - tion. True righ-teous-ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is
 Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus, You my debt have paid And gained for



pow - er end - ed, Then this poor, wretch - ed soul of mine In
 borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me He died That,
 guilt re - leas - es. Free grace through Him I now ob - tain; He
 my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, Has
 me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, Fount of grace, The



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine Be - cause of my trans-gres - sion.
 rec - on-ciled, I might a - bide With You, my God, for - ev - er.
 wash-es me from ev - 'ry stain, And pure I stand be - fore Him.
 paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; In Him my hope is an - chored.
 good in me to You I trace; In faith and hope pre - serve me.

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Prayer After Receiving Holy Communion

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to me in this holy Sacrament. Keep me in Your faith and favor that I may live in You even as You live in me. May Your body and blood preserve me in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear me for the sake of Your name. Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

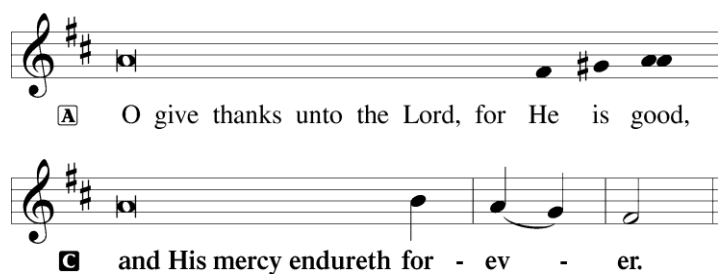
Luke 2:29-32



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



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
 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.



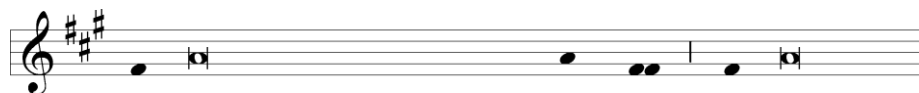
A Bless we the Lord.



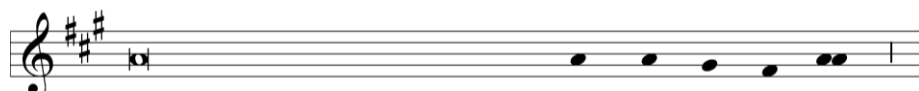
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

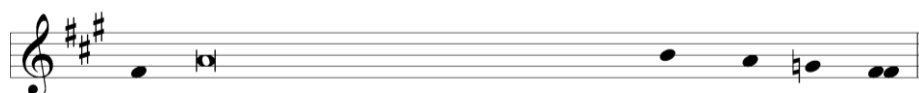
Numbers 6:24-26



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 698

"May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"



1 May we Thy pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love and peace, U - nite our

earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove;
dore, Thy pow'r con - fess, From sin and strife to flee.
hearts, our joy in - crease, Thy gra - cious help sup - ply.

Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all Thy
One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian

chil-dren and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.
fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

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POSTLUDE



SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)

Grayson Beckman, *Chair of Elders*

Maddie Abi, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

Organist

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

Cantor

Adrian Popescu

Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

Altar Guild

Linda Rathje

Usher(s)

Malcolm Abrahamman/Steve Harmon
(Greg Ison)

Fellowship Host(s)

TBD

SERVING NEXT WEEK

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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Maddie Abi, *Acolyte*

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Musician(s)

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Altar Guild

Ryan Licht/Kati Durden

Usher(s)

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(Greg Ison)

Fellowship Host(s)

The May family

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OVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND MOST IMPORTANT
COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF."

- MATTHEW 22:37-39

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 7/12	Sixth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Going Big! The Large Catechism</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass
Monday 7/13	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 7/14	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 7/15	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM
Thursday 7/16	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 7/17	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 7/18	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 7/19	Seventh Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Going Big! The Large Catechism</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour

LOVING THE LORD

✝ **CANCELLATION: No Adult Bible Study or Children's Sunday School on July 26**

✝ **Adult Bible Study: *Going Big! Luther's Large Catechism***

Sundays at 9:00 A.M., through August 2.

Church fellowship hall

Join us for an enriching new Bible study led by Pastor Miller, as we explore the profound teachings of Martin Luther's Large Catechism. This study will deepen our understanding of God's Word, examining Luther's insights on the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments. Whether you are new to the catechism or revisiting its truths, this series offers a meaningful opportunity to grow in faith, strengthen your walk with Christ, and engage in thoughtful discussion with fellow believers. All are welcome to come and experience the timeless wisdom that continues to guide and inspire the Church today.

✝ **Adult Bible Study: LCMS Convention Bible Study: *'Chris Is Risen Indeed'***

Sundays at 9:00 A.M., beginning August 9.

Church fellowship hall

The 2026 convention Bible study explores the convention theme, which is based on 1 Corinthians 15:20–22:

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

✝ **Private Confession and Absolution**

Available by appointment

Have you considered making use of Private Confession and Absolution? Pastor Miller is available by appointment to hear confession and proclaim Christ's forgiveness personally and individually. While many Lutherans are familiar with corporate confession during the Divine Service, private confession has always been a treasured part of our Lutheran heritage. In his Small Catechism, Martin Luther encourages Christians to make use of confession and receive the comfort of absolution from their pastor. This gift is not something to fear or avoid—it is simply part of living the Christian life of repentance as a Lutheran. If you would like to schedule a time for Private Confession and Absolution, please contact Pastor Miller.

✝ Sermons on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@lcaatlanta/videos>

Did you miss a Sunday service, want to revisit a sermon that especially spoke to you, or share God's Word with a friend or family member? Our weekly sermons are available on YouTube for your convenience. We encourage all members to subscribe to our YouTube channel and check back regularly for new sermon recordings. Whether you watch immediately after Sunday worship or revisit sermons throughout the week, we pray these messages continue to strengthen your faith and keep you rooted in God's Word.

✝ LCMS Young Adult Conference: *In the World, But Not of the World*

January 15-17, 2027

Faith Lutheran Church

1620 Pinehurst Road

Dunedin, FL 34698

In the World, But Not of the World is the 2027 LCMS Young Adults Conference, designed to equip young Christian adults (single or married, ages 18-35) to navigate today's cultural challenges through the lens of God's Word. Through biblical teaching and worship, thoughtful discussion, and practical application, all will be encouraged to stand firm in Christ while faithfully serving their neighbors.

Join other young adults for a weekend of worship, fellowship, and theology. Conference sessions will explore practical guidance for living out our faith in the home, the church, and the world. There will be time for fellowship with other young adults from across the country, and opportunities to worship together during Matins, Vespers, and the Divine Service on Sunday. Register by November 1, 2026 for an early bird discount! Registration: <https://faithdunedin.org/young-adults/>

The conference begins on Friday, January 15 at 6 PM. It concludes with the Divine Service on Sunday, January 17. Dinner will be provided on Friday, and meals will also be provided on Saturday. The full schedule will be released closer to the date of the conference.

Speakers include:

- The Rev. Andy Sorenson (Host)
Faith Lutheran Church, Dunedin, FL
- The Rev. Andrew Apple
First Lutheran Church, Clearwater, FL
- The Rev. Roberto Rojas
Zion Lutheran Church, Winter Garden, FL
- The Rev. Luke Onken
Mayer Lutheran High School, Mayer, MN

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

✦ **Men's Group: Tubing on the Chattahoochee**

Saturday, August 22 at 11:00 A.M. (plan for a 4.5 hour float)

Meetup Spot (\$5 parking):

Morgan Falls Overlook Parking Lot

400 Morgan Falls Road

Sandy Springs, GA 30350

Exit Spot:

5450 Interstate North Parkway

Atlanta, GA 30328

Come for a relaxing afternoon floating down the Chattahoochee River! The trip will last a few hours, so come ready to enjoy the water and good fellowship. Be sure to wear appropriate river attire, including a swimsuit, sunglasses, a hat, water shoes or sandals with straps, and don't forget sunscreen. Feel free to bring your own beer and any other beverages or snacks you'd like for the float. Direct all questions to Will Davis or Grayson Beckman. We hope you'll join us for a fun day on the river!

✦ **Book Club: *The Feast* by Margaret Kennedy**

Details TBD

About *The Feast*:

An ingenious, upstairs-downstairs tragicomedy that unfolds like a thriller, set at a doomed seaside resort in Postwar England.

Summer, 1947. A bizarre catastrophe rocks a seaside village in Cornwall when a cliff tumbles down on the Pendizack Manor Hotel. The hotel is obliterated, and seven guests are killed in the disaster. Everyone else makes a narrow escape. As the survivors tell their stories, the events of the previous week are revealed, and a parade of sins exposed. Gluttony, Lecherousness, Sloth, Pride, Covetousness, Envy and Wrath: all are in residence at Pendizack Manor, and as the day of the disaster creeps closer, it becomes clear that who's spared and who's lost might not be as arbitrary as first assumed.

With the rich characterization of a classic Victorian novel and the pacing of psychological thriller, The Feast is sly, kaleidoscopic, and utterly ingenious: a novel that only Margaret Kennedy could have written.

LIFTING HOLY HANDS

Celebrations

Birthdays:

- ✝ JoJo May, 7/13
- ✝ Bernie Dieska, 7/14
- ✝ Linda Rathje, 7/14
- ✝ Margaret Beckman, 7/18
- ✝ Emily Horst, 7/18

Baptismal Anniversaries:

- ✝ Skyler Beckman, 7/17

Confirmation Anniversaries:

- ✝ Whitney Worthington, 7/12

Membership Anniversaries:

- ✝ Keith & Whitney Worthington, 7/12
- ✝ Skyler Beckman, 7/17

Wedding Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Recent Requests

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- ✝ Doug Hawkins (friend of Lauren Morr)
- ✝ Bob Husby (father of Whitney Worthington)
- ✝ Hazel Krenzke (friend of the Millers)
- ✝ Mike Warnke (father of Abby Warnke)
- ✝ Jessica Zickler (friend of the Millers)

Special Requests

- ✝ For Titus Miller, who today receives his First Holy Communion.
- ✝ All expectant mothers and their unborn children, especially Margaret Beckman, Haley Licht, and Lizzie Schnell; for health and safety.
- ✝ Jill Drachenberg, for a fair wage and meaningful employment.

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

- ✝ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✝ Val Aguilar (friend of Emily Horst, who's deployed with the U. S. Air Force)
- ✝ Rev. Dr. James Clark (friend of the congregation)
- ✝ Marion & Robbie Griffin
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- ✝ Betty Licht
- ✝ Charles Schnell (former member), for his pastoral formation.

For the leaders of Church and state:

- ✝ Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- ✝ English District Bishop Jeffrey G. Miskus & all district officials
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- ✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials



LESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR
THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED."

- MATTHEW 5:6



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