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## **Trinity Sunday**

June 15, 2025

#### Welcome Visitors!

We celebrate the Lord's Supper at this holy gathering in celebration and confession that the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14) is present here with His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine we receive at the altar (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:24-25).

Because this Sacrament is called Communion, all who come to the rail are to confess the same confession of faith. Because there are differences between denominations, we ask that you please speak to Pastor if you are not a member of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation.

This practice is not a judgment upon anyone's faith. It is the Church's ancient practice to make sure that no one takes Jesus' body and blood to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). During the distribution, we ask that you sing the distribution hymns, meditate upon Jesus' death and resurrection as the reason for our gathering, and pray for the day that the devilish divisions between us will be abolished by the Son of God when He returns.

## **Divine Service Setting Three**

#### Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

#### Opening Hymn

"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

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- 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!

#### Confession and Absolution

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- **C** Amen.
- 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.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- **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.
- **C** Amen.

#### Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!\* You have set your glory above the | heavens.

#### <sup>2</sup>Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because | of your foes,\* to still the enemy and the a- | venger.

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,\* the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,

#### <sup>4</sup>what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,\* and the son of man that you | care for him?

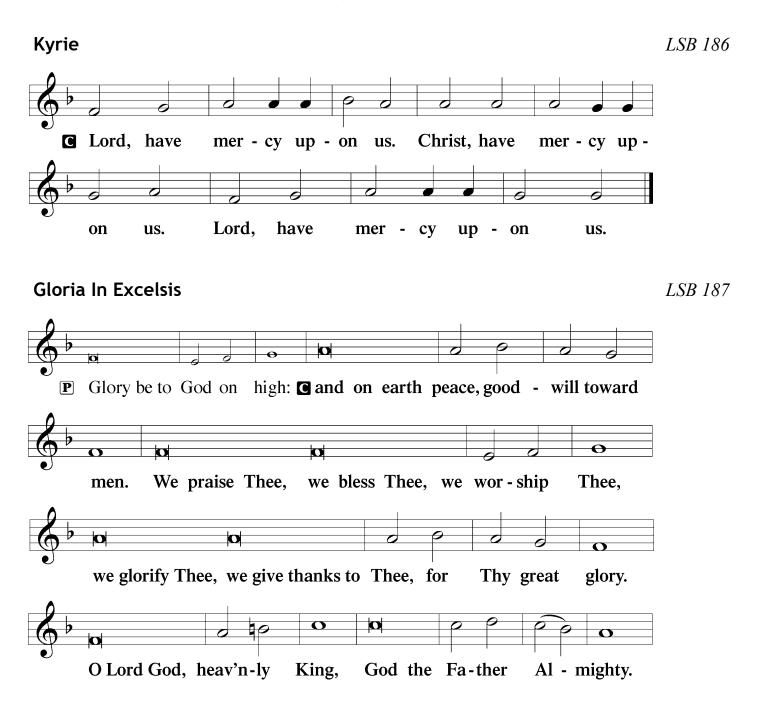
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings\* and crowned him with glory and | honor.

<sup>6</sup>You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;\* you have put all things under | his feet,

## <sup>7</sup>all sheep and | oxen,\* and also the beasts | of the field, <sup>8</sup>the birds of the heavens, and the fish | of the sea,\* whatever passes along the paths | of the seas.

<sup>9</sup>O | LORD, our Lord,\* how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirt; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

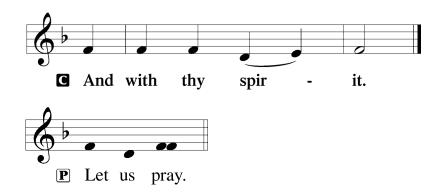




#### Salutation and Collect of the Day



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P Heavenly Father ... one God, now and forever.



#### **Old Testament Reading**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup>On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: <sup>4</sup>"To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.... <sup>22</sup>"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. <sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, <sup>26</sup>before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. <sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

<sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,

<sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Second Reading

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."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



#### Holy Gospel

John 8:26-39

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



<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.





#### 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.

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

and yet there are not three Almighties, 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.

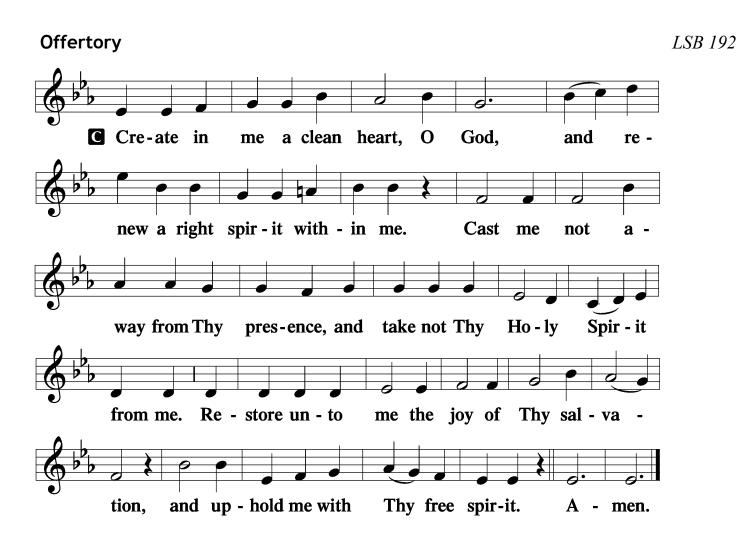
#### Sermon Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly. ly! Lord God Al - might - v!ho -2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ly! All the saints a - dore Thee. ho ho - ly, 3 Ho - ly, ho \_ ly! Though the dark-ness hide Thee. 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, God Al - might - y!ho ly! Lord ing our song shall rise to Thee; - ly in the morn Ear -Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea: sin - ful Though the eve of man Thy glo - ry may not see, All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ci - ful and might - y! ho - ly, mer \_ - ing down be - fore Cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim fall Thee. On - ly Thou art ho ly; there is none be - side Thee. \_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho mer ci - ful and might - y! \_ ly, - $\mathbf{O}$ God bless - ed Trin i - ty! in three per \_ sons, Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be. Per fect in pow'r. in love, and ri - ty. pu \_ bless - ed God in three per -Trin i - tv! sons,

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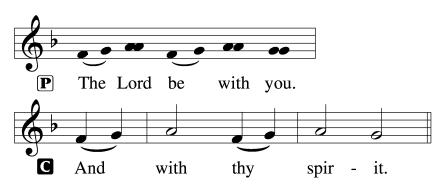
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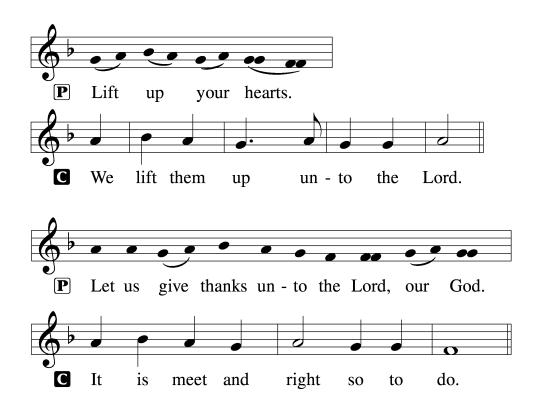
#### Prayer of the Church

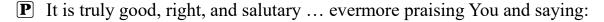
- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

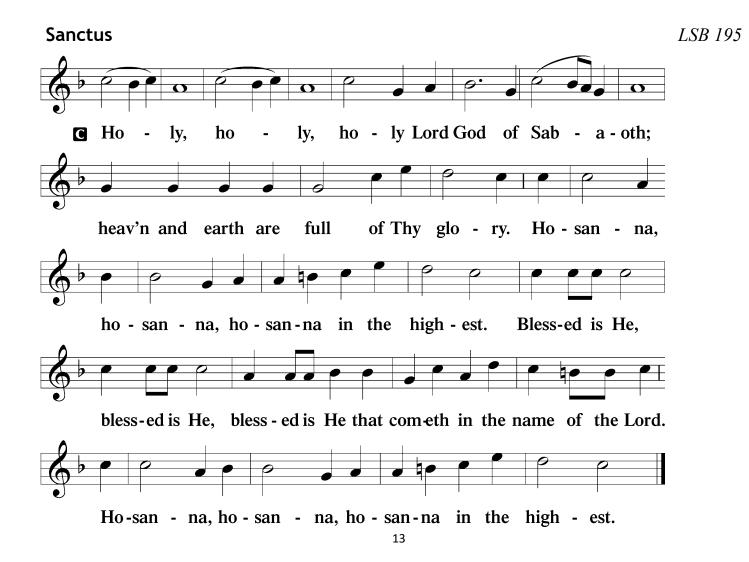
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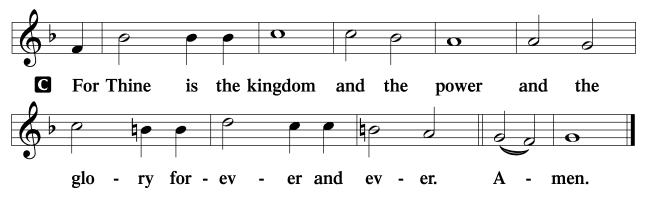
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C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



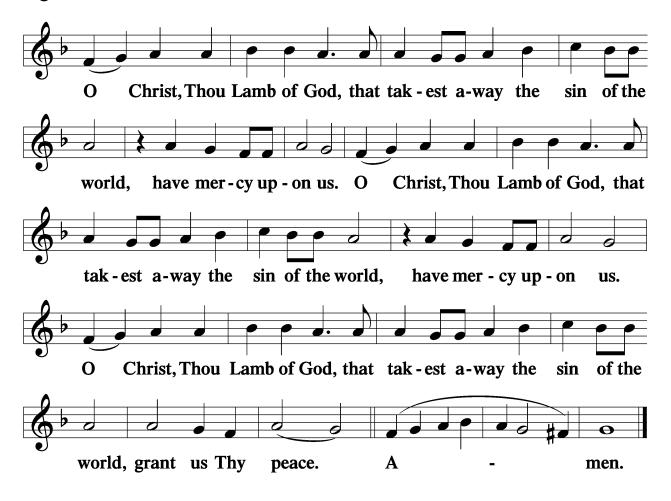
#### The Words of Our Lord

#### Pax Domini

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Agnus Dei



#### **Prayer Before Communing**

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive his holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Distribution Hymns**

#### "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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Text: Carl Gustaf Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. Stuart W. K. Hine, 1899–1989

Tune: Swedish; arr. Stuart W. K. Hine, 1899-1989

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"The God of Abraham Praise"



- 5 Though nature's strength decay, And earth and hell withstand, To Canaan's bounds I urge my way At His command.
  The wat'ry deep I pass, With Jesus in my view, And through the howling wilderness My way pursue.
- 6 The goodly land I see, With peace and plenty blest: A land of sacred liberty And endless rest.
  There milk and honey flow, And oil and wine abound, And trees of life forever grow With mercy crowned.

7 There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righteousness, Triumphant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height His kingdom He maintains
And glorious with His saints in light Forever reigns.

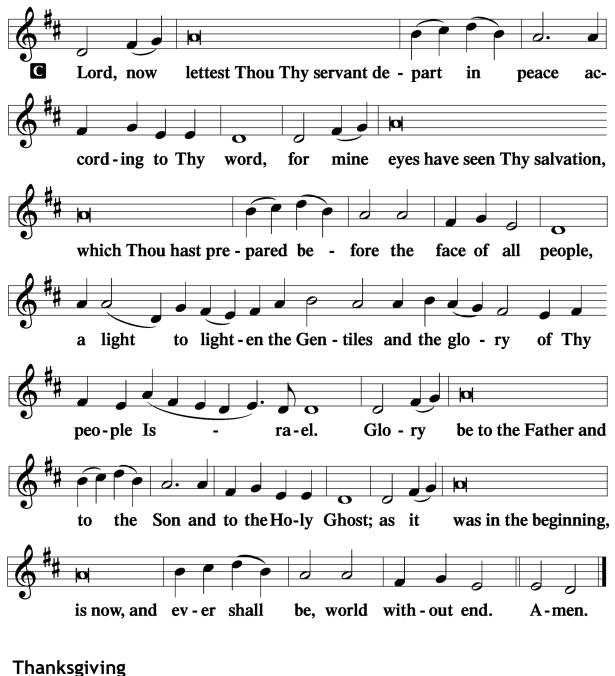
8 The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing, And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!
Who was and is the same And evermore shall be: Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!"

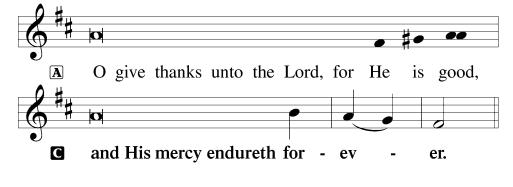
△9 The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays: All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!

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#### Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen. **Nunc Dimittis** 





**A** Let us pray.



Salutation and Benedicamus

#### **. P** The Lord be with you. 0 And with thy spir it. С -00 Bless we the Lord. A Thanks God. С be to

#### **Benediction**

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The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

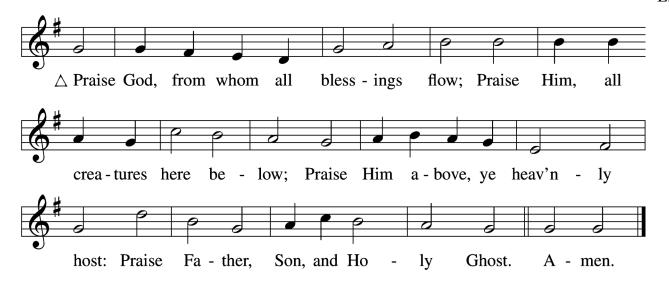


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#### **Closing Hymn**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LSB 805



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### **Events This Week**

Today:	Worship at OSLC, 9am
Today:	Worship at Good Shepherd, 10:45am
Mon - Fri:	VBS, 9am-11am
Monday:	Funeral Planning, 7pm
Wednesday:	Bulletin Deadline, 10am
Thursday:	Funeral Planning, 2pm,
Saturday:	Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

## Those Serving at OSLC

	6/15/25	6/22/25
Elder	Jim Winder	Neil Rieches
Organist	Ben Verswijver	Linda Kellerhals
Radio Monitors	Patrick and Dawn Teig	Justin and Brenna Schroeder
Sound Board	Neil Rieches	Dean Lingley
Greeters	Norman and Maryanne Anderson	Doug Benner Kendra Morts
Acolyte		
Head Usher	Phil Raddatz	Phil Raddatz
Altar Guild	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder

#### Announcements

**OUR WEEKLY RADIO BROADCAST** can be sponsored by members any time of the year. The cost to broadcast each week is \$150. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, just let Renee know.

**WONDER JUNCTION VBS STARTS TOMORROW!** Dust off your boots, grab your bandana, and get ready for a rootin' tootin' time at Wonder Junction! Join us June 16-20 from 9:00-11:00 as we gallop through the wonder-filled West, where we will learn about the grandest wonder of all - Jesus Christ. You can still register until 7pm tonight - Scan the QR code to register.



**IN AN EFFORT** to keep heating and cooling costs down, we are asking members to keep doors closed throughout the week. If you are one of the last to leave on Sunday or in the building during the week and see doors open – fellowship hall, tunnel, annex, etc - please close them.

**FUNERAL PLANNING SESSIONS** will be held on Monday, June 16 at 7pm and Thursday, June 19 at 2pm. We will look at our Funeral rite in the hymnal and see how the Scriptures and hymns shape the service. There will be Funeral Planning Sheets to fill out. You have the opportunity to include your Confirmation verse (often the sermon text) and favorite Bible passages, psalms, and hymns. You can keep a copy for your records so that your loved ones know your wishes and leave a copy for the church office for our records.

The whole notion of planning your funeral service seems depressing, but it allows you the opportunity to voice for certain what you want your funeral service to confess. These sessions will also allow for questions about what is appropriate for a Christian funeral service. This includes making sure that the hymns sung during the service are not ambiguous and are in line with the Christian faith being expressed in the service.

**THE GATEPOST NEWLETTER** is a publication sent out from Central Illinois District to keep us informed of what is happening in the district. The recent issue has information on the upcoming District Convention. Copies are available in the narthex. You can sign up to receive this publication by going to https://www.cidlcms.org/news-gatepost-newsletter.html.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE** "You have a higher purpose than living for yourself. Your work is His. You live for the one who died and rose for you. You share the good news about Him. That's how God grows His family, adding branches to His tree. You get to be part of this family—a family with a rich past and a glorious future." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* 

#### Prayer List Those celebrating a birthday:

Today
Wednesday
Thursday
Thursday
Friday

#### Those celebrating an anniversary:

#### Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester John Lee Nancy Tobeck Joey, radio listener Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner Becky Lehmann, cousin of Bob Storm Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

#### Those requesting your prayers:

Julie Towers, health issues

#### **Homebound Members**

Dianne Estes Delmer Henrichs Dorothy Knake Joann Sloan Brenda St. Peter

# Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:

#### Armed Forces

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy Justin McGahan - Milford community member, serving in the U.S. Army Corey Moore - OSLC Member and son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard Kaleb Waldbeser - friend of Bob and Donna Flesher, serving in the U.S. Marine Corp.

#### Law Enforcement

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

Central Illinois District Congregations: Good Shepherd in Clayton and Kirk Cunningham her pastor.

**Iroquois Circuit Congregations:** Good Shepherd in Hoopeston and Immanuel in Idaville and Doug Minton as he serves their vacancy.

#### Those studying at the Seminary:

Vicar Simon Niemtschk, St. Paul in Carroll, IA Seminarian Jacob Bergstedt, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN.

#### Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Samuel Bobby, his wife Erica, and sons Judah, August, Benjamin, Simon, and Pax, our adopted international missionary, currently serving in Latvia. Rev. Bobby teaches at The Luther Academy, the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia.



# Moments with Mahlah

For the Week of June 8, 2025

Mahlah's week began in Indiana, with a visit at Trinity Lutheran Church in Goodland. She and handler Diane Costello then traveled to Delphi and St. Elizabeth's Healthcare Campus to visit with a friend who has known and loved Mahlah almost from the beginning of her work as a Comfort dog. They finished their time in Indiana by stopping by Diane's home to see her husband on the way back to Illinois.



On Monday Mahlah visited Heritage Woods in Watseka. Susan Yergler was handler and Rod Yergler was ministry partner for the day.



At this writing Mahlah was scheduled to visit three locations in Gibson City on Wednesday with Dean and Jayne Henrichs as handlers, and to visit Good Shepherd in Momence and the Manteno Veterans Home on Thursday.

We are happy to share pictures from Mahlah's visits in Hoopeston last Friday.



Remember to email Mahlah at Mahlah@K9Comfort.org if you know of an individual or organization that would benefit from a visit. Thanks for your continued support as we seek to bring the compassion, mercy, presence, and proclamation of Jesus to all.