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 and Community*

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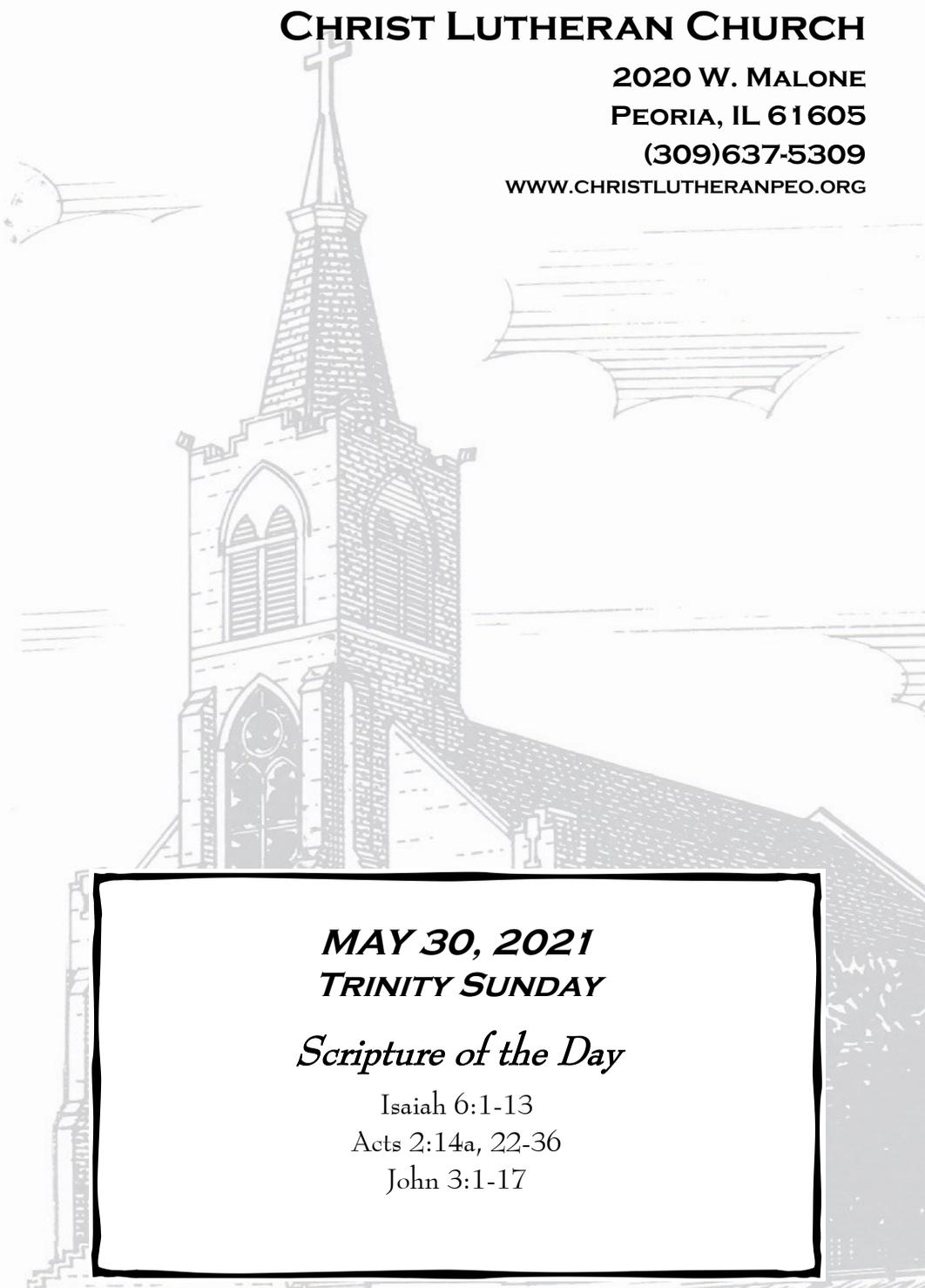
THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (MAY 31 – JUNE 6)

MON 5/31: Memorial Day/Offices Closed
TUE 6/1: Trustees6:30 PM
 Women's Bible Study.....6:00 PM
WED 6/2:
THU 6/3: Quilting..... NOON
 Day School.....3:45 PM
 Stewardship/Finance7:00 PM
FRI 6/4:
SAT 6/5:
SUN 6/6: Holy Communion.....8:00 AM
 Sunday School and Bible Classes.....9:30 AM
 Holy Communion.....10:45 AM

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**MAY 30, 2021
 TRINITY SUNDAY**
Scripture of the Day
 Isaiah 6:1-13
 Acts 2:14a, 22-36
 John 3:1-17

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS! On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we do not so much explain God as confess Him. We testify to Him who has revealed Himself to us. To the mind in search of reasonable answers, God will always be a question or riddle to be solved. But to the empty heart, the Holy Spirit leads us to see with faith the God whose majesty has worked for our salvation and whose mercy has rescued us sinners from sin and the grave.

NOTE TO OUR GUESTS: Since Holy Communion is a public demonstration of unity in faith, those who commune should express their acceptance of the faith and teaching for which we stand. Our welcome to visitors is heartfelt. Visitors from another Lutheran church or Congregation are asked to please approach our Pastor, if you have not already done so, before attending communion this morning. Also, if you're not a member of an LCMS church but would like a blessing, cross your arms across your chest to receive the blessing. Individual cups are available, in addition to the common cup, as you approach the Altar. **Non-alcoholic white wine** is available in the center of the tray.

VISION STATEMENT: Christ Lutheran Church will continue its Christ-centered, life directed focus, responding to the needs of its members, emphasizing local and worldwide witness, and acting as a catalyst for the improvement of the neighborhood.

ELDER PRAYING WITH PASTOR: 8AM: 10:45AM:

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION: 8AM: Luke Grebe
10:45AM:

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY: 8AM: Beth Bennett
10:45 AM: Suzanne Heinz

THE PARISH MINISTRY BOARD has Sunday School craft packets available. Today's lesson is "Jacob-Chosen to be Blessed"

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY didn't make it into the big calendar, but it will be held again this coming Tuesday, June 1st, at 6:00 PM at the church. If you have any questions, you can contact Jana Grebe or call the church office.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$6,694.00; MTD: \$25,863.00. Improvement Fund: \$70.00.; MTD: \$325.00. Attendance: 94. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 5, 3rd-7th 0, 8th-HS 0, Adults 49, Visitors 3; Total 57.

THIS IS THE 27th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of Wayne Siebels' 80th birthday on May 26th by his family.

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

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in making a donation to the school kitchen renovation, now is the time to make it count TWICE! A gift of \$15,000 has been made to the fund for matching dollars. So for every dollar given, up to that \$15,000, it will be matched! Just write 'Matching Funds' on your envelope or in the memo line of your check. If you have made a pledge, thank you! Pledge funds will not be matched, but anything above that amount can be. We are very close to having this project funded, this is a way to fill in the gap. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

YOUR SHEPHERD STAFF PROFILE is available for you to pick up today at the back entrance of the church. The Elders are going through the members' database to make sure all member information is current. Please check the information, making sure to provide birthdates, confirmation dates and correct addresses and phone numbers, then return to the church office ASAP!

JUST A REMINDER....the LWML monthly mite collection will be taken at all three church services next Sunday, June 6th. Your contributions benefit many mission projects and we thank you for your contributions and support!

THE VFW WILL BE at the Lutheran Cemetery TODAY, May 30th, at 10:30 AM, to do a tribute to the vets, if you would like to attend.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Song

“Holy, Holy, Holy” [LSB 507]

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

Announcement of the Day

Athanasian Creed, pt. 1

The First Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-13, p. 571

Athanasian Creed, pt. 2

The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17, p. 887

Athanasian Creed, pt. 3

Sermon Song

“We Believe”

Sermon – Rev. Karl Eckhoff

“What Just Happened Here?”

Isaiah 6:1-13

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Songs

“You Are My All In All”

“Stronger”

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Post Communion Thanksgiving

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“There Is A Redeemer”

THE HOLY TRINITY

May 30, 2021

AS WE GATHER

On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we do not so much explain God as confess Him. We testify to Him who has revealed Himself to us. To the mind in search of reasonable answers, God will always be a question or riddle to be solved. But to the empty heart, the Holy Spirit leads us to see with faith the God whose majesty has worked for our salvation and whose mercy has rescued us sinners from sin and the grave.

HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" [LSB 507]

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Today is Holy Trinity, the First Sunday after Pentecost. The festival half of the Church Year, which has confessed the saving events in the life of our Lord, now gives way to that part of the Church Year in which we hear His teaching. The most basic teaching begins with The nature of God. This Triune God is confessed in greatest detail in The Athanasian Creed and traditionally used on this Trinity Sunday. We will break up the Creed into parts within the readings this morning. The first part follows.

ATHANASIAN CREED Part 1

Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the universal faith.

People: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

Pastor: And the universal faith is this,

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

Pastor: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

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

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

People: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

Pastor: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

People: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

Pastor: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

People: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

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

People: and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

People: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

Pastor: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

People: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 6:1–13

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ATHANASIAN CREED Part 2

Pastor: 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 universal faith to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

People: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

Pastor: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

People: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

Pastor: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

People: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

Pastor: 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.

People: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1–17

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

ATHANASIAN CREED Part 3

Pastor: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: 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.

Pastor: 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:

People: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

Pastor: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

People: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

Pastor: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

People: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

Pastor: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

People: who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

Pastor: 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.

People: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

Pastor: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

People: This is the universal faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

SERMON SONG

"We Believe"

Verse 1

In this time of desperation When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation e believe we believe
In this broken generation When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation We believe we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection And He's coming back again (We believe)

Verse 2

So let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations We believe we believe *Chorus*

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail We believe we believe *Chorus*

Ending

He's coming back again He's coming back again We believe we believe

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Blessed be the kingdom of our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

People: Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, to the end of all the ages!

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that we trust in You and confess without fear the name of the triune God with which we were marked in Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that we approach the mystery of Your presence with awe, confident of Your mercy that forgives our sins and comforted by Your power that delivers us from everlasting death. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that Your Church be firmly established in this faith, united in the truth of Your Word, and served by faithful pastors and church workers who will faithfully minister to us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that missionaries far and near be protected by Your power and blessed in their service so that many may hear, and hearing, believe in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that those who suffer afflictions of body and mind be delivered according to Your will, sustained by Your presence, and delivered to everlasting life, [especially . . ., and those we name in our hearts . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that knowing Your goodness in creation, we use Your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all people and bring to You the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that we approach Your Table in humble repentance and receive in faith the very body and blood of our Savior in this Holy Communion. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, to remember those who went before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, and guide us that we faithfully confess Your name until we join them in Your nearer presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that we find contentment of heart and that we know the riches of Your mercy as our greatest treasure in life and our hope in death. Lord in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Blessed be the kingdom of our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

People: **Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, to the end of all the ages!**

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"You Are My All in All"

Words & Music by Dennis Jernigan

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Verse 1

You are my strength When I am weak You are the treasure That I seek

You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jew'l Lord to give up I'd be a fool

You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

Verse 2

Taking my sin My cross my shame Rising again I bless Your name

You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up When I am dry You fill my cup

You are my all in all

Chorus

Verse 1/Chorus (together)

Chorus

“Stronger”

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Verse 1

There is Love that came for us, Humbled to a sinner's cross.
You broke my shame and sinfulness; You rose again, victorious.

Verse 2

Faithfulness none can deny, Through the storm and through the fire.
There is truth that sets me free: Jesus Christ, who lives in me.

Chorus

You are stronger. You are stronger.
Sin is broken. You have saved me.
It is written, Christ is risen!
Jesus, You are Lord of all!

Verse 3

No beginning and no end. You're my hope and my defense.
You came to seek and save the lost; You paid it all upon the cross. Chorus

Bridge

So let Your Name be lifted higher,
Be lifted higher
Be lifted higher (4X)

Chorus (2X)

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Verse 1

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb Could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Verse 2

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts Have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus

You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for.
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Verse 3

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own,
Here in our weakness You find us, Falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Chorus

You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for.
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Repeat

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

“There is a Redeemer”

Verse 1

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus

Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done

Verse 2

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

Verse 3

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

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