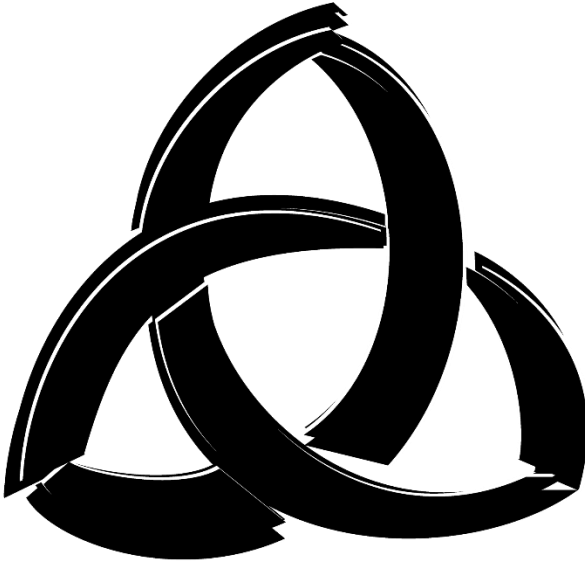


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**HYMN** "Glory Be to God the Father" ..... LSB 506

### **INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Isaiah 6:3b, Psalm 38:21–22; 43:3–4; 41:13*

*P: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;*

**C: the whole earth is full of His glory!**

*P: Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from me!*

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**

*P: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;*

**C: let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**

*P: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,*

**C: and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.**

*P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,*

**C: from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

### **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we would perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Let us with true hearts confess together that we, through sinful thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds, have transgressed God's righteous Law and deserve His punishment now and eternally.*

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and in eternity.**

*P: By virtue of my office, 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. Now may the God of peace Himself*

*sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.*

**C: Amen.**

**INTROIT**      *Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

*P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.*

**C: Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.**

*P: I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.*

**C: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.**

*P: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.*

**C: You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

**C: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” ..... *LSB 813*

**With all the angel choirs,  
With all the saints on earth  
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
True rapture, noblest mirth.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**Praise Him who reigns on high,  
The Lord whom we adore:  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
One God forevermore.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

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**SALUTATION and COLLECT**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Let us pray. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, accept our praise for our creation, redemption, and sanctification. We bless You that You have called us to be Yours. By Your grace, direct our lives that we ever be Your holy people who walk worthily in Your ways; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 6:1–8*

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!” <sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” <sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

*Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, <sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know — <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning Him, “ ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad,

and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup> For You will not abandon My soul to Hades, or let Your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to Me the paths of life; You will make Me full of gladness with Your presence.’ <sup>29</sup> Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that He would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, <sup>35</sup> until I make Your enemies Your footstool.’ <sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 3:1–17*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with Him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered Him, “Are you the

teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**CREED**            *Athanasian Creed (Part 1)*

*P: As an expression of our faith, we confess the words of the Athanasian Creed, the longest and most recent of the three Ecumenical Creeds of the Church. Because of its length, we will be dividing the Creed into two sections and will be assisted by readers in speaking it.*

**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.**

Reader 1: 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.

Reader 2: 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.

**C: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal, just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

Reader 1: 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.

Reader 2: 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.

**C: 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.**

Reader 1: 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.

Reader 2: 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;

Reader 1: 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.

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

*HYMN* "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" ..... *LSB 822*

**SERMON**

**CREED**            *Athanasian Creed (Part 2)*

*P: We continue and conclude the confession of our faith today with the second part of the Athanasian Creed.*

**C: 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.**

Reader 1: 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;

Reader 2: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

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

Reader 1: 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.

Reader 2: 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.

Reader 1: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

Reader 2: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

**C: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

### ***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH***

*P: Triune God in mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

### ***THE LORD'S PRAYER***

**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.**



## OFFERING

### ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

### **PREFACE**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Lift up your hearts.*

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for all that You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for the revelation of the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. As we receive this blessed food and are strengthened and sustained by it, increase our faith toward You and our fervent love for one another throughout our lives, until at last we are granted our place with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **PAX DOMINI**

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

**C: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" ..... LSB 791

**All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.**

**O enter then His gates with praise;  
Approach with joy His courts unto.  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.**

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" ..... LSB 618

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

*P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, again in Your kindness You have granted us peace, pardon, and comfort at Your blessed Table. Strengthen us through what we have here received and keep us steadfast in faith and hope throughout our pilgrimage on earth, strong in our confession of the Holy Trinity, and devoted to every good work to bring glory to Your name. This we ask through Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.*

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN** "O Blessed Light, O Trinity" ..... LSB 890

**THIS WEEK AT CLC — (5/27/18 – 6/3/18)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am

**Monday:** Memorial Day – office closed

**Wednesday:** Bible Class, 8:30am

**Thursday:** Worship/HC, 6:30pm

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; North Wisconsin District Convention

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending May 20, 2018)**

General & Building Funds: \$6003.87; Blessings: \$13.00; Road Sign Memorial: \$155.00

Attendance: Thursday: 20; Sunday: 139

**CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

**CLC IS TURNING 40!** Christ Lutheran Church will celebrate its 40th anniversary as a congregation in October. Thanks be to God for all His many blessings!! A celebration date of October 14th has been chosen, now all we need are a few people to help with planning the celebration. If you are interested in helping with this please contact either Pastor Wetmore or Steve Bahr.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for providing fellowship treats! Check the Signup Genius computer or contact the church office to volunteer.

**PASTOR KELM** has accepted a divine call to be the pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Pickerel. Please keep him and Karen in your prayers as they make the transition.

**MAY HUMAN CARE DONATIONS** are going to Greater Wausau Christian Services. Money is needed to purchase Bibles.

## **“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life**

“Would you be willing to take a little bit of time on Memorial Day to do two things? One is to thank God for the successful outcomes of the sacrifices that these graves represent. Our country is a free and blessed place, and our freedom was bought at a terrible price. Second, will you rededicate yourself to sharing the good news of Jesus so that as many people as possible will be rejoicing on resurrection day? As you think about cemeteries, realize that God has the last word: ‘Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt’ (Daniel 12:2 NIV). All Christian warriors will awake soon to new life.” *Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))*