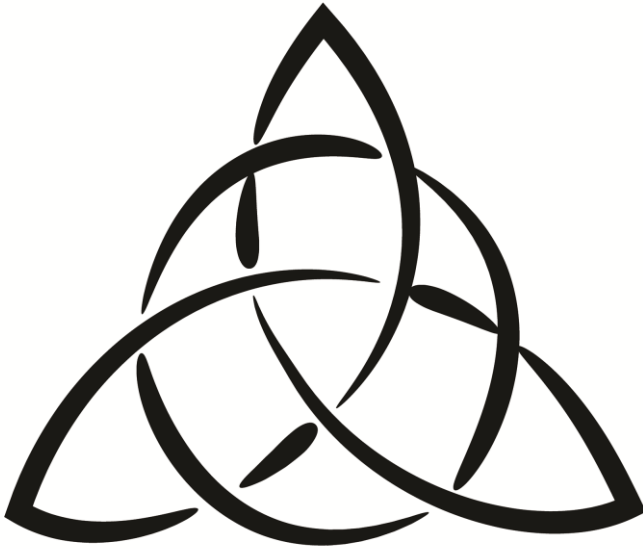


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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know
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AS WE GATHER

The Sunday after Pentecost is always The Holy Trinity. As we consider the Trinity, we do not attempt to define or explain God but confess what He has revealed to us in Scripture. He is one God in three persons. His self-disclosure reveals Himself as the God who saves. His delight is in us even though the cost of loving us means offering up His Son on the altar of the cross. This is the heart of God's self-revelation – the Father's saving will and purpose is fulfilled by the Son even to death, and the Spirit reveals this to us so that we might know and believe in Him and be saved. God's wisdom is not theoretical but practical – for us and our salvation. This is His delight, and from this we learn to delight in what He has done!

HYMN "Voices Raised to You We Offer" LSB 795 vs. 1,3,5

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: 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)

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

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

ATHANASIAN CREED Part 1

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

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

P: And the catholic faith is this,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

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

C: and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.

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

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

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

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

SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

¹ Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? ² On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: ⁴ To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. ²² The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His work, the first of His acts of old. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶ before He had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. ²⁷ When He established the heavens, I was there; when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when He made firm the skies above, when He established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ 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, ³⁰ then I was beside Him, like a master workman, and I was daily His delight, rejoicing before Him always, ³¹ rejoicing in His inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, ²² “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 — ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. ²⁵ 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; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For You will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let Your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.' ²⁹ "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. ³⁰ 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, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ 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. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, ³⁵ until I make Your enemies Your footstool.' ³⁶ 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.

VERSE

Isaiah 6:3b

P: Alleluia.

C: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory! Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:48–59

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁸ The Jews answered Jesus, "Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death." ⁵² 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.' ⁵³ Are You greater than our

father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴ 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.' ⁵⁵ But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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

SERMON

ATHANASIAN CREED Part 2

P: 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.

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

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

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

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

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

P: 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Blessed be the kingdom of our God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

P: Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed is Your eternal and everlasting kingdom. In the name of Jesus and for the sake of His all-sufficient merits, we plead before You to grant us all things needful and to deliver us from all things harmful.

C: Blessed be the kingdom of our God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever, to the end of the ages. 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.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of

heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising
You and saying:

SANCTUS "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940

- 1 **Holy God, we praise Thy name;
 Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
 All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

- 2 **Hark! The glad celestial hymn
 Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
 In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, whose mystery is beyond all knowing and whose majesty is beyond all telling. In Your great love, You have made us for Yourself and delighted in bestowing upon us first place in Your kingdom. When we disowned our birthright and sought our own way, You did not abandon us to sin and its death but delivered up Your own Son to suffer in our place for our sin and to die the death that gives us life. By His resurrection, He has delivered us from death and bestowed upon us the grace of heaven, where we shall know You face-to-face. As He has left to us the testament of His Word and His very flesh and blood in this Holy Supper, we pray You to grant us the Spirit and faith to receive Him and all His blessings with joy and great delight.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord, heavenly Father, we remember here the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation and praise His victorious resurrection from the dead. We draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" *LSB 940*

**3 Lo, the apostles' holy train
 Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
 Prophets swell the glad refrain,
 And the white-robed martyrs follow,
 And from morn to set of sun
 Through the Church the song goes on.**

**4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
 Son of God, yet born of Mary.
 For us sinners sacrificed,
 As to death a Tributary,
 First to break the bars of death,
 Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.**

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" *LSB 622*

ATHANASIAN CREED Part 3

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

C: 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.

P: 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:

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

P: 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:

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

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

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

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

P: 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.

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

P: 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.

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

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:22–24, 27–29, 41–43 Galatians 1:1–12 Luke 7:1–10

THIS WEEK— (May 22nd – 29th)**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am**Monday:** Bible Study, 1:00pm**Tuesday:** Bible Study, 10:00am**Wednesday:** Bible Study, 8:30am; CLC Blood Drive, 3:30pm;
Confirmation (1st yr) 5:00pm, (2nd yr) 6:00pm**Thursday:** Bethesda Work Day, 1:00pm; Worship/HC, 6:30pm;
Bible Class, 7:30pm**Sunday:** Worship/HC/Confirmation, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am;
Sunday School year-end party, 10:30am; Quilt Bids Last Day;
Memorial Day Weekend**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 05/15/16)**

General Fund: \$4835.50; Building Fund: \$305.00; Blessings: \$29.93;

Memorial: \$95.00; Miscellaneous: \$132.00

Total Attendance: 146 (Midweek: 10; Sunday: 136)

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible study following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.**EVERY THREE YEARS, our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod gathers****in convention** to determine mission and ministry priorities for the coming three years. This year, we will gather in Milwaukee under the theme “Upon This Rock.” As part of the run-up to the triennial convention, LCMS households, congregations and organizations are invited and encouraged to participate in a synod-wide gathering of special gifts called the National Offering. This triennium’s National Offering gives Lutherans across the country an opportunity through a special offering that will give the same bold confession as Peter: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Gifts to the 2016 LCMS National Offering — which can be made at any time — will empower the work God has given us to do in His name through programs and projects where we Witness, show Mercy and walk with one another as Christians in our Life Together. (Please find the handout in your mailbox.)

MEMORIAL DAY NEXT WEEKEND! Remember those who fought for our freedom and have gone before us. Enjoy a safe, restful holiday weekend, also give thanks and praise to God for His many blessings!

LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is May 29th. Sunday school will resume in the fall.

CLC BLOOD DRIVE, Wednesday, May 25th, from 3:30-6:00p.m. Sign up at the fellowship hall podium. Walk-ins are always welcome. Save a life, donate blood!

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will be starting the Book of Hebrews on May 25th. Welcome one and all.

CLC QUILTERS FUNDRAISER: Next Sunday, May 29th will be the last day to place your bid on the quilt. Thank you for supporting CLC Quilters!

MAY HUMAN CARE DONATIONS will go for World Relief Health Kits. Items needed: 20" x 40" inch towels (darker colors). Thank you.

CLC WILL BE HOSTING A SUPPER FOR THOSE IN NEED on Tuesday, June 14th at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Wausau. A volunteer sign-up sheet for assisting at the meal and providing food is on the fellowship hall podium.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP WITH VBS? There are many opportunities where you can lend your time and talent. Please pray for smooth planning, effective publicity, a harvest of volunteers and eager children along with their family wanting to learn more about the one true God. International Spy Academy will be June 19-23. An evening Vacation Bible School is new for our church. Please join us for a week of fun. See Patti or Peggy to get involved.

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"As we speak words of life in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to this culture of death, God's purpose will be achieved. Our days are filled with matters of the heart, and God's Words speak to them. 'Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path' (Psalm 119:105). God's Word always accomplishes the purpose for which it was sent and stands as the only certain guide that we have as we journey on the paths of this life." — *Lynette Auch, president of Lutheran For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* (www.lutheransforlife.org)