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#### + HOLY TRINITY +

Prayer and Preaching May 30, 2021

#### As We Gather ~ The Holy Trinity Reveals Himself to Sinners

When Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he cried out "Woe is me!" For the sinner cannot stand in the presence of a holy God and live (Is. 6:1–7). But God the Father lifted up His Son Jesus for us on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. This eternal life of Christ is given us according to the Holy Spirit's good pleasure in Baptism. "Unless one is born [again] of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). To sinners in fear of death, the messengers of God place on our lips the living body and blood of Christ and speak His words of absolution, "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for" (Is. 6:7). Having received forgiveness and life from the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit, we join with the angels in praising the blessed Trinity, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!" (Is. 6:3). "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen" (Rom. 11:33–36).

Opening Hymn 'One Thy Light, the Temple Filling'

**TLH 641** 



5 Thou didst come that fire to kindle; Fain would we Thy torches prove, Far and wide Thy beacons lighting With th'\_undying spark of love. Only feed our flame, we pray Thee, With Thy breathings from above. 6 /

Now to God, the soul's Creator,
To His Word and Wisdom sure,
To His all-enlightening Spirit,
Patron of the frail and poor,
Three in One, be praise and glory
Here and while the heav'ns endure.

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#### **Opening Versicles: Common**

LSB 260

- This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C Teach me Your paths.
- L Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C Your Word is truth.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C 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.

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Reading Isaiah 6:1-7

Things of interest to note:

Verse 2 – the six winged seraphim are mentioned twice, a classic Hebrew doubling for emphasis and explanation

- Verse 3 the word for "Holy" also means "heavy, immovable" Verse 3 the word Sabaoth means hosts of heaven

2) 3) 4) Verse 7 – the word for covered is the same word for atonement (mercy seat, cover of the ark of the covenant)

1lt was in the year of the death of King Uzziah, and I saw the Lord high and lifted up, sitting upon the throne, and his hem was filling the temple. 2From above him, seraphim were standing to him with six wings, six wings for each, with two his face was encased, and with two his feet was encased, and with two he flew back and forth. 3And this one called to that one and said,

> "Holy. Holy. Holy. YHWH Sabaoth. The fullness of His glory is in all the earth."

4And the doorpost threshold trembled from the voice call, and the house filled with smoke. 5And I said, "Ah for me, because I am brought to silence. A man of unclean lips am I, and in the midst of an unclean lips people I inhabit; for the King YHWH Sabaoth my eyes see."

6And flew to me one from the seraphim and in his hand a glowing coal in tongs he took from upon the altar, 7and he touched upon my mouth and he said, "Behold! This touched upon your lips and removed your guilt and your sin is covered "

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### <u>Introit</u>

Psalm 8:1-2a, 3-5; antiphon: Liturgical Text



Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

O | LORD, our Lord,\*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

You have set your glory above the | heavens.\*

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have es- | tablished strength.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,\*

the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,

what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,\*

and the son of man that you | care for him?

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

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen. Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\* Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

Reading Romans 11:33-36 33Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

34"For who has known the mind of the Lord. or who has been his counselor?" 35"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

36For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord. Α

C Thanks be to God.

Reading John 3:1-17

1Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2This 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." 3Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born from above he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4Nicodemus 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?" 5Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8The Sprit blows where He 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."

9Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11Truly, 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. 12If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.16"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that who-

ever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **Responsory: Common**

LSB 263

- L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

## Ten Commandments C You shall have n

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

#### Lord's Prayer

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.

#### **Athanasian Creed**

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.

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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.

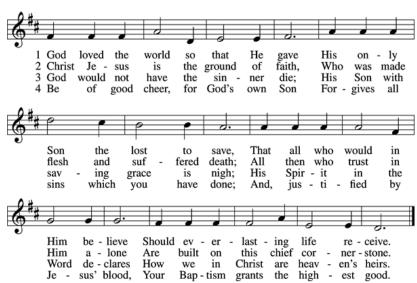
<u>Sermon</u>

'Of Faith and Eternal Life'

John 3:1-17

#### Hymn 'God Loved the World So That He Gave'

LSB 571



- If you are sick, if death is near,
  This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
  Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
  That is the firmest ground of faith.
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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#### **Offering**

#### **Prayer**

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

#### **Collect of the Day**

- 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.

#### **Collect for the Word**

- Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

**Morning Prayer** 

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



Benedicamus LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 267

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ♣Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

#### Closing Hymn 'We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God' LSB 941



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# Immanuel Spirit

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Genesis 15:1–6, 1 John 4:16–21 and Luke 16:19–31.

**Stewardship:** 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.

**VBS is July 19-21 from 9:00am-11:00am.** If anyone is thinking of coming, the Board of Education needs RSVPs so they have enough supplies, etc. Registration forms are on the entryway table.

Building Healthy Families for May 30th: This weekend we pause to remember those who have sacrificed their lives for our nation through military service. They have ensured the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and we are so grateful. Take a trip to a cemetery this week – maybe with your grandchildren in tow – and talk about the meaning of their sacrifice. "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13 ~ Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900. www. LutheranFamilyService.org

**Life Quote for May 30th:** "God has placed each of us here at this very moment in time for His purpose: to be lights in the darkness, to be warriors in His battles, to be the hands and feet and voices that bring the good news of salvation to the whole lost world. He asks us to strengthen our feeble arms and weak knees, to open our mouths to the words He will give us, and to run the race to the finish line." Dr. Barbara Lane Geistfeld, Regional Director of Texas for Lutherans For Life **A** "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org

Lutheran Hour Ministries for June 6th: Hear "Out of the Depths" based on Psalm 130 by Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. When our words fail us, we find God's word of promise in the words of Psalm 130. ~ Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 5/30—6/5 is **Baker**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 6/6—6/12 is **Cadwell**. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact the church office at <a href="maintenametria">immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net</a> no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

As was decided at the last Voter's Meeting, the elders discussed beginning ushers, servers, and greeters. We will begin these roles in July. If you are not wanting to be on these lists, please let the office know by June 1. This will give time for lists to be complied and published before July 1. The elders have also discussed the duties of ushers, and beginning July 1, the ushers will have new duties. It will be mostly be back to normal, except we will not have ushers during communion, nor will we use ushers to collect the offering; the offering plate will remain in the back. The ushers will be responsible for hymn boards, greeting at the sanctuary doors, distributing bulletins and ushering out after church. Thank you for your patience as we have walked together through this past year.

#### **Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays This Week**

Elizabeth Koepp...Today Isabelle Sittig...Friday

#### **Celebrating Birthdays This Week**

Bill Crosby & Stephanie Eichenberger...Thursday
Barb Shell...Friday

#### **Celebrating Anniversaries This Week**

Eric & Āmber Heishman...Monday Steve & Pam Haase...Tuesday

We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.

The National LWML Convention is scheduled for June 24-27, 2021 in Lexington, Kentucky. Women, men, and families from all over the world will be attending and/or watching (livestream) this exciting event. One of the opportunities we have is to contribute items to agencies that have been carefully selected in the Lexington area, and LCMS Recognized Service Organizations. See the poster on the bulletin board near the kitchen door for things to purchase - baby items (clothes, baby toiletries, baby blankets, etc.), gift cards to Walmart and Target for LCMS Seminary students (\$10, \$20, or \$25 are most appreciated), and used eyeglasses that will help impoverished people in developing nations around the world.

If you wish to contribute, please put your donations in the box labeled LWML Glfts from the Heart that is in the church entryway. Steve and Pam will take the items that are donated to the convention.

Your donations mean the world to the recipients!! Thank you for your support.

There have been several scam attempts, both texting and phone calls, mimicking Pastor and/or Immanuel Lutheran Church. We have had reports of people using my name to request gift cards, addresses, phone numbers and other personal information. If the number doesn't look familiar, please do not respond. It is always good to double-check. Instead of calling/texting the number back, call the church or Pastor at home/cell phone. Please talk to me and don't leave any personal information over a message. ~ Pastor Koepp

Hebrews 10:24-25 says,

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

To this end, the Board of Evangelism will be hosting a Church Picnic for the family of Immanuel Lutheran Church on **June 6th** after the Divine Service.

You do not have to bring anything but your appetites, as all will be provided and served by the Board of Evangelism.

If you enjoy Good Food, good conversation, hamburgers, hot dogs, sides and fixins, please plan to come for the Divine Service at 9:00 to be fed spiritually, and stay to be fed physically.

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS May 23, 2021

Attendance 38

Communion 31

General Fund \$215.00

Missions N/A

Trees N/A

#### **WEEK AHEAD**

Today 9:00am The Holy Trinity

Acolyte/Crucifier: Elizabeth/Cole

10:30am Adult Bible Study

Food Pantry Sunday

Tues. 10:00am Greek Study, Pastor in Newton

Wed. 10:00am Windsor Manor Service

Thurs. 11:00am Bible Study

Next Sun. 8:00am Elders Meeting

9:00am 1st Sunday after Trinity

Missions: Lutheran Hour Ministries

Acolyte/Crucifier: Elizabeth/Joey

10:30am Picnic

### **Sunday of Special Offering**



Lutheran Family Service is inviting our congregation to participate in the Say YES! appeal to raise \$50,000 to re-supply the Say YES! Counseling Assistance Fund

before the end of their fiscal year on June 30. All gifts given to this cause make it possible for anyone in need of counseling who doesn't have the financial resources to cover the cost of their care won't be turned away. They're asking us to "Say YES!" so that they can always "Say YES!" to anyone in need during the coming year.

Please give generously online at www.LutheranFamilyService.org/donations

or by texting the word GIVE to (515) 212-7585

On behalf of all who will receive help through your generosity...thank you and God bless you!

Guiding Star Marshalltown, located at 2501 South Center Street in the Nicholas Center, is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing compassionate care to women and their families. Our vision is a society where life is supported at every stage and the family is the foundation for future generations.

Guiding Star Marshalltown partners with professionals in the community who are Birth Doulas, Lactation Specialists, Fertility Care Practitioners, and many more to provide a wholistic approach for mind, body, and soul. We support teens, women with unplanned pregnancies, couples working through infertility, and those seeking health care on other stages along the journey.

For more information visit our website: www.guidingstarmarshalltown.org

Calling all men (ages 18-108) to attend our 1st Annual Men's Night at Guiding Star Marshalltown, 2501 South Center Street, in the Nicholas Center. Thursday, July 8, 6:30-8:30pm Stop in and find out what Guiding Star Marshalltown is all about and meet our partners.

Mary Mauk, Director 2501 South Center St, Ste Q Marshalltown, IA 50158 Phone: 641-351-4041 guidingstarmarshalltown.org





Guiding Star Marshalltown is seeking a part time director (20 hours/week) who will share duties with the interim director. This candidate will be responsible for the marketing, advertising, and operations of all programs which includes classes and support groups offered at Guiding Star.

Knowledge of website and social media platforms, grant writing, and fundraising experience with excellent written and oral skills, are preferred.

Guiding Star Marshalltown is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that envisions a society where life is supported at every stage and the family is the foundation for future generations. If you have a passion for helping women and can align with the Guiding Star Philosophy Statement, please send cover letter and resume to: Guiding Star Marshalltown, Attn Mary Mauk, 2501 South Center Street, Ste Q, Marshalltown, IA 50158 or email: director@guidingstarmarshalltown.org

Please call 641-351-4041 to pick up a copy of the Philosophy Statement during business hours.