



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First  
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(with scripture readings for Eve of Trinity Sunday)

**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL** who are worshipping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register, pass it down the pew for others to register and then place it in the offering plate. After worship, you're encouraged to introduce yourself to anyone you haven't met.

LBW – green hymnal    WOV – blue hymnal    \*Please stand

## **THE SERVICE BEGINS**

**P** We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

**C** Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for creating all living things and causing them to grow;

**P** AND OF THE SON:

**C** O Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we have been born anew, help us to grow up in every way into You, who are our Lord;

**P** AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

**C** Dear Holy Spirit, you have called us all and gathered us together as the Body of Christ, the Church. Help your church to grow – in numbers, in faith, and in love.    **All: AMEN!**

**OPENING SONG:** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

**LBW 165**

## **WE CONFESS**

**P** Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

**C** Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace. *(Romans 8:5-6,26)*

## **WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION**

**P** The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you!

*(Romans 8:1,9,11,26)*

**C** And also with you.

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us grace to make the confession of a true faith. We acknowledge your glorious eternal Trinity, and we adore the unity of your majestic work. Defend us by this faith from all adversity and opposition to your way; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **FIRST 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 I am! Send me."

**P** The Word of the Lord.    **C** Thanks be to God!

**PSALM 29** (read responsively by half verse)

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### **SECOND READING:**

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

<sup>14a</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."

**P** The Word of the Lord.      **C** Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL:**

John 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup>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** The Gospel of the Lord.    **C** Thanks be to God.

## SERMON: “WHAT’S MISSING?”

(Written by Pastor Wyatt McIntyre)

**SONG:** “Father Most Holy”

**LBW 169**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** – Apostles’ Creed

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### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Majestic Trinity, the fullness of your identity is a mystery beyond human comprehension. Yet you have chosen to reveal to us your presence, grace, and forgiveness through the Word and sacraments. Teach us to worship you in purity of heart, with reverence and awe.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Holy Three in One, you have created all things and you continue to sustain us and the world. As spring turns to summer, may the beauty of your creation and the never-failing cycle of new beginnings keep us mindful of your never-failing promises to your people.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Holy One in Three, the mystery of your being is the perfect expression of the unity that you desire for all of your children. Help us to be peacemakers and seek unity where the world would encourage us to pursue division.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Healing Lord, in you is perfect wholeness. Through the riches of your grace bring healing to all who suffer illness, debilitating pain, grief, or will be undergoing surgery. [Especially we pray for ...]. Grant them your healing and wholeness.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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## **OFFERING**

## **CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING**

(The prophecy of Joel, recorded in Acts 2:17-21)

**P** In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

**C** And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy!

**P** And your young men shall see visions!

**C** And your old men shall dream dreams!

**P** Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

**C** Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**CLOSING SONG:** "Here I Am, Lord"

**WOV 752**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord! **C** Thanks be to God!

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Last Sunday, 5/19: 30adults & 7 children

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Pastor Wyatt McIntyre who shared his sermon for tonight's service. He will be leading our service tomorrow. Pastor McIntyre will be providing pulpit supply from time to time. He is married, has 2 children and lives in Bolingbrook, IL. He is a part-time Pastor for Trinity Lutheran Church in DeKalb.

## **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

Jeff Anderberg 5/28

Sophie Koehnke 5/28/2006

Amy Beach 5/29

Lorene Roser 5/29

Ali Wittwer 5/30

## **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!**

Roger & Sandy Gustafson

5/26/01

Rick & Joyce Schmidt

5/28/83

Mike & Marti Valasek

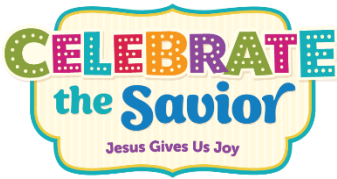
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## **PULPIT SUPPLY UPDATE**

Pastor Bob Castro has accepted to provide pulpit supply for us for most of 2024.

Saturday services will be led by Pastors and lay assistants.

If you are open to assisting with the services by being a lay assistant (leading the service), or a lay reader (sharing the printed readings and prayers), please let Dianna know.



## **VBS UPDATE:**

VBS will be June 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 11:30am. There are registration forms and a grocery list of snack items that are needed. There

will be a VBS program on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The church's cornerstone will also be replaced at this time.

## **PARSONAGE NEEDS**

The kick-off date to jump headfirst into the parsonage is **June 2**, shortly after service/fellowship. This will be open to all who would like to walk through the parsonage and aid in areas they think need to be addressed.

We are looking for helpers, (see Narthex bulletin board) or if you choose to share a monetary donation, please make the envelope for "Parsonage" when giving.

## **Next Week's Readings:**

Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-28 (3:1-6)

## **FOLLOW PASTOR TOM & DEUANE**

Follow Pastor Tom & Deuane's missionary work using the link shared below.

Heart for Mission Laos/Thailand

**<https://www.alwm.org/heartformission>**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday 5/26: Join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Monday 5/27: Remember those who gave so we could have freedom.

Tuesday 5/28: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; food distr., 12-2pm.

Saturday 6/1: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 6/2: Communion Service, 9am.

**(Pastor Phil Gronbach will here for the weekend.)**

### **PARISH CONCERNS**

Pastor Tom's last remaining grandmother, Merlyn Mills, passed away on May 19<sup>th</sup>. May the promise of God's resurrection bring Merlyn's family and friends peace.

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially:

Joanie Sanderson	Richard Krabbe
Matt Johnson	James Klus
Emmaline Haag	Bill Byers
Nathan Wrobel	

- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden, Dale Johnson, and many others.

- Our church and its activities, especially our upcoming VBS.

- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.

- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.

- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, and all Christian churches.