



Holy Trinity

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PRELUDE

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens Anne Krentz Organ

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
And of the † Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,...
Of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
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.
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.**

In the mercy of almighty God,...
in the name of the Father,
And of the † Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!* Aaron David Miller

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with all!

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we
praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all
adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, 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 a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just 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, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jordan

MUSICAL OFFERING

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Paul Manz

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Use your Phone to give
Point your QR reader at this graphic to be
directed to Omella to make an online gift.
Or visit
omella.com/o/izfds



Open your camera app and point it here

OFFERING

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Nancy Raabe

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,...

your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

COMMUNION – Take Communion now

(Used cups may be deposited in waxed paper bags located in each pew.)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wellspring of joy, ...
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

May our glorious ...
The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in G

Jeremy Bankson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

50 years + Anniversaries

Jane & Clarence Stoel, June 2, 59 years

90+ Birthdays

Doris Schiller, Jun 4, 97 years

Ambo Flowers this weekend are presented in honor of June & Jim Buskel's wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

Scholarship Recognition

On June 6th, at the 10:30 worship service, we will be recognizing the recipients of the 100th Anniversary scholarships being presented by the Endowment Committee. Please join us to celebrate these deserving students!

Memorial Day

The church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 31st.

Music Camp 2021

We are excited to be able to host an in person music camp in 2021! Our theme will be *God Loves Us All*. Music Camp will take place the week of July 26-30, with the campers leading worship on Sunday, August 1. We will again offer two sessions for music camp with a morning session for those entering kindergarten and first grade from 9-11 am, and a full day session for those entering 2nd-7th grade from 9-3:30 pm.

We will be following proper Covid safety protocols, including reduced numbers of 5 for the morning session and 20 for the full day session. Registration will be fully online this year at <https://stlukeslutheran.org/2021-music-camp-registration/>. The morning session will be \$25 per student, and the full day session will be \$50 per student.

Our time will be filled with making music together, percussion, crafts, Bible stories, and so much more! If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Schaner at mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org.

A letter from Whittier Elementary

April 2021

Dear Friends of St. Luke's Lutheran Church,

Sending you a heartfelt thank you for your generous donation to Whittier Elementary School.

You truly make a difference for us, and we are extremely grateful!

Sincerely,

Whittier Students and Staff

Anniversary Appeal for June

Each year since the 1950's, 100s of quilts are made and shipped and distributed around the world

through Lutheran World Relief. Our June Monthly Mission is Lutheran World Relief. Financial gifts are sent to LWR to support the purchase and shipping of blankets and quilts, in addition to the many quilts made by Needle and Thimble. Sincere gratitude to the Needle and Thimble Group for all of their labors of love!

Council Adapts COVID Protocols

At its May meeting, the Congregational Council adapted COVID protocols for the congregation. They acknowledged that what we are doing is serving our congregation well. At the same time, it voted to end the need for worship reservations and removed the cap on the number of people able to be at worship. We will continue to require masks for inside the church building. However, masks will be optional for outside worship in the park. Seating will continue to be available in every other pew and communion will remain as it has been recently. We will, however, return to passing the offering plate during the indoor worship services. Congregational singing will continue to grow at the outdoor worship service, but not be offered in the indoor services. "Our goal," one council member commented, "is to help people feel safe." Our council recognizes that there are a variety of views related to what it means to be safe. So, it continues to discern these things carefully.

In our prayers...

The Family of Ruthann Shields

Special Prayers

Shelby, Kaitlyn, Billy T, Mick, Linda N, Char, Scott, Christopher, Paul, Joe K, Shannon, Dave, Stacy, Jan, Ann, Kathy, Holi, Mark, Barb, Cheryl, Rose, Carol, Jean, Debbie, Lydia, Matthew, Dominic, Jerry, Owen, Nick, Jeff, Jan C, Brian, Graziano, Becca A, John, Chuck, Bob K, Janice, Jen, Terry, Elsie, Ben, Tom, Shane, Shirley, Janet K, Kenzie, Mark, Nancy, Casey, Bev, Manny

Current Prayers

For equitable resolution and peace for all in Israel

For children throughout the world.

For all impacted by violence.

For peace, unity and healing within our country.

For the people of India and all countries battling covid to receive needed supplies and for healing.

General Prayers

For those who have lost loved ones and all who grieve.

For all first responders, caregivers, and medical personnel and those whom they care for.

For shut-ins and the elderly and all who are lonely.

For all who are being bullied- especially children.

For Our Partner churches of Meru Diocese in Tanzania

For their new president

For the people of Tanzania, who are battling Covid to receive needed help.

Those in Military Service

Daniel Krueger, Gary Bjerke, Benjamin DeYoung, S. Kate Zelinger.

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THE HOLY TRINITY

Bring Your Questions

Although Nicodemus comes to Jesus claiming to know that Jesus comes from God, it is clear from the remainder of the conversation that he has deep questions on his heart. And after all of Jesus' talk of being born of water and Spirit Nicodemus almost pleads: "How can these things be?" (John 3:9).

What questions do you bring to worship with you today?

As we gather around the baptismal font, we do so with Luther's reminder that "daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 1165). We too might ask, "How can these things be?" Does today feel like a new day of righteousness and purity? Does today feel any different than yesterday or the day before? Sometimes the answer is yes, but often it does not seem there is anything "new" about any given day.

Throughout the gospels we hear about people's responses to their encounters with Jesus. They go away healed and rejoicing, grieving or angry. We get no such exit with Nicodemus. Jesus speaks about God's love for the world and is soon on the move again. What happened to Nicodemus? He will reappear in the seventh chapter of John, defending Jesus as the leaders wonder why Jesus has not been arrested, and in the nineteenth chapter to help lay Jesus in the tomb. In both cases today's encounter with Jesus is remembered. It seems that Nicodemus's questions and his struggle to understand are the beginning of a slow reshaping of his life.

Bring your questions to the water today. Bring your questions again and again. Dip your hands in the water; mark yourself with the cross; know that the water and the Spirit will reshape you in ways you may not understand today but will certainly remember in later chapters of life.

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Visiting Pastors Schedule

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebration, we have invited former pastors and Sons & Daughters of St. Luke's to be guest preachers throughout the summer and fall. Below is the current schedule. Watch Connections for updates.

June 5 & 6 - Rev. Evan Mayhew

Spiritual Son of St. Luke's
St. John Lutheran Church
Joliet, IL

June 19 & 20 - Rev. Karen Pahl, served St. Luke's 2013-2015

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
New Berlin, WI

June 26 & 27 - Rev. Jennie Collins,

Spiritual Daughter of St. Luke's
Associate to the Bishop, Director for Communications and Community
East Central Synod of Wisconsin
Clintonville, WI

August 28 & 29 - Bishop Paul Erickson

Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA

September 11 & 12 - Rev. Jonathan Breimeier, served St. Luke's 2004

October 9 & 10 –

Rev. Kathy Boadwine, served

St. Luke's 2004-2019

Rev. Gary Liedtke, served St. Luke's 2004-2015