

Trinity Sunday

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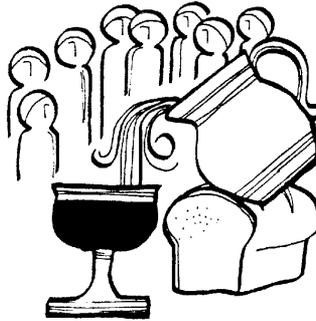
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 250 *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

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Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, while eternal ages run.

Glory be to Him Who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain,
Glory be to Him Who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, to the Lamb that once was slain!

- TLH 244 -

Epistle Lesson Romans 11:33-36 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out! “*For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?*” “*Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?*” For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.

Gospel Lesson John 3:1-15 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 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.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 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?” Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Hymn 246 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Sermon Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

As You Are Going, Preach the Gospel...

The Offertory

Distribution 755, The Lamb

6. How shall I live For Him who fully doth forgive My sinful ways?
Through all my days I'll strive to honor Him with praise;
Until the end, my life amend.

7. What shall I fear Though dangers threaten and be near?
His promise sure, Makes me secure, He guides my life from year to year.
So faithfully, God is with me.

8. I, too, shall rise To join my Savior in the skies; When trumpets blast,
And life is past -- He will from death awaken me. Eternally, with Him I'll be.

Closing Hymn 244:3-4 *Glory be to God the Father*

HOLY COMMUNION The Bible tells us to be "*perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*" One way that unity is expressed is by communing together. We therefore ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

SUMMER SCHEDULE Starting next Sunday, the worship service will be at 9:30 with a Family Bible Class to follow. We plan to return to our normal practices of holding Bible Class in the kitchen and gathering the offering to be placed on the altar. If there are concerns, please speak with the pastor.

MISSION SOCIETY The Mission Society met after the service 5/23/21 to further plans for the Anniversary and 4th of July celebrations. The schedule is: Church at 9:30, picnic to follow, parade at 2:00 with ice cream social to follow. Pastor Fossum plans to attend and will preach the sermon while Pastor Seybt will handle the liturgy. A post-meeting suggestion was to have a free will offering to help with their transportation costs. The school and choir will be singing and the service will close with the Alumni singing. Sign up sheets for food, ice cream, etc. will be up in June. We plan to serve in the basement with outdoor and indoor dining options. Attendance estimate is 200. Steve Ruthenbeck is putting the finishing touches on the audio-video presentation. The next meeting was set for 6/20/21 after service.

LADIES NIGHT OUT Please sign up if you are interested!

SUBSCRIPTIONS The Lutheran Spokesman and Daily Rest subscriptions are due. Please see the sheet in the entryway.

CLC NEWS Pastor Luke Willitz has returned the call to Bowdle/Ipswich, SD. Pastor Tom Naumann, Detroit, has the call to Eden Prairie. Pastor Mark Tiefel, Lynnwood, WA has the call to Sister Lakes, MI. Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Winter Haven, FL has the call to Cheyenne. Mrs. Sara Gurath (Pfeiffer), Maplewood, ND has returned the call to be the 2nd teacher in Valentine, NE.

This Saturday, the MN Delegate Conference will be meeting in Mankato from 10:30 until 4:40. Sessions are open to all.

ILC is seeking a member from one of our CLC congregations as an instructor for high school art. The instructor also would be expected to provide a Christian influence and environment in this class. Art is a senior-level class with 2 sections that meets 5 days a week (45-minute class periods). If you are interested in being considered for this position, please contact ILC President Dan Schierenbeck at dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu. Please provide any relevant education or experience related to the position.

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