

the FIRST SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST
THE HOLY TRINITY

June 11, 2017

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the **CONNECT** card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the **WORSHIP** card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

PRAYER cards and **CONNECT** cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

AS WE GATHER

We marvel today at our Triune God's work in our lives. Without His creating, redeeming, and sanctifying work, we would still be in our sin and without hope. But, the confession of our Triune God is a confession of hope and love. Spend some time in meditation and prayer considering the Triune Name placed upon you in your Baptism and the promised blessings which flow from it that make an eternal difference in your life. Reflect on how those blessings allow you to participate in the redemption of those you know and love. Pray about the person in your life for whom your confession of faith would make this same eternal difference. When we make a confession of our God, we are simply, yet profoundly, bringing to life our remembrance of what God has done, continues to do, and promises to keep doing in our lives. May God bless your remembrance and your sharing this week.

DIVINE SERVICE

Our Divine Service today follows what can be considered a “blended” order of worship. While it follows the order of a liturgical Divine Service, it contains a variety in the musical selections: from hymns to contemporary music. The ORDER *of* WORSHIP below will lead you through our Divine Service in its entirety. We pray that it delivers your heart where you can receive the gifts God brings, and join the chorus of worshippers throughout time and place united in singing His praise this morning.

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Praise Team

HOLY BAPTISM

Eric Wesley Scherer

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OPENING HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 507



CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P Adam, Adam, where are you?

C **I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.** *Genesis 3:9b-10*

(Silence for personal reflection)

P Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to the Lord with repentant hearts, confessing our sin unto Him. We have willfully rebelled against God and deserve nothing but His wrath and punishment. Through Christ, our mediator, we are assured that we may return to our heavenly Father for grace and forgiveness. God is indeed merciful and freely pardons those who confess their sin and call upon His name.

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are children of Adam and therefore have lost the righteousness You gave us when You made us in Your image. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds, and deserve nothing but grief, shame, and eternal separation from You. Yet we are heartily sorry for all that we have done amiss, and all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, be gracious and merciful to us, and restore us once again into Your image, that we may walk before You free from blame and glorify Your holy name.**

P Almighty God has indeed had mercy on us all and through His Son restores us into His image. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE *of the* WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

LSB 422

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 (*Please be seated*)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and

the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and

to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

"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— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 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;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

or let your Holy One see corruption.

You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"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. 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, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 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. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand,

until I make your enemies your footstool.’
Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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

ALLELUIA and VERSE (*Please stand*)

Leader: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Congregation:  Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!

Congregation:  Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given

Matthew 28:16–20

to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord:
C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE ATHANASIAN CREED

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P In the tradition of the Lutheran Church, we confess our faith on Trinity Sunday in the words of the Athanasian Creed. St. Athanasius was a chief defender of the doctrine of the Trinity in the days of the early church. The Athanasian Creed is more than a beautiful confession of the Triune God. It is also a reminder that our baptismal faith is truly catholic, which means “universal”. This is shared by all those who are justified by Christ Jesus, through whom we believe it perfectly, even though we cannot believe it perfectly ourselves. As we confess the Athanasian Creed, let us remember the words of the faithful father of the boy who was healed from an evil spirit in the Gospel of Mark, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.” (Mark 9:24)

P *Recites the odd numbered verses,*

C *Recites the even numbered verses.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(please be seated)*

HYMN OF THE DAY "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" *(rise on last stanza)* LSB 498

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" *(stand and sing)* LSB 805

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us call upon our God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – asking Him to hear our prayers on behalf of the Church and the world.
- P Holy Father, by Your holy Word You create and restore all living things. Sustain us in our physical bodies, protecting us from all harm and danger, warding off disease and illness, and binding up our wounds in accordance of Your holy will. Preserve those who encounter terror and catastrophic disaster, that even in the midst of tears and sorrow, they may know Your constant care through all creation, visible and invisible.
- C Father, Son, and Spirit, hear our prayer.**
- P Holy Jesus, You are the incarnate gift of heaven, redeeming us perishable creatures and preserving us for life in heaven. We give You thanks for restoring our relationship with the Father, that we may unabashedly approach the throne of heaven in prayer. May we ever cling to Your cross consciously aware of Your life-giving sacrifice through Your nail-pierced hands and feet. Continue to shape our faith by Your holy Word that we may live lives worthy of Your holy name.
- C Father, Son, and Spirit, hear our prayer.**
- P Holy Spirit, light our hearts with Your flame of integrity and truth, that we may be winsome disciples, boldly confessing the name of Christ among believers and non-believers. May our spoken words bespeak the truth of Christ's comfort. May our actions reflect the same compassion and forgiveness Christ grants to us. And may our thoughts be genuinely grounded in our baptismal covenant that we may with the angels and archangels unendingly confess the holy Trinity---Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C Father, Son, and Spirit, hear our prayer.**
- P Merciful Father, send Your Spirit of comfort to all who are suffering physical or mental illness, those who are grieving, lonely or heavy hearted [*especially* _____]. Restore health where You see fit, remember them in Your mercy, and give them patience in their tribulation. Remind them of the goodness of Your grace and Your ever-abiding faithfulness. In Your mercy,
- C Father, Son, and Spirit, hear our prayer.**
- P O God, give to us a right spirit as we receive the Sacrament today. Let it be a spirit of unity, that we may share the bread of life with our neighbors. Thank You for this foretaste of the feast to come. In Your mercy,
- C Father, Son, and Spirit, hear our prayer.**

P In Your hands, O Lord, we commend all from whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SERVICE *of the* SACRAMENT

We welcome to the table of the Lord's Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the Worship card, located in each pew rack.

PREFACE and SANCTUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks for His glory.

C We give thanks; we rejoice in the presence of our Triune God.

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 Your divine holiness we worship You as You have revealed Yourself to us: one God in three persons, of one substance, equal in majesty, the only true God. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

C Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty *sung to "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507*
Heav'n and earth are filled with glory from Your shining throne
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
Hail and hosanna, Blest are You alone.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. You once revealed Your name to Moses in the burning bush; and through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You unveiled the mystery of Your holy name in the trinity of persons and the unity of being. Grant that we, who have been baptized and instructed in the triune name, may faithfully eat and drink of Your Son's body and blood and worship You in spirit and truth, O Father, through Your Son in the Holy Spirit.
Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

P Welcome to the table of the Lord.

AGNUS DEI *(Remain standing)*

sung to "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507

C Lamb of God, Lord Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy.
You who take away the sin of all the world, grant peace.
Lamb of God, Christ Jesus, Lamb of God, Redeemer,
Have mercy on us, grant to us Your peace.

DISTRIBUTION *(You may be seated, awaiting instruction from the ushers)*

SONGS: "This I Believe (The Creed)"

Praise Team

V1 Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

CHORUS 1

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

V2 Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

BRIDGE

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

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CHORUS 2 **I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

“Holy, Holy, Holy (God With Us)”

Praise Team

V1 **Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty
God in three Persons blessed Trinity**

V2 **Holy holy holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down
before Thee
Which wert and art and evermore shall be**

Chorus

**From the cradle to the cross
God with us God with us
For this broken world You love
God with us God with us
You gave up Your only Son
God with us God with us
So that all the world will know our God with us**

V3 **Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty
God in three Persons blessed Trinity**

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”

LSB 822

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

C Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.

P Let us pray.

We give You thanks, Almighty Father, everlasting God, that You indeed have had mercy upon us and have restored us in Your image, through the forgiveness of sins we have received from You in this holy meal. Grant that we may go forth in Your image and live as Christ as we pursue our vocations in this world. Rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be Your hearts, hands, and voices in our homes and in our community; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

CLOSING SONG: “May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

LSB 824

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SERVING IN THE LORD’S HOUSE

Pastor	Rev. Aaron B. Chittick	Worship Coordinator	Larry Bruce
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	Courtney Eaton		Lisa Dove
Preschool Helper	Michele Broughman		Karin Kennedy
Banners	Patty Pipe	Organist	Kay Kaepp
Altar Guild	Jacque Osborn	Sound	Jason Moore

Today - June 11

Acolyte Ashley Mobley
Assistant Paul Meyer
Reader Rick Taden
Ushers Ron Patch
 Cal Keokuk
 Andy AcMoody
 Loren Green
Greeters Sally Stewart & Marnie Wood
Cookies Cake - Baptism
Counters Mobley & Hobday

Next Week - June 18

Tyler Scherer
 Chris Donbrock
 Barb Vainner
 Rick Taden
 Ed Elkins
 Sue Elkins
 Carl Hunker
 Cal & Vicki Keokuk
 Hobday & Pipe

IN OUR PRAYERS

Cancer patients: Amy; Anne; Becky (Rumens) Boyd; Barb Brand; Rob Eickmann (Bob’s son); Melvin Gallatin; Laura Graves; Dan Hemker; Ed James; Lisa; Lorraine; Marilyn Meyer; MaryJane; Alan Walters; Clarence Walters; Ward Yearling; Rusty Zimmerman.
Family & Friends: Lee Ballard; Douglas Johnson; Laura & Ryan; Karl Luckert; Lynette (Rebecca & Jerome); Cynthia Moore; Cathy Morrill; Linda Pawelczyk; Doreen Robinson; Cheryl Rosch; Bill Tunison; Carol Yearling.

Shut-ins: Linda Pawelczyk; Cheryl Rosch; Sally Uhrig; Carol Unroe; Carol Yearling.

Those in military service: Lance Bonkoske; Andrew Hatfield; Jeffrey Kaepp; Tristan Karl; Thomas Lenz; Joe Meyer; Lisa Meyer; Devan Paugh; Ryan Schlueter; Chelsea Seegmiller; Heath Taner.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God for our 46th wedding anniversary.

~ Mark & Toni Dalchow

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God in celebration of Eric Scherer's baptism today. Welcome to God's family. ~ your small group family

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God in celebration of Liz Donbrock & Rick Taden. Happy birthday!

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

Offerings—Sunday 6/4-\$4,331.50 (Includes Direct Payment); Windows-\$10; Youth-\$00;
Total-\$4,351.50.

Worshippers— Sunday 6/4: 9am-125; 11:30am-16.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please have all announcements to the office by 12noon on Wednesdays.*

Book Club Please join us tomorrow for lunch and to discuss possible books for next year's reading list: Monday, June 12 @ 11:30am, Coldwater Garden Restaurant. Talk to Barb Vainner if you have questions.

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 7th for setup and Saturday, July 8th for **Neighborfest**. Join us as we share the love of Christ with our neighbors in our community. During this day of service, we provide family friendly activities including crafts and games; live music; lunch; joyful proclamations of God's love; and fellowship. In addition, we collect donations for the Branch Area Food Pantry and the Humane Society of Branch County. This year, we will be providing an opportunity for child fingerprinting in place of the child car seat checks. We need you to help make this a successful event. Please pray for Neighborfest; sign up for needed items and jobs; and be sure to invite your friends and family members. For more information, see Mindy Garn or Karin Kennedy.

Cookies Please sign up to bring cookies for Fellowship Time, which follows 9:00 worship. The clipboard is in the window by the coffee and cookies. You are encouraged to find a friend or two to divide the labor. Thank you.

Maintenance There are some small maintenance tasks that need done. Check out the Work Orders on the bulletin board, take one, complete the task, fill in the date completed and return the form to the office. Thank you so much.

Sanctuary Shine for the Weddings Help us accomplish this goal to shine for the 3 July weddings of our members (Caswell & Scherer, Meagan Osborn, Patch & Tucker). Come be part of the crew to clean and polish the pews, altar area, window jambs, etc. on Wed. June 21, 7-9pm.

Elbow grease will be needed with all of the polishing, so fellers are encouraged to join in! See the bulletin board to sign up for the crew! Young backs and strong arms would be wonderful.

Family Promise We are blessed to be serving families of Branch County through Family Promise in July. On July 5, 6, 7 we need volunteers 4:45pm - 8:30pm to open the church (Community of Christ), prepare dinner and eat with the guests, and clean up. Find some friends to sign up with you or sign up as a team, a family, or a small group. Also, during that week we need volunteers to sleep there as chaperones. Talk to Alice Conrad if you're interested in dates and details. Sign up is on the bulletin board.

The Indianapolis 500 was recently completed for 2017. We are now gearing up for the **Reformation 500 Road Rally Race**. What is that you ask? Remember as a kid you might take a cardboard box and make it into a car? That's what we're aiming for; a box for each child. We will need to collect about 30 boxes. Can you keep an eye out for shipping boxes that have no writing or pictures on the sides. Save them for our Road Rally Race. We'll need a variety of size boxes for a variety of size kids. Pit crews need to go along with each car, so families and adults are needed also. Of course, friends joining the race would be *wonderful!* Watch for more details.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 6/11	9:00am	Worship - Holy Baptism
	10:15am	Cake - Baptism Celebration
	10:30am	Bible Study
	11:30am	Worship
Monday 6/12	11:30am	Book Club Lunch
	2:30pm	Fellowship Team Meeting
Wednesday 6/14	9:30am	Staff Meeting
	12:00pm	Endowment Meeting
	1:00pm	Service Team Meeting
Saturday 6/17	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
	10:15am	Men's Health Support Group
Sunday 6/18	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Bible Study
	11:30am	Worship
Monday 6/19	8:30am	Newsletter Deadline

