

# The Holy Trinity



**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

Lutheran Church of the Living Christ

2725 Concord Drive

Florissant, MO 63033

## PRELUDE

“Pass Me Not “  
“Shall We Gather at the River?”

arr. Lisa Hoekstra  
arr. C.E. Walz

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Details on announcements are at the end of this bulletin.)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

## GATHERING HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

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## GREETING

**P:** Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>In 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. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs 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. <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>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And 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!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The 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." <sup>8</sup>Then 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!"

L: Word of God, Word of Life      **C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 29**

L: <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

L: <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**C: <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

L: <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**C: <sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

L: <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**C: <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L: <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**C: <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

L: <sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## **SECOND READING    Romans 8:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for 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. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For 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!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and 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.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL READING - Please stand, as you are able, to welcome the gospel.**

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter (verses 1-17)

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He 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." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus 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?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The 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." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>"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. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just 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, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Following the reading the assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Matt

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Come Join the Dance of Trinity"

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**PROFESSION OF FAITH – The Athanasian Creed** (*Group 1 – Baptismal Font, Group 2 – Pulpit*)

*The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.*

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

**C: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

P: And the catholic faith is this,

**C: that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

P: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

**C: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

P: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

**C: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

P: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

**C: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

P: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

**C: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

P: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

**C: and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.**

P: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**C: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

P: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**C: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

P: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,

**C: so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.**

P: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

**2: *The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.***

**1: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**

P: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

**2: *And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;***

**1: 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.**

**All: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

P: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: 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.**

**2: *He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;***

**1: and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:**

**All: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

P: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

**2: *Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:***

**1: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;**

**All: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

P: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

**C: who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

P: 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.

**C: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**

P: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

**All: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning, the dance of the wind, and the deeply rooted trees of the forest. Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems, that they flourish for generations to come. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict (*especially*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing (*especially*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

The Spirit bears grateful witness to all children of God who have now come into their inheritance among the saints (*especially*). As they lived with hope in your gift of eternal life, so strengthen us in faith, that we recognize your eternal presence even in this mortal life. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God, creator of generations, you have worked through families to bring faith, hope, and love since creation. Continue to nurture, guide, and inspire our family of faith, especially our brothers and sisters in the Besserman, Stoechner & Zell families. Guide, protect, and build these families up in faith. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*Share God's peace in whatever way you and/or neighbors are comfortable.*

*Following the sharing of the peace the assembly is seated.*

## **GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **C: Amen.**

### COMMUNION LITURGY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise. Hosanna in the highest!**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us and teach us to pray,

**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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table. **C: Amen.**

### Lamb of God



**DISTRIBUTION** *Time is given for the sharing of bread and wine. Additional verbal directions will be given.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“Father, Most Holy”

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**BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in God’s grace unto eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER**

L: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C: Amen.**

**MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT - Ministry Spotlight - Thank you to those who donated bakery items and those who purchased items at our recent Bake Sale. The proceeds will pay for 2 1/2 months of our internet/phone bill.**

**BENEDICTION**

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. (Num. 6:24)

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

“Holy Holy Holy ”

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**DISMISSAL**

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

“Gentle Prelude”

Bob Burroughs

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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1. **Create Days-Friday, June 7, 9:00-11:00**, to sew quilt tops, backs and put layers together (and maybe tie quilts) for LWR.
2. **The June Lunch Bunch** will dine at Las Fuentes at 680 N Hwy 67 in the Florissant Square Shopping Center. We will gather at 11:30 am on June 13 and everyone is welcome. For reservations contact Joyce Meyer at 314-374-4135 or email [jameyer46@charter.net](mailto:jameyer46@charter.net).
3. **FIFTY PLUS JUNE PICNIC** Fifty Plus will meet on June 19 at 11:30 am in the lower level at LCLC. Brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, sides, desserts and drinks all for the price of \$5.00 will be on the menu. The Black Jack Fire Department will be coming to talk about home safety. A signup sheet will be posted in June.
4. **Yard Sale on Saturday, June 22.** In conjunction with Wedgewood Subdivision, Living Christ will host our own yard sale along with a book sale and grilled hot dogs. Please price your items and know that the proceeds will go towards paying bills at LCLC. Saturday, June 15 from 3:00 – 6:00 pm the church will be open for drop off of items and help with pricing, if needed. We also ask for help in setting up and taking down on June 22.



5. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) pack is on July 13 at Atonement --shifts are 8:00am, 11:15am and 2:30pm--. Registration begins on June 1 at fmsc.org. Invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, **and everyone you can possibly imagine!**
6. **NO Adult Forum May 26      NO Bible Class May 28**
7. **The Welcoming Team** will MEET THE NEIGHBORS on Saturday, June 1 @ 10:30am. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.
8. Choirs are in recess for the summer. We can really use some more members for both bell (critical) and vocal choir. YOU can ring and sing! Contact Bill Kaepfel and David Eggers. Bill K

**MAY 26, 2024**

**Preaching/Presiding:** Pr. Matt  
**Assisting Minister:** Randy Henning  
**Lector:** Donna Glennie  
**Live Streaming:** Erle Craig  
**Musician:** Greg Ott  
**Ushers:** Dave Endorf & Randy Henning  
**Greeter:** Jann Mueller  
**Altar Guild:** Joyce Wolf & Ann Schultz

**June 2, 2024**

**Preaching/Presiding:** Pr. Matt  
**Assisting Minister:** Bill Kaepfel  
**Lector:** Terry Calderwood  
**Live Streaming:** Gary & Laurie Brown  
**Musician:**  
**Ushers:** Jim & Doris Stoenner  
**Greeter:** Marilyn Wiley  
**Altar Guild:** Doris Stoenner & Bill Kaepfel & Marilyn Wiley