

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 26, 2024

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided on the front wall.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: THE FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY

The Christian Church Year is divided into two halves: the Festival Half and the Non-Festival Half. The Festival Half follows the earthly life and ministry of Jesus, Sunday by Sunday. It includes Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Today closes out the Festival Half by observing the truth that the only true God is the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In our culture of relativism and equivocation, the Bible's truth about the Triune God is of paramount importance. Every other god is a false, man-made god. Salvation is found only in the Triune God

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF "CLOSE COMMUNION"

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you've had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

To prepare for the Lord's Supper you may wish to use pages 295-296 of the blue hymnal.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service – Setting One pg. 154 in the blue hymnal
Athanasian Creed pg. 284 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

Psalm of the Day	Psalm 148	page 148 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	570	<i>God Loved the World So That He Gave</i>
Communion Hymns	Insert	<i>Father Most Holy, Merciful and Tender</i>
	483	<i>Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty</i>
Closing Hymn	617	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Isaiah 6:1-8
Second Lesson	Romans 8:12-17
Gospel Lesson	John 3:1-17

Sermon

John 3:16

What Is Love?

GUEST PREACHER

Our guest preacher today is Professor Souksamy Phetsanghane (aka Pastor Souk) who teaches German at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown. We are grateful that he is bringing the Word of God to us today.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Luke C. Werre
Sermon Professor Souksamy Phetsanghane
Keyboard Mrs. Jennifer Werre
Projection Slides Brittany Kuehl

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. ³One called to another and said,

Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of Armies!

The whole earth is full of his glory!

⁴The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

⁸Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"

Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 148

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. ¹³For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.

¹⁴Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, "*Abba*, Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God's children.

¹⁷Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 6:3



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council.²He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him.”

³Jesus replied, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”

⁵Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! ⁶Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. ⁸The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹“How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus.

¹⁰“You are the teacher of Israel,” Jesus answered, “and you do not know these things?”

¹¹Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

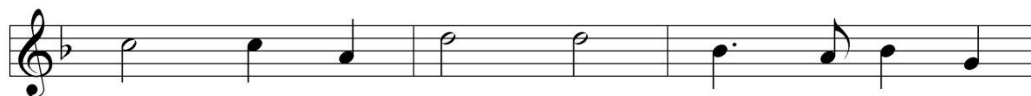
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1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der;
 2 Trin - i - ty sa - cred, Un - i - ty un - shak - en;
 3 Mak - er of all things, all your crea - tures praise you;
 4 To the all - rul - ing tri - une God be glo - ry,



Je - sus, our Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing;
 De - i - ty per - fect, giv - ing and for - giv - ing;
 All for your wor - ship were and are cre - a - ted.
 High - est and great - est, o - ver all ex - alt - ed;



Spir - it of com - fort, Ad - vo - cate, De -
 Light of the an - gels, Life of the for -
 Hear us, Al - might - y, hear us as we
 We, too, would praise you, giv - ing hon - or



fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;
 sak - en; Hope of the liv - ing;
 give you Our ad - o - ra - tion.
 to you Now and for - ev - er.

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THE DOXOLOGY

The closing hymn today #617 is commonly known as “The Doxology.” The word “doxology” means “a word of praise.” It emphasizes the three persons of the triune God.

The melody of this hymn is called “Old Hundredth.” It was composed in the 1500s as part of a psalmody (a hymnal of psalms). This psalmody attempted to arrange the Psalms so as to make them more singable for the congregation. This melody was matched up with – you guessed it – the 100th psalm. It has been used for other hymns as well (For example, see hymn 601).

Christians today sing The Doxology on any occasion where giving thanks is appropriate.

DOES THE ATHANASIAN CREED PROMOTE SALVATION BY WORKS?

How can we explain this line: *Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire?*

Isn't it true that we are saved by grace APART from our works? Yes, most definitely! *For it is by grace we are saved... not by works, so that no one can boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).*

But notice carefully. The creed does NOT say BECAUSE they have done good they will enter eternal life. It simply says, *those who have done good*. It is a plain and simple truth of Scripture that believers do good works: *For you are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works (Ephesians 2:10)*. This does not merit salvation. It is a result of being saved. Unbelievers are not able to do any works that please God: *Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6)*.

What's striking is the similarity between the words of the Athanasian Creed and the words of Jesus Himself: *Those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned (John 5:29)*.

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