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Next Sunday

John Wegner
Shelby Giroir
Lisa Giroir
Mary Lou & Lorie

The Holy Trinity	June 15, 2025
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Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God in recognition of Victoria Crawford, Bailee Giroir and Ruby Souther on their confirmation next Sunday.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, "*Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.*"

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

† PREPARATION †

Stand

HYMN *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” LSB #803, verses 1 & 2*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, who endlessly creates and re-creates all living things;

People: **Glory to God the Father.**

Pastor: and of the Son, who forever redeems, restores, and forgives;

People: **Glory to God the Son.**

Pastor: in of the Spirit, who continually sanctifies and calls us by name.

People: **Glory to God the Spirit.**

HYMN *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” LSB #803, verse 3*

OPENING SENTENCES *based on Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31*

Pastor: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit possess all wisdom before the very work of creation.

People: **Praise be to the Holy Trinity.**

Pastor: Wisdom, begotten of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reveals the incarnate Christ—the appointed Messiah, working out our salvation’s story.

People: **Praise be to the Holy Trinity.**

Pastor: Eternal wisdom delights, rejoices, and is the workman of all things created and redeemed.

People: **Praise be to the Holy Trinity. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Acts 2:38–39*

Pastor: Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

(pause for reflection)

We confess our sins;

**People: Triune God, be Thou our stay;
O let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,
And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one;
Uphold our faith most holy.
And let us trust Thee solely
With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on,
With all true Christians running
Our heavenly race and shunning
The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen! This be done;
So sing we, "Alleluia!"**

Text: LSB #505, verse 1)

Pastor: By God's work of mercy, we are granted forgiveness. By Christ's work of suffering, crucifixion, and death, we are granted eternal life. By the work of the Spirit, we are continually sanctified in the glory of God's holy triune name—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are forgiven by the work of the Holy Trinity. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

† WORD †

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Great God, Our Creator" (Tune: LSB #802)

**Great God, our creator, from whom all receive
Their being and blessing, in You we believe.**

**Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,
Provider and Father, our trust is in You.**

**And You, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,
True Son of the Father, by angels adored;
Redeemer incarnate, You paid for our sins,
And, joined in Your rising, our new life begins.**

**Free Spirit of wisdom and power and love,
On us, as on Christ, You descend from above;
You call us, You cleanse us, You open our eyes,
You keep us in peace, You restore paradise.**

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KYRIE *Spoken responsively as indicated below.*

Pastor: Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above,

People: **You abound in gracious love,**

Pastor: Of all things the maker and preserver.

People: **Eleison! Eleison!**

Pastor: Kyrie! O Christ, our king,

People: **Salvation for all You came to bring.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus, God's own Son,

People: **Our mediator at the heav'nly throne:**

Pastor: Hear our cry and grant our supplication.

People: **Eleison! Eleison!**

Pastor: Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost,

People: **Guard our faith, the gift we need the most,**

Pastor: And bless our life's last hour,

People: **That we leave this sinful world with gladness.
Eleison! Eleison!**



HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Beloved, God Is with Us” (Tune: LSB #589)

**O beloved, God is with us,
God the Lord, whom we adore:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One forevermore—
God who made us, God who saved-us,
God who called us as His own,
God whose mercy, grace, and power
In our lives are ever shown.**

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting triune God, grant us abiding faith that we may steadfastly believe and confess Your divine work as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Throughout our temporal and eternal living, be our constant companion—creating and renewing, redeeming and forgiving, calling and sanctifying us. In all suffering and service, grant that we be mindful that You are the one true God, undivided, uncreated, infinite, and almighty, in whose triune name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

¹Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:
⁴“To you, O men, I call,
and my cry is to the children of man. . . .
²²“The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.
²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.
²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .
²²“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—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and

foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

²⁵For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“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. ³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE *Isaiah 6:3b*

Pastor: Alleluia! Praise to the Holy Trinity:

People: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:48–59*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

ATHANASIAN CREED

Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
People: **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

Pastor: And the catholic faith is this,
People: **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

Pastor: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
People: **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

Pastor: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
People: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

Pastor: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
People: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

Pastor: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
People: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

Pastor: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
People: and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
People: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

Pastor: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
People: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Pastor: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
People: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

Pastor: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
People: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

Pastor: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
People: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

Pastor: 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.

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

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

People: **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.**

Pastor: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pastor: 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.

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

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

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

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB #507*

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(After each petition...)

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;

People: Lord, have mercy.

OFFERTORY *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” LSB #384, verses 4 & 5*

**This is He whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.**

**O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing,
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.**

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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 the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *p. 161 in LSB*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Holy Trinity, the Lord of all things created, redeemed, and sanctified in this temporal and eternal life. We give You thanks that by faith we can believe, receive, and boldly confess the inseparable, unique, and cohesive work of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So also, this day, by faith we eat and drink bread and wine, that is the very body and blood of Jesus, the Christ, who is our source of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

**People: 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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *p. 163 in LSB*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Your Table I Approach” LSB #628

“How Great Is Our God”

Chris Tomlin / Ed Cash / Jesse Reeves

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice

He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

How great is our God

How great is our God

How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, And time is in His hands

Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son

The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God

How great is our God

How great, how great is our God

**How great is our God
How great is our God
How great, how great is our God**

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“Sent Fort by God’s Blessing” LSB #643

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *(p. 164 in hymnal)*

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-‘ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
Holy Trinity, by faith we acknowledge Your unending, seamless, and inseparable work in our lives through Word and Sacrament. Father, we thank You for Your relentless commitment to re-create our weary souls; Jesus, we thank You for suffering, dying, and rising, so that we too may rise; Holy Spirit, we thank You for calling us by name at our Baptism, making us the holy, forgiven people of God.

People: **All praise be to the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

“Glory Be to God the Father” LSB #506

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Quarter 3.

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Evolution: A Lutheran Response

Beginning this Sunday the 10:45 a.m. Sunday school will be learning about the Christian view on evolution. This video-based course will examine what is true and what is false about evolution according to God's Word and proven scientific truth. This course may better prepare you for witnessing in a world where evolution is often viewed as a belief that trumps God's Word of truth. Please consider joining us.



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This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m.	Worship Coffee & Youth Biscuits
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer & Praise
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Examination
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship (Confirmation) Coffee & LWML Baked Goods
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages

For the week June 15–21, 2025

Birthdays

06/15 Michael Shroyer, Jr.

06/19 Mike Cape

06/20 Odin Triche

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Cynthia Ratliff, Donna Bass, Ethel Hamilton, Josephine Hebert and PC Cummins.

BATTLING CANCER: Beau Bourgeois, Helen Duplantis, Michael Hamilton and Nileen Nemeth.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY: Debbie Rudnik, Jacqui Kaplan and Joe Deane.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswalt, DeAnn Barrios, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Eydie Richmond, Frank Alessio, James Hillman, Jaxon Greene, Jim Richmond, John Wegner, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.



MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Ellen DeSoto, Les Nemeth and Renate Piotter.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Hailey & baby Crawford, Karoline and baby Cormier and Lei'Lyn and baby Hebert.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Austin Lirette, Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'Neill, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Niyah Shroyer and Victoria Thalheim.

Grace's Mission

Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service,

Love, Teaching and Fellowship