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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for sending us the Holy Spirit, to be with us always and to remind us of your son;

P AND OF THE SON:

C Dear Lord Jesus Christ, you comforted your followers with the promise of the Holy Spirit, who makes us holy;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you came upon the church at Pentecost. Fill the church with your presence and power, now and always!

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: "Holy, Holy, Holy" vv.1-2

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WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

C Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace. (Romans 8:5-6,26)

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit, who dwells in you. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you!
(Romans 8:1,9,11,26)

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

P The Word of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 (Read responsively by half verse)

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SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

^{14a}Peter, 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.’ ²⁹Brothers, 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.”

P The Word of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL:

John 3:1-17

¹There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This 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.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus 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?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have

seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P The Gospel of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “THE TRINITY SPEAKS TO US”

SONG: “Father Most Holy”

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ATHANASIAN CREED (*Edited for brevity.*)

Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith.

Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.

Now this is the catholic faith:

We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

What the Father is,

the Son is and so is the Holy Spirit.

Uncreated is the Father;

uncreated is the Son, uncreated is the Spirit.

The Father is infinite,

the Son is infinite, the Holy Spirit is infinite.

Eternal is the Father,

eternal is the Son, eternal is the Spirit;

And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;

As there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings but one who is eternal.

Almighty is the Father,

almighty is the Son, almighty is the Spirit;

And yet there are not three almighty beings,

but one who is almighty.

Thus the Father is God; the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God.

And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord

So catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods.

The Father was neither made, nor created nor begotten;

The Son was neither made nor created but alone begotten of the Father.

The Spirit was neither made nor created

but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father

Not three fathers;

One Son, not three sons;

One Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh.

For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:

that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father.

and he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother.

Existing fully as God and fully as man,

with a rational soul and a human body.

Equal to the Father in divinity,

but subordinate to the Father in humanity.

Although he is God and man,

he is not divided, but is one Christ.

He suffered death for our salvation;

he descended into hell and rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life, those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith.

One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Majestic Trinity, the fullness of your identity is a mystery beyond human comprehension. Yet you have chosen to reveal to us your presence, grace, and forgiveness through the Word and sacraments. Teach us to worship you in purity of heart, with reverence and awe. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Holy Three in One, you have created all things and you continue to sustain us and the world. As spring turns to summer, may the beauty of your creation and the never-failing cycle of new beginnings keep us mindful of your never-failing promises to your people. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Holy One in Three, the mystery of your being is the perfect expression of the unity that you desire for all of your children. Help us to be peacemakers and seek unity where the world would encourage us to pursue division. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Healing Lord, in you is perfect wholeness. Through the riches of your grace bring healing to all who suffer illness, debilitating pain, grief, or will be undergoing surgery. [Especially we pray for ...]. Grant them your healing and wholeness. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

OFFERING

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

(The prophecy of Joel, recorded in Acts 2:17-21)

P In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

C And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy!

P And your young men shall see visions!

C And your old men shall dream dreams!

P Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

C Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Holy, Holy, Holy" vv.3-4

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Attendance Last Saturday, 5/22:23

Last Sunday, 5/23:45



Our youngest daughter Karen and her husband Michael are proud parents of a baby girl born 5/25.

Name: Mira Ruth

5 lbs. 14 oz - 19" long

Ecstatic grandparents: Russ and Chris Mothkovich (Our 3rd grandchild)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Lorene Roser 5/29 Ali Wittwer 5/30
Mary Loomis 6/1 Vernon Johnson 6/2
Doug Springborn 6/2

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Mike & Marti Valasek 5/29/1976



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Would you be willing to chair, co-chair, teach or help with Vacation Bible School? We have the curriculum. Kylee Heck, a soon to be high school graduate, is willing to help with VBS by leading a class of up to 20 students. The dates haven't been set as that would depend on whoever would chair or co-chair. If you are willing to help in any capacity, please let Dianna Wittwer know.



Thank you to Elda Bruning, Susan Wilson, and Steve May for planting flowers around the church.

*Thank
you!*

Thank you for the thoughts, cards, and prayers during our recuperation.

Bob and Lisa Coyle

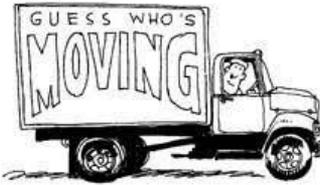
Thank you for all your prayers, cards and thoughts recently.
Praise God, no cancer!

Louie Mielke

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

We had an interview with a third Pastor. We called to request a second interview and the Pastor said “Thank you for the opportunity to meet all of you on the call committee. I have been praying all week and feel that God is calling me to a different church. “

Please don't be discouraged as the NALC has said that we may have to interview 3-5 Pastors before we find the right one. We have interviewed three.



Peggy Veach
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Peggy has written a poem for her First Lutheran family. Please see her poem displayed in the Narthex on the bulletin table. Peggy will be moving on June 7th.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR HOMEBOUND

The DeKalb County Health Department has been working on reaching the Homebound population for those who would like to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

If you would like to be added to receive the vaccine as a homebound community member, please send your name and phone number to this email address (covid19@dekalbcounty.org) or you may call 815-748-2435 (Melissa Edwards) or 815-748-2431 (Paige Forbes).



Sunday 5/30: Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee.

Monday 5/31: Memorial Day. Please remember those who died in service to our country so we may be free.

Tuesday 6/1: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist., 12-2pm.

Thursday 6/3: Food truck Delivery, 8am.; Confirmation class, 4pm.

Saturday 6/5: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 6/6: Communion Service, 9:00am.

PARISH CONCERNS

Marie Balch passed away on Tuesday, her funeral was held here at First Lutheran Church on Friday, May 28.

Kathy Case, friend of Trudy Loomis' died of cancer Wednesday afternoon.

May God grant comfort to those who mourn.

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Louie Mielke will be having surgery on his arm on June 25th.
- Peggy Veach will be moving closer to her two sons on June 7th.
- Trudy Loomis has begun physical therapy for her shoulder.
- Onie Luepkes broke her hip on Mother's Day and is now at PA Peterson.
- Bob & Lisa Coyle, who are having health problems.
- Jackie Conner, Jo Boehmer's niece, who is battling cancer.
- Ben Blobaum, our Seminarian, for discernment about a vicarage (internship) position.
- Pray for God to lead a new Pastor to us.
- Pray for all NALC congregations that are looking for a new Pastor.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.