



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you.

LBW – green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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Children's Sermon

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."

Psalm 29 (Read responsively by half verse)

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^{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.”

*Alleluia

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*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.”

Sermon: “THE TRINITY SPEAKS TO US”

*Hymn of the Day: “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.

*Offering

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*Benediction and Threefold Amen

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*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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Offering Counters: Keith Krabbe and Jo Boehmer

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

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.



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

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

Today 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 6/25.
- 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.