



In the name
of the Father
and of the Son
and of the
Holy Spirit.

Matthew
28:19

*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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*Sunday, June 4, 2023
Holy Trinity Sunday*

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register, pass it down the pew for others to register and then place it in the offering plate. After worship, you're encouraged to introduce yourself to anyone you haven't met.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The inner glasses on the tray are grape juice and water, the rest of the glasses are wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction should kneel at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

LBW – green hymnal **WOV** – blue hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and the Announcements

Order of Service

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 77
- *Opening Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy" **LBW 165**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 78
- *This Is the Feast P. 81
- *Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us grace to make the confession of a true faith. We acknowledge your glorious eternal Trinity, and we adore the unity of your majestic work. Defend us by this faith from all adversity and opposition to your way; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of

the waters. ³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and

let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds — livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. ^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalm 8 (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.”

*Alleluia

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*Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Sermon: "WHOSE AUTHORITY?"

*Hymn of the Day: "Father Most Holy" **LBW 169**

*Nicene Creed P. 84

*Prayers of the Church P. 85

Holy Trinity, you have revealed yourself as one God in three Persons. We praise you for the wonders of Creation, knowing it is to you that we belong. We thank you for coming to us in Christ to redeem us from all that holds us bound. We pray that you would be at work through your Word, so that we would acknowledge and honor you in all that we do. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Father in heaven, your Son prayed that we may be protected in your name. Protect us today from all calamities and distresses that may befall people in our world, in our nation, in our communities, and in our lives. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Lord of the Sabbath, be with all those who are taking time off of work to rest and be regenerated. Help us to hear and know you in our keeping of the Sabbath so that we might be renewed for work in your kingdom. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Eternal God, you are victorious over sin, death, and all that separates us from you. Draw near to all who feel alone in illness or suffering [especially ...]. Fill them with your heavenly presence.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

*Sharing of Peace

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*Benediction

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Closing Hymn: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

LBW 230

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

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

*Postlude

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Attendance Last Saturday 5/27: 11

Last Sunday, 5/28: 48

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

John Boehmer 6/9

Dominic Boehmer 6/9/2007

June May 6/10

Richard Wince 6/10

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Thank you to all who attended the Ice Cream Social and the opening of the church's Cornerstone.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

June 4, 2023 – After Worship Service

1. Election of new council members
2. Approval for up to \$15,000 for painting of church sanctuary

The Council slate and Agenda are on the Narthex bulletin Board.



Vacation Bible School starts TOMORROW!

June 5-8, 2023

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Pre- K3 – 5th grade

Please call/text Val Norris

(815) 761-6458.

Church Fun Facts

Within 1951-1952 Emil Peterson, affectionately known as the "Flying Plumber," took an entire year off work to work full time on our reconstruction. Among his contributions were installing new plumbing, a water heater, softener, and humidifier.

Sunday 6/4: Join us after the meeting in the fellowship hall for coffee and cake to celebrate Gary Steinhorst's years of service as our treasurer.

Monday 6/5: VBS begins, 9 – 11:30am. Continues through Thurs.

Tuesday 6/6: VBS continues. Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30a; dist. 12-2p.

Wednesday 6/7: VBS continues.

Thursday 6/8: VBS concludes at 11:30am.

Saturday 6/10: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 6/11: Worship Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

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

- James Klus has colon cancer.
- Susan & Jim Colgan, friends of Mary Loomis', both are dealing with cancer. Susan has breast cancer and Jim has brain cancer.
- Elaine Mitchell had shoulder surgery and is recuperating.
- Ben Blobaum, pray for God's leading to his 1st church.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Alexis Haag and Taylor Norris.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All who are traveling throughout the summer months.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.

Next Week's Readings:

Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 119:65-72; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13