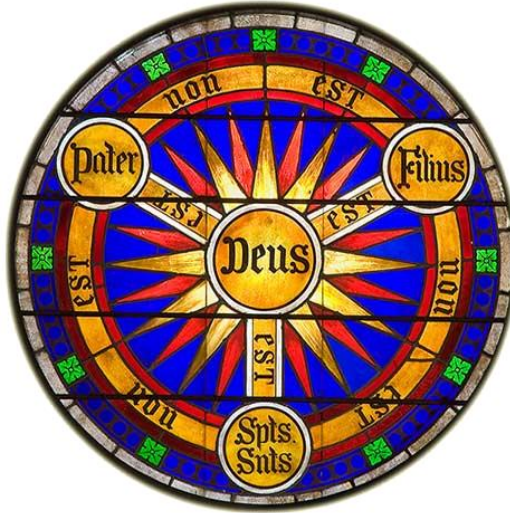


# OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

7 JUNE A.D. 2020

## THE FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY



THE DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING TWO  
9:30 A.M.

### REVERENCE IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

The writer to the Hebrews urges, *"Thus let us worship, with reverence and awe..."* (12:28). Solomon writes in Ecclesiastes 5, *"Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools..."* (5:1). In part, Martin Luther defined "the sacrifice of fools" as irreverent conduct by those who show they will not listen to the Word of God (LW 15:76). In order to maintain reverence in the Lord's house, we ask that **1)** men remove their hats, **2)** mobile phones, tablets, and gaming devices be turned off and put away, and **3)** with the exception of parents providing appropriate snacks for small children, please refrain from bringing food and/or drink into the holy spaces.

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood is celebrated in the Divine Service. Participation in the Lord's Supper indicates unity in faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-21). Visitors desiring to commune are asked to first speak with the Pastor. Ushers are available to arrange a meeting prior to the service. Parents who bring children to the altar to be blessed during the Lord's Supper, *to avoid spillage, please refrain from giving them the individual communion cup after you have communed.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY

### DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING TWO, PAGES 167 - 183

*Please use this booklet to assist you in following the Order of Service printed in the hymnal.*

#### Prelude

“Holy, Holy, Holy” J. Blersch

*Stand*

#### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

#### Exhortation

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

*Kneel/Stand*

#### Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

#### Absolution

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*Stand*

# Entrance Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

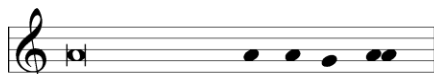


God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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# Kyrie

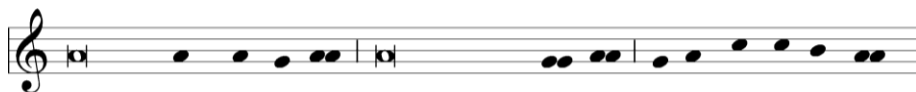
LSB 168



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



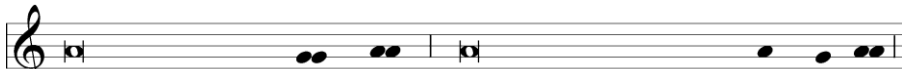
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



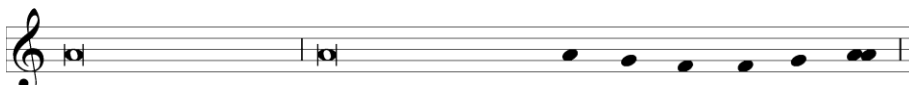
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



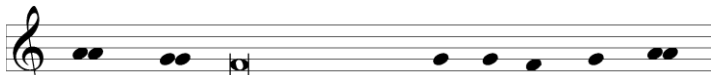
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

[A] Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and

Fa-ther: We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we

praise You for Your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly

Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You

take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

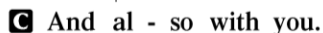
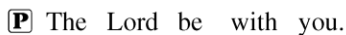
Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the

Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-

lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## LSB 172



Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

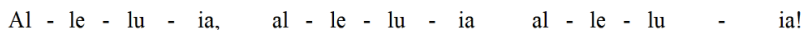
*Sit*

## Isaiah 6:1-7

## Romans 11:33-36

*Stand*

*Kantor: Alleluia refrain; Congregation: Alleluia refrain*

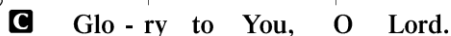


*Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers, and greatly to be praised and glorified forever.*

**Congregation: Alleluia refrain**

## Saint John 3:1-17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



After the reading:

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Please remain standing for the Hymn of the Day.)*

## Hymn of the Day

"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" LSB 498



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make  
2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,  
3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's  
4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and  
the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the  
al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of  
Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our



heav'n-ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.  
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.  
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

5 Drive far away our wily foe,  
And Your abiding peace bestow;  
With You as our protecting guide,  
No evil can with us abide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And You, from both, as Three in One  
That we Your name may ever bless  
And in our lives the truth confess.

△ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

## Sermon

### Athanasian Creed

LSB 319

**C** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.  
Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.  
And the catholic faith is this,  
that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor  
dividing the substance.  
For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.  
But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory  
equal, the majesty coeternal.  
Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:  
the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;  
the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;  
the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.  
And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,  
just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one  
Infinite.  
In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;  
and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.  
So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;  
and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.  
So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;  
and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.  
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.  
The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.  
The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.  
The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten,  
but proceeding.  
Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not  
three Holy Spirits.  
And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;  
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.  
Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.  
But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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.  
 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:  
 perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;  
 equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.  
 Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:  
 one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;  
 one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.  
 For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,  
 who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,  
 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.  
 At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.  
 And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.  
 This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

## Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

## Preparation of the Lord's Table

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" K. Hildebrand

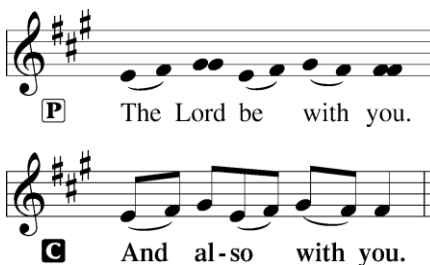
**Offering** *(Please place your offerings in the plates located in the narthex as you leave the service.)*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*(Reception of the Lord's Supper indicates unity in confession and faith. If you are a visitor, please refrain from receiving the Blessed Sacrament unless you have first spoken with the Pastor.)*

## Preface

LSB 177





**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary... 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

LSB 178



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 180



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 180


**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit


## Hymns at the Distribution

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” LSB 621

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with  
 trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark-ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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### "Glory Be to God the Father" LSB 506



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to  
 2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each  
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the  
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:  
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,  
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;  
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,  
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,  
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!  
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!  
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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“Father Most Holy” LSB 504



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our  
 2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en, Good-ness un -  
 3 Mak - er of all things, all Thy crea-tures praise Thee; All for Thy  
 △ 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry, One in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,  
 bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, Light of the an - gels,  
 wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; Now, as we al - so  
 per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;  
 joy of those for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing,  
 wor - ship Thee de - vout - ly, Hear Thou our voic - es.  
 praise Thee and a - dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

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“God Loved the World So That He Gave” LSB 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

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*Stand*

## Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.  
**C** Amen.

## Post-Communion Canticle

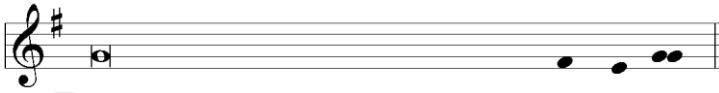
“Thank the Lord” LSB 181

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## Benediction



**P** 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.



**C** A - - - men.

## Hymn at the Retiring Procession

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” LSB 940



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet  
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,  
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the  
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.  
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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## ✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠

**Strengthened by God’s grace... Pray, Commit, and then Act!**

We are fortified by the power of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel given in Word and Sacrament to be God’s people and to produce fruits of faithfulness to Him. These fruits include the giving of tithes and offerings. If you are unable to give in the usual way, feel free to use your mobile device to scan the QR code provided here. It will take you directly to the church’s online giving page. *Don’t have a QR scanning application? Visit the Android or Apple App Store to download a free application.*



**IN PREPARATION** for the Divine Service next Sunday, **14 June A.D. 2020**, First Sunday after Trinity, take time this week to read the lessons appointed for that day; Psalm 33:12-22, Genesis 15:1-6, 1 John 4:16-21, Luke 16:19-31, and the Hymn of the Day, “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray,” *LSB* 768.

**SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**THE FLOWERS ADORNING OUR LORD’S ALTAR** today are placed to the glory of our Triune God by Rev. Rodney and Bonnie Zwonitzer in thanksgiving for blessing received.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS — 7 JUNE A.D. 2020

## ✠ PRAYERS ✠

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**MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Charles Ferry and family, Rev. Steven Mahlborg and family, and Rev. Todd Roeske and family.

**QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 14 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DIVINE SERVICE IN THE NAVE.** There are plenty of important items to discuss including the **Annual Budget**. Please join us your input is valuable.

## Message from Nicole Spangler

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

These are unusual times. You may be wondering, if I am not physically attending church, how can I still financially support my congregation?

There are many options. So that you can make a fully informed decision, here are all the ways to contribute without leaving your home, along with the benefits of each method.

- Mail a check to the church. Mail is still being collected regularly. Any contribution checks received in the mail are included with the Sunday offerings.
- Use your bank's online bill pay feature. Checks arrive in the mail and are handled as above.
- Sign up for Joyful Response automatic ACH transfer (form attached). Authorization must be in writing (via form email to [nspangler@oursaviorhartland.org](mailto:nspangler@oursaviorhartland.org)). This goes directly into the LCEF General Fund Savings Account. No physical contact. All bank fees are waived by LCEF. This is a recurring transaction and requires you to contact [nspangler@oursaviorhartland.org](mailto:nspangler@oursaviorhartland.org) to change or cancel this method of payment.
- Give online at <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/oursaviorhartland> - either a one time gift or set up a recurring gift. No physical contact. You 'push' payments. You can use credit, debit, or a bank account. Our Savior does not receive your account information. This method links contributions directly to our church management software.
- Text Giving - Text 'Give' to 248-845-1095 - you will be sent a link to online giving. Same benefits as online giving. God be with each of us during our time apart. Blessings, Nicole

**June 7 - Life Quote from Lutherans For Life** “As you love the Savior, and through Him the members of your family, seek to remember how it is when Christ attends a wedding. He is not only to be a permanent and prominent Guest in your home; He should be its most visible centerpiece, enriching your marriage and empowering your relationships with others.” *Rev. Dr. Armin Oldsen, former speaker of “The Lutheran Hour”* – A • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### Week of 8 June to 14 June

#### Birthdays

Megan	Williams	06/08	Alan	Williams	06/13
Benjamin	Elling	06/11	Bonnie	Zwonitzer	06/13
Diane	Peck	06/12	Mark	Kloeckner	06/14
Carissa	Ferry	06/13	Kelsey	Rudd	06/14
Robin	Jaskierny	06/13			

#### Anniversaries

Joe and Cheryl	Tobel	06/09	48 yrs.
Ted and Michelle	Nichols	06/10	31 yrs.
Marlon and Liz	Hyatt II	06/13	5 yrs.
Rev. Rodney and Bonnie Zwonitzer		06/13	28 yrs.

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Lord be with you.

I'm going to have to move very quickly this morning. For those in worship yesterday, you'll remember hearing in the prayers that our sister in Christ, Lois Bidinger, was called home to the Lord's nearer presence this past Thursday. The funeral is today. Visitation begins at 10am and the service is at 11am. There's much to do in between. Still, there's time right now to free-think a little, hopefully to both our benefits.

Of course, how can any of us not be moved to exclaim with concern, "What a world we're living in right now!"?

Pandemics. Failing economies. Skyrocketing unemployment. Brutality. Death. Divisions. Riots. America's list is rather long these days.

Like me, I'm sure many of you are consuming your fair share of articles offering a wide array of perspectives on all of this. Carol Caswell shared an interesting one with me this past week. In it, Harvard Professor of Psychology, Steven Pinker, was noted as suggesting that the ones leveling the most pressure on the governors to loosen the grip of the lockdowns are the Christians, namely, those Pinker refers to as being afflicted by the "malignant delusion" of belief in the afterlife. In his opinion, it's the Christians who are proving themselves to be the enemies of life and are putting their neighbors at risk. In contrast, he believes atheists—people unwilling to trust in the possibility of an afterlife—are the ones showing the truest concern for society's health and safety. Unsurprisingly, they're a significant portion of the voices pressing most fervently for masks, social distancing, stricter government mandates, and longer quarantines.

I read another article (well, more like a blog post) last night that connected a few more of these dots. Written by a supporter of the lockdowns, the post inferred rather disingenuously that everyone is obligated to support the rioting protests no matter how violent they become. I use the word "disingenuously" because the protestors are by no means quarantining, obeying government mandates, practicing social distancing, or wearing proper masks while they burn buildings and empty the local Target store of its wine and fat fryers. The irony is thick. But it's overlooked and given room to breathe. Why? Well, because in the blog writer's mind, the violence is justified, being the proper reward for thousands of years of oppression fostered by Judeo-Christianity. In other words, he blamed the riots on Christians.

Both of these are interesting perspectives. Ignorant, but interesting. And certainly you, the reader, will take from them whatever you want. I've learned that much along the way of sharing things like these.

For those of us who follow the historic lectionary in worship, we've heard a lot lately about how the world is in vigorous opposition to Christ and His Church. Sunday after Sunday for several weeks of the Easter season, the Lord has reminded us from John 14 and 15—sometimes subtly, and other times directly—that the world (the collective of sinful humanity in opposition to God) is waging open war against God's people.

Simply put, Jesus kept reminding us that the world hates us. But He said this is only true because it hates him most of all (John 15:18-25).

At one point along the way, the Lord unpacks this hatred by reminding Christians they are distinct from the world and the world knows it. It's not because of anything inherent to any of us, but rather because by the work of the Holy Spirit for faith (whom the Lord speaks about over and over again throughout John's Gospel), God has claimed us as His own.

"If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you" (John 15:19).

For as frightening as this particular verse might be, it certainly does help make sense of the seemingly imbalanced nonsense Christians face day in and day out. We can understand why Professor Pinker would believe as he believes, while at the same time being one to justify keeping the local Walmart open during the lockdown—a place where thousands upon thousands of people visit in a single day, touching this and that item before putting it back on the shelf undecided, and not one single employee in sight to sanitize any of it. Scientifically speaking, Walmart is a biohazardous mess. But Pinker, and others in the blogosphere, can turn blind eyes to such things and be found supporting both violence as well as a Governor's threatening of churches with fines if they hold in-person worship services, even as the churchgoers practice social distancing within an immaculate worship space that has had every square inch scrubbed and sanitized multiple times every day of the week, and doubly so over the course of the few hours when the congregants actually meet.

One might be tempted to think that the only real way forward for Christians is to step into a silent stride beside the world, to blend in, to do what it tells you, to keep one's head down, and maybe even try to keep one's faith a secret in order to abide. But I see two problems with this.

The first is that the world can smell a Christian a mile away. Clandestine or on the sleeve, a Christian's devotion to Christ will eventually be discovered. The fruits of faith are hard to hide, and the more the world demands submission to its gods and compliance with its rites and ceremonies, the harder it will be for the Christian to continue in the lemming-like stride of ambivalence. Eventually the Christian will be found at the edge of a cliff, and in that moment, the Christian will be aware of the Lord's words to Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15). But the world will be whispering there, too. It will hiss an undercurrent of doubt, asking, "You don't really believe all that stuff, do you?"

It's there the distinction is revealed and the Christian is forced to show his or herself as being in or out of step with the world.

If you haven't experienced moments like this yet, trust me, you will.

I suppose the second problem I have with this is that as Jesus was speaking the words I referenced from John 15:19, in His divine omniscience, He was already mindful of what He preached in Matthew 5:13-16 where He called His believers salt and light. Salt is hard to ignore. Sprinkle a little onto a bite and give it a taste. You'll know it's there. Light is equally noticeable in comparison to darkness. Have a group of people close their eyes, then turn off the lights and

light a candle. When they open their eyes, I guarantee they'll be drawn to the candle's flickering flame long before noticing anything else in the room.

Christians stand out. There's really no way around it. And from the Lord's perspective, this is a good thing. It means He has established us as both servants and leaders in a world filled with death and destruction. We are those who add humble, but steadfast, flavor while at the same time being those who lead with the bright beaming light of truth—namely, the Gospel. Perhaps even better, we are fortified for both of these roles by God's Word, which means we have the source for knowing both *how* and *why* we are salt and light.

The whole of our identity is located in Christ who has redeemed us, reclaimed us, recalibrated us, and re-established us as His people in the world.

But once again, the Lord is careful to instruct us that the first test of this identity is to endure the hatred of a world that would much rather be rid of us. It's almost Biblical the way Shakespeare wrote: "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown" (Henry IV, Part II). This is true. The crown of righteousness borne by the Christian, while it is a joy for eternal life, it can seem heavy in this mortal life. Still, Christians are given minds to understand the weight of the crown, seeing it for what it is—a baptismal mark that not only designates the bearer as one purchased and won by the Redeemer and an inheritor of the world to come, but as one who has been led into the duty of being a dealer in hope—real hope.

Yes, situations requiring the hope we bring can be sketchy. Carrying the message of Christ crucified into any setting can be risky. But again, Christians have been given the task of doing it, and it is accomplished, for the most part, by just being who we are in Jesus Christ—servants and leaders, salt and light—no matter the flatland, valley, hill, or cliff.

Personally, I think all of this begs deep reflection right now.

And by the way, Jesus has been very clear along the way to say that any ability for reflecting on any of this (discerning the knowing, being, and doing) will be discovered only as we are connected to His Word (John 14:23-31, John 15:1-8). Disregard the Word—both verbal and visible—and your trip over the cliff is all but certain.

In conclusion, I suppose that's my simplest prayer for you this morning is that you would remain fixed in the Word of God in all things, and there, knowing and understanding the world's hatred for you, still you'd be found courageous. I pray for your readiness in season and out of season to be salt and light, fully prepared at the edge of each cliff to step out of stride with this world, if necessary, and "in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

And with that, it's on to the news...

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+ I received a text from Georgine this morning asking for prayers for her grandson, Benjamin Ciero. He's with the Arlington Police, and he's one of the officers guarding the White House. Please, lift him before the Lord, asking for His mighty hand to protect and defend him as he seeks to protect and defend all of us.

+ Just to let you know, assuming Florida moves to Phase 2 of their reopening, which means rental home owners will be allowed to let folks rent from them, the Thoma family will be scooting off to our happy place for two weeks beginning June 12. I'll let you know if things change, although, I suppose we'll remain MIA either way. Pastor Zwonitzer is planning to cover everything, so be sure to reach out to him through the church office if you have a pastoral emergency.

+ Our Summer Sunday School efforts will soon be upon us. We'll be focusing on the Passion of Our Lord, and we'll be doing so as we are led by myself, Pastor Zwonitzer, Pastor Pies, Pastor Dunseth, and Pastor Lunneberg. All of the pastors are looking forward to it! A flyer is attached to this eNews telling you all about it. Take a look!

+ The highly unscientific results from the Survey Monkey effort are in, and it would appear that around 80% of those who responded indicated they watched the online worship service every time they were made available. Surprisingly, a little less than 8% said they didn't watch a single service throughout the entirety of the lock down. This number is way too big in my opinion. Also, it appears about 3% of you watched both Lutheran and non-Lutheran services, while about 30% watched our service as well as other LCMS worship services.

Perhaps I'll fashion another survey that digs a little deeper into the "not once during the whole lock down" crowd, as well as the "both Lutheran and non-Lutheran" folks. Stay tuned.

+ I received the following update from Kantor Swett regarding the loft floor. Looks like we're almost there! Take a look:

Thank you to all who have donated thus far toward the Loft Floor Replacement and Painting project. As of May 26, we are in need of \$1,300 (down from \$2,500 one week ago), which means we are 80% of the way to the goal! At this point, work would not begin until mid-late June at the earliest, so there are still a few more weeks to contribute if you are able to help - It will be greatly appreciated!

+ The following note from our Life Team Leader, Shirley Sturkin, may be of interest to you. Check it out!

There is an update on the dismemberment petition drive, the vetting process has resumed by the Michigan Bureau of Elections. The Bureau has set June 1 as the deadline for Challenges to the signatures. A sample of 500 signatures was pulled by the Bureau, which will determine the overall validity rate of the submitted signatures. Planned Parenthood has said they will consider challenging the signatures. To my knowledge they have not done so as yet. Hopefully I will have another update for the Life Team's upcoming meeting.

+ I received the following from the Trustees. Take a look!

Last fall, in an attempt to help the congregation visualize the various needs around the facility (some obvious and others not so obvious), the Trustees compiled a list of projects that were in front of us. The list quickly grew to roughly 41 separate identified projects. The projects ranged in scope from relatively small to some very large ones. The congregation was asked to review the list and if so moved, support projects

that were important to them individually where they could. We are pleased to report that now, 7 or so months later, we have completed 17 of the projects on the list. Another 5 are “in process” now and a couple more are being planned. Specifically, we would like to move forward in the next month with the choir loft flooring and painting repair project along with the concrete sidewalk repair around the building. Ideally, both projects need to utilize the summer months for completion. Both projects have more than half the funding committed so far and we need another \$10,000 or so to fully fund. With the projects on the list that have not started, they are less urgent and although we still have a ways to go, everyone should stop for a moment and recognize the real significant progress that has already been made. We will provide a more detailed update at the upcoming June congregation meeting. Praise God for His faithful people. A huge “Thank You” goes out to all who supported these projects. The work already completed could not have been accomplished without the numerous members who lovingly provided their time and talents to physically completing the projects and to the many who provided support financially to purchase supplies and equipment.

+ Our six senior catechumens weathered the Great Confession this past Saturday. Congratulations to them on a job well done! Now we’ll be looking to confirm them on June 28 in the Divine Service.

By the way, to keep this event in perspective, consider the following note I shared on Facebook after the rite. The point of the note was to show how even as things seem to be coming undone, the Lord is so gracious to provide glimpses into His faithfulness. The Great Confession on Saturday was a chance to behold it.



Our world is once again proving its potential. Things are dark right now—so incredibly dark. It would seem that the only light available to us is that which the white hot and burning cars, storefronts, and police precincts will allow.

But even in the midst of this, the Light of the Gospel for faith in Christ is on the move. Look, and you’ll see. It’s an unstoppable Light that will never be outshone or

extinguished. Its radiance is everlasting, beaming brightly, no matter the smoldering landscape being singed by so much evil.

Behold, a proof: six young men—future citizens, friends, workers, servants, leaders, warriors, fathers, and grandfathers—all of whom took to the field this morning by way of The Great Confession. The questions leveled in this rite, and the tenor of its ceremony, put these young men before the world's charging doubts, and together they replied by detailing the one true and saving faith, and they claimed this faith as their own. In a few weeks, they'll come before this same altar and they'll be questioned again. Among the questions, twice they'll express a willingness to die before forsaking their Lord, they'll recite Article IV of the Augsburg Confession, and then they'll be confirmed in their baptismal faith.

Glorious.

While the world around us burns, take heart. Look to the better light—Jesus Christ—who leads through the rubble. Do not doubt that He is at work for the preservation of His Gospel from one generation to the next. Again, these young men are a demonstration of this truth.

+ I'm wondering who might be interested in helping to reinvigorate the church's landscaping. It's beginning to appear as though the building has been abandoned... which in a sense, is partially true. Still, if anyone gets the urge to rescue the first-face impression of our flower gardens, etc., please feel free to do so.

+ I received the following email from Jim Tougas regarding the COVID-19 testing opportunities. Take a look and then click the link if you are interested. Thanks Jim!



#### COVID-19 ANTIBODY TESTING REGISTRATION PORTAL

During these trying times we have all come to experience what it is like to live inside of a world full of quarantines, isolation protocols, and daily health updates from government officials. Fortunately, we are now coming to a point with regard to testing where we are finally able to make more headway in terms of availability and accuracy while garnering new epidemiological information about a silent enemy that has changed our world seemingly overnight. HomeMD Housecall Services, a local house call company providing primary care 'on the road' for geriatric and homebound patients across the state is ready to help. Similar to the way that GM retrofitted their assembly lines to make ventilators, HomeMD Housecall Services is expanding their service line to include in-home Covid-19 antibody and swab testing while using their existing systems to get the job done. The purpose of antibody testing, as opposed to the nasopharyngeal throat swabs that have become very familiar to us all, is primarily meant to survey populations so that we can determine whether or not



those within the community have at any point in time been infected with the virus that causes Covid-19. Beyond telling you whether or not your body has generated antibodies through exposure to the virus, which we presume can defend you against future infections, this blood test is able to identify active infections that have made their way beyond the first 5 or 6 days of infection. The test is able to do this because it detects the IgM antibody, which starts to be produced by your immune system about 5 or 6 days into the infection.

Using the information gained from these tests our congregation members can use the results to determine whether or not they have already had the infection at some point and from there whether or not they can presume themselves to have some measure of immunity. In the event you are positive for the IgM antibody we will also collect a PCR swab, which will more definitively tell us whether or not you are actively infected and thus whether or not you are able to pass it along to others. Most studies we have seen indicate that asymptomatic infections account for somewhere between 35% and 78% of Covid-19 infections. Please bear in mind that while most medical providers will presume that those with antibodies present in their blood are immune for some period of time to future infections, there is no hard evidence yet to back up our professional assumptions (just a disclaimer) due to the fact that the virus hasn't been around long enough for us to have studied Covid-19 immunity. It should also be noted that a positive antibody test does not mean that you are bulletproof . . . these tests are constantly being studied and like all tests, there are false positives and false negatives to be accounted for. In the very near future we may also be offering antigen testing once it receives emergency authorization use by the FDA, which will allow for insurances to cover it as they do now for PCR swab and antibody testing.

This service along with the lab work will not cost you anything because any and all Covid-19 related evaluations and/or associated testing is billed out to your insurance with no copay or deductible whatsoever. If you do not have insurance or if our organization runs into network issues with your insurer then Medicare covers the cost of testing regardless of age or insurance status, 100% free without any copay or deductible just as if you had insurance. The only thing we need to submit with uninsured claims or for claims that your insurer would deny is either a patient identifier number either in the form of your driver license number or your social security number. We of course would feel more comfortable if you would provide your driver license number of the form as opposed to your social security number, but either one will work.

The antibody test itself is performed either by a quick blood draw by a phlebotomist (results in 24 hours and more accurate) or by finger prick (similar to diabetic testing) using a rapid immunity test kit (results in about 10 minutes, but with more false positives and false negatives). We utilize both forms of testing depending upon the circumstances and we can provide either one to you. We are also able to provide PCR swab testing to detect for active infections in their first few days along with consequent treatment of active infections, if appropriate and if necessary.

Please click on the link below to complete our online registration/consent form so that you can register yourself or your loved one for HomeMD Housecall Services' Covid-19 antibody mobile testing services. After finishing the intake form and associated consent form, you will be contacted for scheduling by our office staff. Of course, as is the case with any medical service your information will be kept private per HIPPA guidelines and you will never be contacted or solicited for anything using the information that you provide.

To register, visit <https://app.hellosign.com/s/2AmVTNTr>

+ The following letter went out last night from our Principal, Deaconess Sara Bielby. Its aim is to share the plan for next school year.

Dear Families,

As you know, it is our mission here at Our Savior to nurture children in the love of Jesus Christ while forming good thinkers who value truth, goodness, and beauty. Our time of online learning has been of value due to the valiant efforts of teachers, parents, and students. At the same time, our current plan for the fall aims at the in-person education that best accomplishes our mission.

In order to do this responsibly, out of concern for our neighbor, we will put some practices in place. Several sources of guidelines and reopening procedures have been consulted. As we witness frequently, recommendations may change in the coming days. Currently, here are some things we might expect:

- Symptom checking requested at home and no-touch temperatures on the way into school
- Care taken to create extra spacing in the classroom
- Finding other options to school assemblies and limiting outside visitors during the school day
- Longer times away from school when sick, or when known exposure to someone diagnosed or presumed (and a continuation of learning at home)
- Increased cleaning protocols, handwashing, and hand sanitizer
- A confirmed case in the building will trigger a closed day for deep cleaning
- A waiver signed by families expressing an understanding of the risks involved in attending school

It is our intention to be as calm and routine as possible with children and to cheerfully lead by example and good direction. We wish to be considerate of one another and the community of which we are members.

These are the broad strokes of the plan for fall. Currently the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools is lobbying for flexibility due to our unique identities and small class sizes. If the health situation in our midst were to change, we would adapt and modify the plan. We are attempting to prepare for these types of contingencies so that we can continue learning. Whatever happens, we are committed to carrying out our mission as long as the Lord who has given it to us wills it.

Our first day of school is scheduled to be Monday, August 24. Orientation will be a scheduled appointment in August prior to that date. I am eager to hear from each of you during your school visit next week. I welcome your open and honest thoughts.

May the Lord bless you as you serve Him,

Deaconess Sara Bielby

+ The Youth Group is collecting bottles and cans. Take a look!

If anyone in the congregation is tired of returnable bottles hanging around, let us know and we will be happy to pick them up and hold on to them to return them when we can, and donate the money to the Youth Fund. Contact Trish at [btmrozek@gmail.com](mailto:btmrozek@gmail.com).

+ The folks at the Red Cross reached out wondering if anyone might be willing to step up to try to fill the shoes left empty by our dear brother, Tom Hay. Tom was the one who coordinated the blood drives here at Our Savior. If this is something that interests you, please let me know. We've always been a reliable congregation and location for this effort. It would be good if we could continue it.

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That's it for this week.

The Lord bless and keep you by His wonderful grace!

In Jesus,

Pastor Thoma+

