

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit **be with you all.**

2 Corinthians 13:14



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Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025

Trinity Sunday

Serving Us Today

Organist: Erin Karnitz

Greeter: Bob & Mary List / **Usher:** Matt Lueck

Video: Bob Anderberg

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: Psalm 33 (pew Bible, p. 546)

Pre-service Prayer:

God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be our stay; Oh, let us perish never! Cleanse us from our sins we pray, and grant us life forever. Keep us from the Evil One; uphold our faith most holy, grant us to trust You solely with humble hearts and lowly. Let us put God's armor on, with all true Christians running our heavenly race and shunning the devil's wiles and cunning. Amen, Amen, this be done; so sing we, Hallelujah! Amen. (TLH 247)

Order of Worship (WS2000 pp. 12ff)

When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able. You may remain seated if standing is difficult.

Welcome to Worship

Hymn: 246 — Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (*Please stand for the last verse*)

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

Congregation



Confession and Absolution

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

(Worship Supplement p. 13)

Congregation (sings):

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.



Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, at God's right hand in majesty most high: Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

P: Let us pray... (Prayer of the Day)

Congregation



God Speaks to Us
Through His Word

Old Testament Lesson:

Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-31 (p. 631 in pew Bible)

In these words, God's wisdom is personified in the person of the eternal "Word" of God—Jesus Christ. In

His revealed word, Jesus teaches genuine wisdom, the truth about Himself and all things. This Son of God was begotten from eternity, present at creation, and continues to be our wisdom and life today.

Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:
"To you, O men, I call,
and my cry is to the children of man.

O simple ones, learn prudence;
O fools, learn sense.

Hear, for I will speak noble things,
and from my lips will come what is right,
for my mouth will utter truth;
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

All the words of my mouth are righteous;
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

They are all straight to him who understands,
and right to those who find knowledge.

Take my instruction instead of silver,
and knowledge rather than choice gold,
for wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

Antiphonal Psalm: Psalm 51, Worship Supplement p. 31

Congregation: Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of Your love.

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Congregation: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of Your love.

Scripture Lesson: John 8:48-59 (p. 1063 in pew Bible)

Jesus testified to His eternal nature, His identity as the Messiah, and His relationship with God the Father. All of this infuriated the Jews in their unbelief and they would have stoned Him for blasphemy if He had not slipped away.

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

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it!

C (sings): Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession of Faith: The Athanasian Creed

Pastor: Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish for eternity.

Congregation: This is the true Christian faith, that we worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God without confusing the persons or dividing the divine substance.

P: For the Father is one person, the Son another, and the Holy Spirit is still another, but there is one Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, equal in glory and coequal in majesty.

C: What the Father is, that is the Son and that is the Holy Spirit; the Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, the Holy Spirit is uncreated; The Father is unlimited, the Son is unlimited, the Holy Spirit is unlimited;

P: The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal; and yet there are not three eternals but one eternal, just as there are not three who are uncreated and who are unlimited, but there is one who is uncreated and unlimited.

C: Likewise, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty, and yet there are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

P: So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet they 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.

C: For just as we are compelled by Christian truth to acknowledge each person by himself to be God and Lord, so we are forbidden by the Christian religion to say there are three Gods or three Lords.

P: The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten by anybody.

C: The Son was not made or created, but was begotten of the Father.

P: The Holy Spirit was not made or created or begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

C: Accordingly, there is one Father and not three Fathers, one Son and not three Sons, one Holy Spirit and not three Holy Spirits.

P: And among these three persons none is before or after another, none is greater or less than another, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, and accordingly, as has been stated above, three persons are to be worshipped in one Godhead and one God is to be worshipped in three persons.

C: Whoever wishes to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

P: It is also necessary for eternal salvation that one faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is at once God and man.

C: He is God, begotten before the ages of the substance of the Father, and He is man, born in the world of the substance of His mother, perfect God and perfect man, with reasonable soul and human flesh, equal to the Father with respect to His Godhead and inferior to the Father with respect to His manhood.

P: Although He is God and man, He is not two Christ's but one Christ: one, that is to say, not by changing the Godhead into flesh but by taking on the humanity into God, One, indeed, not by confusion of substance but by unity in one person. For just as the reasonable soul and the flesh are one man, so God and man are one Christ,

C: who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, is seated on the right hand of the Father, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all men shall rise with their bodies and give an account of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will go into everlasting fire.*

All: This is the true Christian faith. Unless a man believe this firmly and faithfully, he cannot be saved.

Translation by Theodore Tappert.

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Another translation of the Athanasian Creed is on p. 53 in the hymnal.

*cf: John 5:28-29. This is not describing "work righteousness"—earning heaven by our works. Rather, through faith in Christ, God sees what we do as "good" in His eyes because Jesus has removed our sin; and God sees what unbelievers do as "evil" because their sin remains.

Hymn: Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

(Please stand for the last verse)



The Sermon

Text: 2 Corinthians 12:14-15 (pew Bible p. 1152)

Here for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be a burden, for I seek not what is yours but you. For children are not obligated to save up for their parents, but parents for their children. I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls.

"Genuine Fatherhood is Grounded on the Triune God"

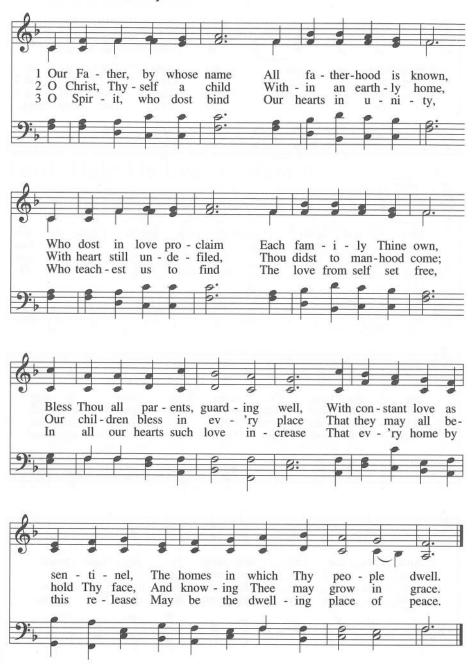
- I. Lead with Your Father's Love
- II. Build on Wisdom's Foundation
- III. Nurture with the Spirit's Counsel

Congregation (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your Spirit free.

Hymn: Our Father, by Whose Name (next page) (Please stand for the last verse)



Our Father, by Whose Name



Prayer



Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in the narthex, mailed to the church, or made electronically via the link on our website home page.

Offering Prayer (Congregation sings)

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator, In grateful devotion our tribute we bring; We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee; We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer, To Thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise. Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us, To Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

(The Lutheran Hymnal 568:1,3)

The Lord's Prayer

The Children's Sermon

Benediction Congregation



Hymn: Oh, Blest the House (next page)

(Please stand for the final verse)

Silent Prayer

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Oh, Blest the House



Welcome
Glad you're here!

Welcome! to all who have gathered for worship this morning. We especially welcome guests and visitors—

please sign our guest book in the narthex, or our <u>digital</u> guest book by scanning the QR code. We look forward to having you worship with us again!





The flowers on the altar today are placed in loving memory of Darol Baumgartner with thanksgiving for his time of grace on the earth and the rich blessings God gave in that time.

Hospitalized: Ed Mace (Sacred Heart, released)



This Week at Gethsemane

If the Lord wills, we will do this or that.

Today

Coffee & Fellowship, Open Library 10:30 a.m. Pastor E. preaches at Trinity

Tuesday—Thursday

CLC General Pastoral Conference

Next Sunday (June 22)

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Organist: Caleb Eichstadt / Greeter: Hagen Family Usher: Nathan Rodebaugh / Video: Drew Eichstadt

Coffee Fellowship / Open Library

10:15 a.m. Bible Class



Birthdays this week: Wayne Eichstadt, Clint Hagen (Today!), Anna Eichstadt (19), Dan Lueck, Darion Buck (21)

News & Notes

Greeting Card Clearance — **Big Summer Blowout!** The supply of Greeting Cards that has been offered for many years is being liquidated and will no longer be available. In a "clearance sale," all the boxes of cards are \$1.00. There are also some free items. The cards are priced lower than the dollar store! Get them now while they last!! (in the fellowship hall).

Pastor Eichstadt will be out of town from this afternoon through Thursday to attend the CLC General Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire, WI. You can reach him on his cell phone. In case of immediate need, please contact one of the elders and/or president, Jerry Lueck.



Vacation Bible School is July 21-25, 8:30 a.m.—

Noon, preschool through 8th grade. A sign-up sheet for volunteers in in the narthex. Students can be registered online:

tinyurl.com/GetVBS25 <u>or via hard copy</u> forms that are on the narthex counter (can be returned to Pastor E.).

Branches subscription deadline is <u>today</u>. Subscriptions are \$16.00 per year for 4 issues (print or digital version). All subscriptions and subscription inquiries can be sent to: Sandy Hulke / Subscription Manager / 29985 Norway Ave / Lindstrom, MN 55045. **Email**: <u>thebranchesmagazine@gmail.com</u>. Payments can be made by PayPal (email Sandy for details) or check (payable to: *The Branches*).

The Lutheran Spokesman (monthly news and devotion magazine) and Daily Rest (daily devotions, received quarterly) subscription/renewal cards are in the bulletin this morning. After a number of years without an increase, the Lutheran Spokesman subscription cost has been raised to \$20/year. The Daily Rest subscription cost remains \$15/year. Subscription deadline is June 29.

BIG Boxes needed for Vacation Bible School — think "appliance/refrigerator type" boxes. If you have any of these (or something that would function in the same way), please speak to Lindsey Lueck or Pastor Eichstadt.

Building/Remodeling Update

Last week we had a congregational discussion about our building/ remodeling plans. Following the discussion the voters met and gave direction to the Building Committee for going forward.

The initial plan and several modified plans are too expensive, so the new course we now prayerfully undertake is:

1. Address the immediate needs

- A) **Update the fire alarm panel** and as much of the system as necessary and pursue ongoing monitoring so that should a fire event occur, the fire department will be notified directly and immediately. The Council is empowered to go forward with this upgrade.
- B) Replace the flat roof that is aging and often leaks. The Building Committee was asked to research the options, the pricing for these options, and to provide a recommendation to the voters for how to replace this roof.
 - A new membrane roof (modern version of what we currently have).
 - A low-trussed roof

- A high-trussed roof allowing for storage/occupancy space in the upper level. This is the type of roof originally envisioned in the master plan. If we did the roof replacement with this type of roof, it would no longer tie into a larger expansion, it would simply be a hightrussed roof over the existing roof.
- 2. Explore other building options to address the goals set forth by the congregation for mid-term and long-term expansion (including the parking lot). The current thought is a new building to the north of the present building, while the current building would continue to be used largely as a Christian Education wing (Christian Day School, Sunday School, etc.)

The building committee will be working to explore options to address the longer range goals, desires, and needs. As they progress, reports will be made to the Church Council and the congregation at large.

To work toward financing our longer range goals, the budgeting process for 2026 will look to include a line item for this building work. In the meantime, **offerings made to our "Building Fund"** now and throughout the future will work toward funding the planning phases as well as begin funding for any future construction.

Please remember all of this in your prayers—that the Lord will lead us to good stewardship in all things as we seek to do the work of His Kingdom; and that He will guide this process in the way that He wants us to go and that will best serve the work of the gospel among us and out from us.



ancil Received into Communicant Membership:

Stephen and Jessica Snelling and into baptized membership, their children: Isaac, Caleb, and Connor.

Received into Communicant Membership: The confirmands—Lily Anderberg, Drew Eichstadt, Annabelle Lueck, and Clara Lueck.

Men's Breakfast will be on summer break through July and August. We look forward to resuming these second-Saturday-of-the -month events on September 13.



Bible Study Schedule

June 15: Extended fellowship time (Pastor E. preaches at Trinity)

June 22: Resume our study in Revelation Chapter 2

June 29: Revelation Study

Church of the Lutheran Confession General Pastoral Conference This Week. These are the topics of study for the week:

Old Testament Exegesis: Amos 2:4ff Missionary Peter Evensen

Lay Committee Report Professor Steven Sippert

Online Communion Pastor Timothy Daub

Pastoral Self-Care Professor Paul Naumann

New Testament Exegesis: 2 Thessalonians 3:1ff Pastor Johnathan Schnose

Discussion of Theses and Antitheses on the Role of Admonition in the Termination of Fellowship with Church Bodies (1990) and What Scripture Teaches Regarding Admonition and Termination of Fellowship (2023)

Missionary Bruce Naumann

Motivation for Ministry Pastor Benjamin Libby

Study of the Pastor's Role as Both Servant and Leader

Pastor Andrew Schaller

Conference Chaplain: Pastor David Ude, **Communion Service Liturgist**: Pastor Jonah Albrecht, **Communion Service Speaker**: Pastor Emeritus John

Schierenbeck.

The Communion Service will be live-streamed on the Messiah Lutheran Church website on Wednesday, June 18 beginning at 5:00 p.m. (Spokane time).

News from around the Church of the CLC Lutheran Confession

Call News: Lori Ruthenbeck has returned the one-year call to teach part-time at St. John's Lutheran School, Okabena, MN. Leah Baumann has now received that call. / Mr. Dan Barthels has received and returned the call to serve as principal and teacher of Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. / Mr. Rick Mariner has received the call to serve as principal of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. / Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, is considering the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. / Pastor Mark Tiefel of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI, is considering the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Women's Retreat West Registration Open: Registration is now open for this year's Women's Retreat West, to be held in Sioux Falls from September 19-21. The theme this year is "Pieces of Jesus' Peace". To register, please head over to womensretreat.clclutheran.net, click on WEST, and fill out the form. If you would rather register over email or have any questions, reach out to womensretreatwest@gmail.com. A form can be sent to you from there.

LOWER MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP: The 22nd annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp will be held July 21-24 (Mon-Thurs) at a private summer camp facility near Frankenmuth, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$60 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 16. Information and registration can be found at mtzionlutheran.info/lowermichiganyouthcamp.

PEACE WITH GOD (ONALASKA, WI) ANNIVERSARY The members of Peace with God Lutheran Church in Onalaska, WI invite you to join them for an special anniversary service on Saturday, June 21st at 9:30 AM to celebrate God's grace of 25 years as an organized

congregation. Guest preaching will be Pastor Richard Kanzenbach. There will be food and fellowship at a member's home after the service. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Pastor Chad Seybt at cmseybster@yahoo.com.

MORNING STAR (FAIRCHILD, WI) ANNIVERSARY The members of Morning Star Lutheran Church in Fairchild, WI invite you to join them for an special anniversary service on Sunday, June 22nd at 8:30 AM to celebrate God's grace of 25 years as an organized congregation. Guest preaching will be Pastor Richard Kanzenbach. There will be food and fellowship at the church after the service. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Pastor Chad Seybt at cmseybster@yahoo.com.

Our Response To God's Love

At Jesus' Feet

"But Mary sat at Jesus' feet and heard His Word" (Luke 10:38)

Attendance
June 8
Worship: 75
No Bible Class

(Voters Meeting)

OFFERING SUMMARY 06/08/25	
General	\$4,080.03
GLC Building Fund	\$290.00
Missions	\$160.00
Total	\$4,530.03

