

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



The Feast of the Holy Trinity June 4, 2023

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The Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name **LSB 940**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit

(Ps. 8:1-2a, 3-5; antiphon: Liturgical Text)

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is man that you are mindful of him,

and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

and crowned him with glory and honor.

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.

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Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: 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. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-7

¹ In 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. ² Above 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. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And 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!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Blessed are You, O Lord, who beholds the deep, and who dwells between the cherubim. Blessed are You, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven, and greatly to be praised forever.

Epistle: Romans 11:33-36

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This 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." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he

cannot see the kingdom of God.”⁴ Nicodemus 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?”⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’⁸ The 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.”⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?¹¹ Truly, 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.¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Athanasian Creed*	LSB 319
Hymn of the Day: Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest	LSB 498
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Offering	
Prayer of the Church*	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 194
Distribution Hymns: 590, 953, 947, 876, 794	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 199
Benediction*	LSB 202
Closing Hymn: All Glory Be to God Alone	LSB 948

Announcements

On the Athanasian Creed: Early in the fourth century, a North African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The church responded

decisively in AD 325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.

The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the church continues to confess that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.

Attention all Bethlehem Ladies: Ladies Aid is sponsoring a social event with the theme entitled "Vintage Garden Party". It will be Friday, June 16, 2023 at 5:00pm at Twelve Oaks Winery. Feel free to wear your hat, gloves, etc. if you so desire. There will be food furnished by Ladies Aid. Please let Sharon Schneider (618-226-3353) know by June 5th if you will be attending.

Thank You: Thank you to Glen Edwards and Earl Schneider for spraying the cemetery lawn for dandelions and weeds. It certainly helps to beautify our cemetery. The Cemetery Committee

VBS: All Aboard! Book your "ticket" for the Celebration Station VBS on June 24, 2023 from 9:00am-2:00pm at the Preschool building. We don't want the fun to start without you! Taking ages 3 and up. Join us as we celebrate the gift of salvation through Christ Jesus our Lord! Lunch will be served. Sign up sheets are in the Usher's Room. I'd like all registrations in by June 17th. Woo Woo, don't let the train leave without you! Any questions talk to Deb Albers or Kim Eggerman.

Scholarships: Lutheran Hour Ministry of the Southern Illinois District has scholarships available for college juniors or older who are going into church work. If interested, please contact Steve Kasten at smkasten@netwitz.net or at 21237 Sassafra Road, Hoyleton, IL 62803. The application deadline is June 15, 2023.

Summer Help: Trinity Lutheran School in Centralia, IL is looking for help with our summer care program. We need someone 18 years or older to work from noon - 5:30pm on Thursdays and Fridays or Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. You must take a drug

test, be fingerprinted, have a background check, and have a doctor's slip stating you are able to work. Contact 618-532-5434 for more information. You can send a resume and 3 reference letters to principal@trinitycentralia.org.

Full Time Teacher: Trinity Lutheran School in Centralia, IL is growing!! We are looking for a full time teacher for our preschool 3's and 4's for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested in joining the Trinity Family, please send your resume, transcripts, and 3 reference letters to principal@trinitycentralia.org or call (618) 532-5434 for more information.

Private Confession and Absolution: The Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

Confessional Lutherans, We've Got Your Back: Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Evening Hymn "Abide with Me," Children's Rights, The Biblical Case for the Trinity, News Discernment and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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This Week in Our Congregation:

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9:30am Divine Service

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