

**Christ Lutheran Church**  
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*A Congregation of the American Association of Lutheran Churches*



**Our Mission Statement**

*We strive to be worthy witnesses to the world.*

**At Christ Lutheran, we strive to lead lives worthy of our calling as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in God's world.**

**(Ephesians 4:1)**

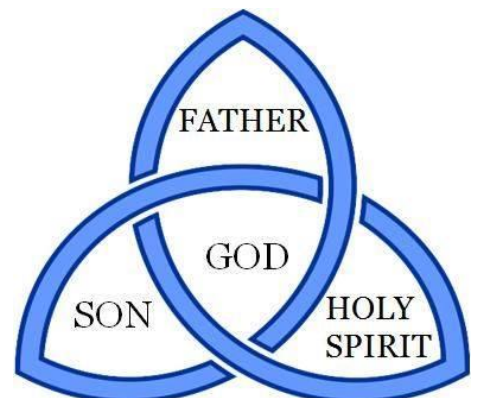
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# The Holy Trinity

June 4, 2023

*During the music before the service let us join in a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

*Please stand as you are able where marked\*\*\**

## *Greetings and Announcements*

### *Prelude*

#### *\*\*\*The Confession and Absolution*

**Liturgist:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Liturgist:** If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(A time of silent reflection and self-examination.)*

**Liturgist:** Most merciful God.

**People:** 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

**Liturgist:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** Amen. Thanks be to God.

#### *\*\*\*Opening Hymn:*

#### *Holy, Holy, Holy*

#### *Hymn #131*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty  
God in three Persons, Blessèd Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou are holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

**\*\*\*Psalm: Psalm 8 (read responsively)**

**Liturgist:** <sup>1</sup> O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**People:** You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Liturgist:** <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,

**People:** to still the enemy and the avenger.

**Liturgist:** <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

**People:** the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**Liturgist:** <sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him,

**People:** and the son of man that you care for him?

**Liturgist:** <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

**People:** and crowned him with glory and honor.

**Liturgist:** <sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

**People:** you have put all things under his feet,

**Liturgist:** <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,

**People:** and also the beasts of the field,

**Liturgist:** <sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,

**People:** whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**Liturgist:** <sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Lord,

**People:** how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**\*\*\*The Gloria Patri: (sung)** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**\*\*\*The Kyrie: (responses are sung)**

**Liturgist:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Liturgist:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**People:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Liturgist:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Liturgist:** Glory be to God on high!

**\*\*\*Gloria in Excelsis: (sung)** And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**\*\*\*Collect:**

**Liturgist:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Liturgist:** Let us pray.

**People:** Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversaries; who livest and reignest, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Scripture Lessons:*

**First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” <sup>7</sup> So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

(2) <sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

<sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

<sup>4</sup> This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

**Liturgist:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Second Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

<sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup> David said about him: “‘I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope,

<sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. <sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “‘The Lord said to my Lord: “‘Sit at my right hand <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.””

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

**Liturgist:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God

**The Alleluia: (sung)** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**Presenter:** Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the twenty-eighth chapter of Saint Matthew, beginning with the sixteenth verse.

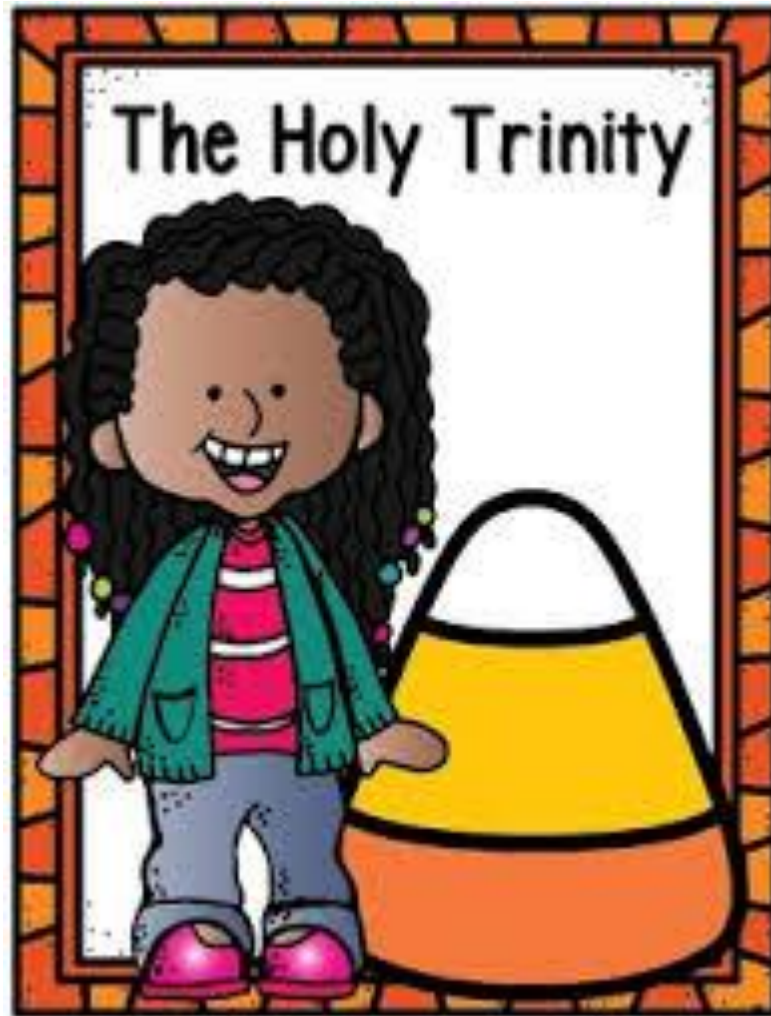
**\*\*\*People (sung)** Glory be to thee, O Lord

## **Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20**

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**Presenter:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**\*\*\*People: (sung)** Praise be to thee, O Christ



***Pulpit Hymn:***

***O Trinity of Blessed Light***

***Hymn #133***

O Trinity of blessed light, O Unity of princely might,  
The fiery sun now goes his way; Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

To thee our morning song of praise, To thee our evening prayer we raise;  
Thy glory suppliant we adore For ever and for evermore.

All laud to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
All glory, as is ever meet, To God the holy Paraclete.





**The Sermon Response:** (sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

\*\*\**Passing of the Peace*

\*\*\**The Nicene Creed:*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**\*\*\*The General Prayer: (after each petition)**

**Presenter:** Lord in your mercy.

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**\*\*\*The Lord's Prayer:**

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, For ever and ever. Amen.

**\*\*\*The Prayer Response: (sung)**

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

**\*\*\*The Benediction:**

**Presenter:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**People: (sung)** A-men, A-men, A----men.

**\*\*\*Closing Hymn:**

***Jesus Shall Reign***

***Hymn #307***

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Doth his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown his head;  
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

**\*\*\*The Postlude**



### ***Prayers and Praises:***

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: The Rev Dr. Carey G. Larson  
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Fred Carlson	Bob Petersen	Wendy Battles	Meryl Benenati
Bruce Gladhill	Brenda Beall	Paul Shriver	Kameron Swanson
Bette Laug			

For the President and the leaders of our nation

For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke, Travis Hawk,  
Bethany Hueter, Chaplain John Reutemann, Chaplain Len Brokenshire, Cameron Donk, Ethan Stone,  
Rebecca Deppe, Wendy Ahern

For our Seminary Students: Chris Clarke, Cameron Swanson, Kris Johnson

For a Region congregation: The Reverend Dr. Jordan Cooper, Just & Sinner Publications/Weidner Institute

For our missionary work: Frederick Rescue Mission

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Bethesda United Methodist Church

For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches

For our college students: Haven Flesch, Shelby Evans, Maddie Day, Joseph Flesch, Jude Stapf

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Men's Bible Study: TBA
- Women's Bible Study: Wednesday at 10 AM at Carolyn's house.
- Adult and Children's Sunday School will resume September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30 AM) via Livestream on Facebook – Christ Lutheran Church AALC. The Bulletins for the services are on our website: [christlutheranofgermantown.org](http://christlutheranofgermantown.org). The video of every livestream is on our Facebook page. You can access the livestream by clicking the link at the bottom of the first page of our website or by visiting the Facebook page directly. Be sure to click on the 'videos' tab.
- We are collecting change for Care Net Pregnancy Center until Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Baby bottles are available at church.
- We are collecting supplies for the Pregnancy Center as well, until Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>. There is a list of items needed in the Narthex at church.
- We are also holding a virtual baby shower through June 18th. We are registered at Walmart under Christ Lutheran Church or Sarah Shriver.
- Next week, The Reverend Dean Stoner will be here to preach and conduct Communion.

## **SERMON NOTES: Three Yet One**