



The Divine Service

The Feast of The Holy Trinity

ST. JOHN

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

If I were to list my favorite saints, Saint Thomas Aquinas would be close to the top. Why do I, who am not a student of theology, have such affection for this great boulder of a man with the mighty mind to produce the *Summa theologiae* and the giant heart to write my favorite hymn, *Adoro Te*, also known as “Godhead Here in Hiding?”

Undeterred by the swirling chaos of a broken world, Saint Thomas looks straight into the order of God’s creation, the reality that sin cannot destroy. So utterly certain is Saint Thomas of the reasonableness of God’s mind that he knows God’s creation is therefore undeniably orderly and intelligible, a creation imprinted through and through with the Creator’s own intellect. Certain that divine reason undergirds the nature of everything, including man, Thomas sets his sights on studying this intelligible creation. With reverence and humility, without a trace of cocksure arrogance, he looks at what IS—at God and all that God has made.

And when Thomas looks at the beauty of this divine intellect and all the order that it has made, he contemplates Being itself, the Logos, the Creating Mind that spoke and came and dwelt among us. And when Thomas looks and contemplates this God who loves

*Thee,
O God, the Father unbegotten;
Thee, O only-begotten Son;
Thee, O Holy Spirit,
the Paraclete;
holy and undivided Trinity:
with our whole heart and
mouth we confess Thee,
we praise Thee and bless Thee:
to Thee be glory forever and
ever. Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE ORDER
OF THE BLESSED TRINITY

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him, he himself falls in love. He can but say, *Adoro Te*.

Who can resist a saint who so resolutely, hugely, unflinchingly unites reason and faith, who studies, looks, contemplates, and loves his Lord so humbly that his study spills over into the most beautiful Eucharistic hymns ever written for the Church?

God: *Adoro Te*.

ANNE HUSTED BURLEIGH, "SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS" IN *MAGNIFICAT*

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are very happy that you are here today! At St. John we want you to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at St. John.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the procession, note the colors, hear the bells, smell the fire, watch the pastors, wonder about those heads on the lectern and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and kneel and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here so much that we didn't build a nursery in our new space. Like Jesus, we want your children in the Liturgy, not out.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to St. John!



If you need help hearing the Liturgy,
❶ download the Audiofetch app, ❷ connect to the wifi named "listen,"
❸ put in your earbuds, and ❹ open Audiofetch.

PRELUDE

"Andante Sostenuto" from Symphonie Gothique CHARLES-MARIE WIDOR

Please stand and face the crucifix.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 507 **Holy, Holy, Holy**

INVOCATION *1 Kings 8:27-30; Matthew 18:20; 28:18-20*

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8-9 and John 20:19-23; Matthew 16:19, 18:18*

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.

Kneeling or sitting forward

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

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.

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.



We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade the presence of God. The world is crowded with him. He walks everywhere incognito.

C.S. LEWIS, IN *LETTERS TO MALCOLM: CHIEFLY ON PRAYER*

Standing

KYRIE *Mark 10:47; Luke 17:13*

Cant. Lord, have mer - cy. Cong. Lord, have mer - cy.

Cant. Christ, have mer - cy. Cong. Christ, have - mer - cy.

Cant. Lord, have mer - cy. Cong. Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

B 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.

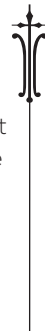
For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

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.

The other festivals of the year present the Lord God clothed in His works and miracles. For instance: on Christmas we celebrate His incarnation; on Easter His resurrection from the dead; on Whitsunday (Pentecost) the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thus all the other festivals present the Lord in the guise of a worker of one thing or another. But this Trinity Festival discloses Him to us as He is in Himself. Here we see Him apart from whatever guise assumed, from whatever work done, solely His divine essence.

MARTIN LUTHER, "SERMON FOR TRINITY SUNDAY ON ROMANS 11:33-36,"
SERMONS OF MARTIN LUTHER VIII:26



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY *2 Timothy 4:22*

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sitting

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*

A The Old Testament reading for the Feast of The Holy Trinity is from Proverbs, chapter eight.

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. [...]

"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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



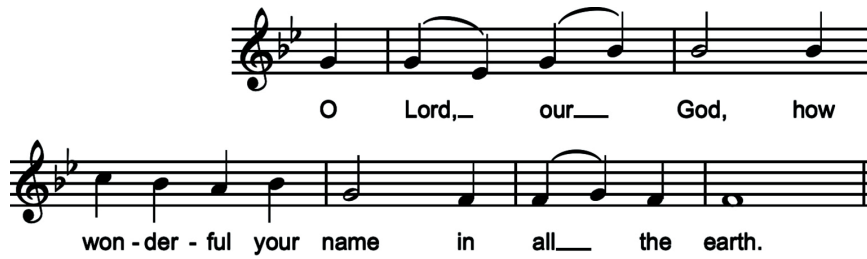
The goal of reflection is
to arrive at immediacy.

SØREN KIERKEGAARD

PSALM *Psalm 8*

Antiphon *Psalm 8:1a*

Antiphon



*When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars
which you set in place—*

*What is man that you should be mindful of him,
or the son of man that you should care for him? vv. 3-4*

Antiphon

*You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor.
You have given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet: vv. 5-6*

Antiphon

It is within my power either to serve God or not to serve Him.
Serving Him, I add to my own good and the good of the whole
world. Not serving Him, I forfeit my own good and deprive the
world of that good, which was in my power to create.

LEO TOLSTOY



EPISTLE *Acts 2:14a, 22-36*

A The Epistle is from Acts, chapter two.

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, .[...]

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

“‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand
that I may not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad,
and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul
to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
You have made known to me
the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness
with your presence.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Standing

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies
your footstool.’”

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

ALLELUIA

Antiphon

Antiphon



Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! Isaiah 6:3b

Antiphon

HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:48-59*

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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. 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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 876 O Blessed, Holy Trinity

Stanzas 1, 3, 5



[T]he true objects of enjoyment are the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ST. AUGUSTINE

ON CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE, BOOK 1, CH. 5

SERMON

Standing

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *Romans 10:9*
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*
God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*
very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*
by Whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*
Who for us men and for our salvation *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*
came down from heaven *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*
and was made man; *John 1:14*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*
He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*
and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64*
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*
Whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 15:26*
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14

Who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21*
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
and the life of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*
Amen. *Psalms 106:48*



Christians don't really believe in God. That is, those sincere folk who say things like, "Well, I'm Christian, you're Buddhist, but the main thing is that we all believe in God," are not quite right. Our God has a face, Jesus; a name, Trinity. Our God comes to us in history, in specific, observable ways that define an agent, an identity. We can't make this God mean anything we like. Trinity Sunday is the church's reminder of the distinctive identity of our God.

WILLIAM WILLIMON
PULPIT RESOURCE, 50

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *1 Timothy 2:1-4*

- A** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayer:

- A** Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

Persecuted Christians in: **Colombia, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Vietnam**

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Marcia Hettinger

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Ron Meyer (friend of Rich Williams)

Aaron Thomas (son-in-law of Gerald Wehrs)

Blessed death: **Frank Vondrasek** (brother-in-law of Gerald Wehrs)

Holidays: **Father's Day**

Safe travel:

Burt, Pamela, Claudia Andrews

Members of LERT

- P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE *Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Sitting

OFFERING AND VOLUNTARY

Benedictus sit Deus Pater *Cf. Tobit 12:6*

Blessed be God the Father, and the only begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit; because he hath shown to us his mercy.

Offerings may be placed in the collection boxes at the doors or at www.stjohnwheaton.org/online-giving.

Please take a moment to fill out our guest book found at the far end of the pew.

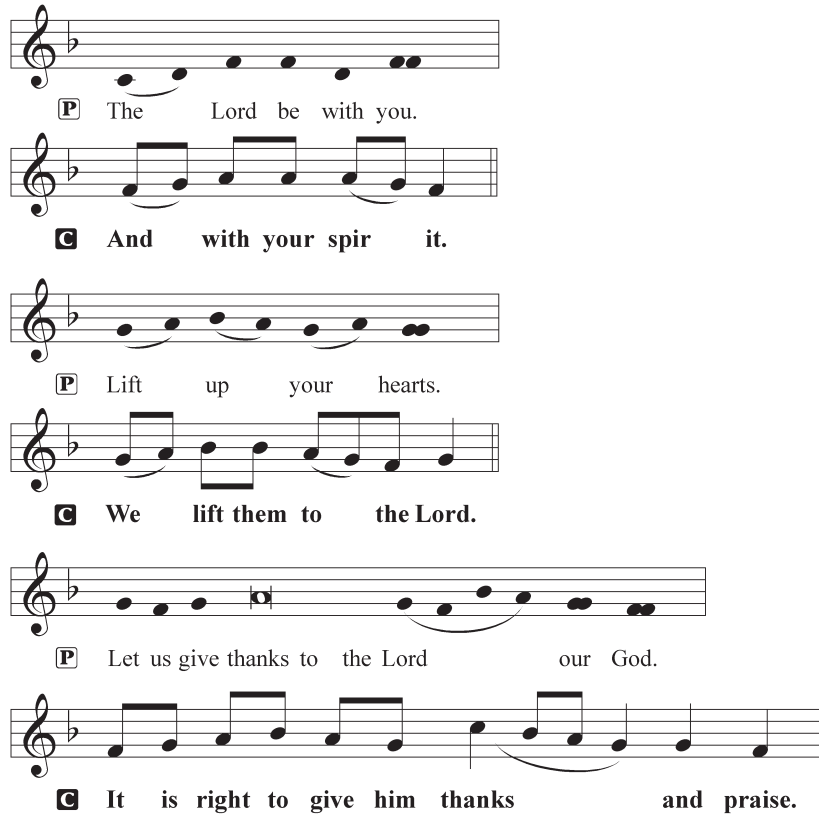
Standing

OFFERTORY *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136



P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spir it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

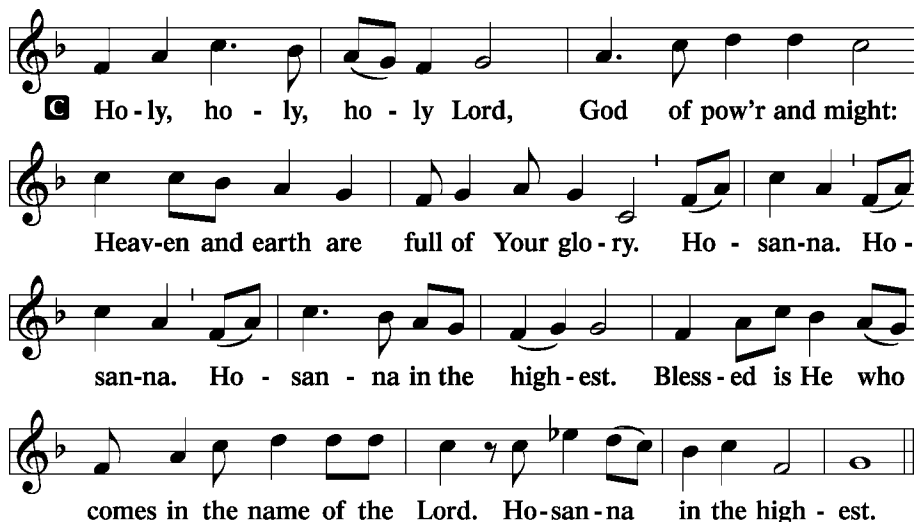
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSALM 90:17 (KJV)

SANCTUS Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9-10; Revelation 4:8, 5:13



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

Kneeling or sitting forward

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 *Matthew 6:9-13*



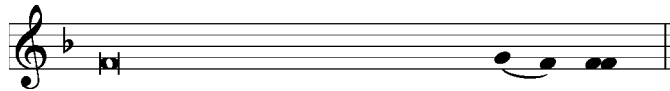
Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly
bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -
to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -
ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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 *John 20:19*



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



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI *John 1:29; Revelation 5:6,12*



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.

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here today. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

All members of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor in the weeks before communing for the first time.

When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:28), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy.

Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

DISTRIBUTION

Sitting

Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion

Dear Savior, we come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benedicimus Deum caeli Tobit 12:6

*Benedicimus Deum caeli, et coram omnibus viventibus confitebimur ei:
quia fecit nobiscum misericordiam suam.*

*Let us bless the God of heaven and utter his praises before all who live;
for he has dealt with us according to his mercy.*

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 506 **Glory Be to God the Father**



Ordinary language fails us when we come to speak of the life and happiness of the divine Trinity, who share everything without dividing it. Each of the three is God, yet there is but one God. Their loving union is so intimate that They have but one nature, one existence, one life; everything except what pertains to their distinct personalities is common to each. In short, the life of God is an ecstatic union of knowledge and love—complete and infinite happiness. God has no need of anything more; His joy and happiness are such that nothing could increase them. Yet, in His infinite goodness, He decided to share them with somebody else. And so, out of the nothingness that was not God, He created us. It is true, that God could not without contradiction act for a motive less than Himself; being infinite Truth, He cannot deny His own supremacy. But, in planning all creation for His own glory, He decided to glorify Himself by making His creatures happy. And when His creatures revolted against His plan, He went further in beneficence and arranged to find His glory in His mercy. And that is a fundamental principle that must never be forgotten: God made the world for His own glory; but He glorifies Himself in this life by His mercy.

M. EUGENE BOYLAN, *THIS TREMENDOUS LOVER*, P. 6

First Catechetical Hymn

1 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and Ghost, Who hid-den mys - tries doth us
 2 Blessed are we to see such days, When a great throng doth know Thy
 4 In the chil dren's teach-ing sound, The cat - e - chi - sm doth a -

6
 show, From by - gone days and from past years, Un - veiled to us through mouths of
 praise! O Lord, from eld - ers and from youth, Shines forth the Light of heav'n - ly
 -bound, More than the learn-ing of the world, Here rea - son hum - bly serves Thy

11
 seers, Thy ser-vants in the Word did say, The ho - ur sure - ly comes one
 truth. For Thine in - struc-tion of our young, The hon - or of Thy name be
 Word. By med - i - ta - tion slow and sure, Man to sal - va - tion shall en -

16
 day In which the chil - dren, new - ly born, Would too know Thee and by name
 sung. Thy loft - y deeds have spread a - broad, Pre-pared for us the way to
 dure. In all things Chris-tians now must heed, And from the youth bring forth right

21
 call Thee Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee, O God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 word and deed. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

- 8 How to pray with a true heart,
 The children's teaching doth impart.
 To boldly come before God's face,
 Christ says "Our Father" one must pray,
 That pray'r for which our God doth yearn,
 From us who first from evil turn,
 From us set free from vanity,
 Who with the Spirit "Abba, Father" sing.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

There is One Lord

There is one Lord one faith, one bap - ti - sm;

there is one God who is Fa - ther of all.

Bear with one another in love and charity. Be humble, be patient, be selfless, be as one. There is one body, there is one spirit, there is one hope to which we are called. We are all to come to unity, in our faith and knowledge of the Son of God, until we become perfected in the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 604 I Bind unto Myself Today

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your holy body and blood in this comforting sacrament. Bless our participation that we may depart from Your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that we are reconciled to God. We ask this in Your name. Amen.



Well, what, after all, does it mean to say that the doctrine of the Trinity is necessary to our salvation? Simply this; I think: The end for which we are created is that we should know and love God—that is what heaven is about. “Final felicity is the pure contemplation of the noblest truth,” said Aristotle in his *Ethics*. To put that another way, our salvation finally consists in our worship—our knowing and loving—the living God.

FR. ROBERT CROUSE, “A SERMON FOR TRINITY SUNDAY”

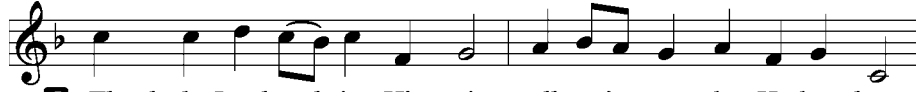
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DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Go ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *1 Chronicles 16:6-8; Psalm 105:1-4, 44-45*



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek 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

A 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 in 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 A - men.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Stanzas 1, 4, 5

POSTLUDE

Prelude in D Major J.S. BACH

PRAYER AS YOU GO

O God, who under the wonderful Sacrament, hast left us a memorial of Thy Passion: grant us, we beseech Thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that, in our souls, we may always feel the fruit of Thy Redemption.

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

Preacher: The Rev. Eamonn Ferguson

Celebrants: The Rev. Marcus Nelson, The Rev. Eamonn Ferguson, The Rev. Dr. Scott Bruzek,
The Rev. Álvaro Witt Duarte

Organist: Samuel Kendall

Cantor: Peter Sovitzky

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ST JOHN'S LIFE Together

THE FEAST OF
THE HOLY TRINITY
JUNE 15, 2025

ADORING

The Prayer of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Colombia, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Vietnam

Partner Church:

Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church

Marriage:

Abigail Robert and Jeffrey Carpenter

Comfort, health, recovery:

Steve (brother of Debbie Feyerabend)

David Crawford

Richard Flashing (husband of Marge Flashing)

Ronald Gifford (father of Daniel Gifford)

Marcia Hettinger

Matthew King (son of Marianne and Steve King)

Ron Meyer (friend of Rich Williams)

Aaron Thomas (son-in-law of Gerald Wehrs)

Blessed death:

Frank Vondrasek (brother-in-law of Gerald Wehrs)

Holidays:

Father's Day

Safe travel:

Burt, Pamela, Claudia Andrews

Members of LERT

Those who need our ongoing prayers:

Sharon Becker (sister-in-law of Byron Heidorn)

Denine (friend of Debbie Feyerabend)

Dana Gustafson (friend of Julie LeMahieu)

Lindsey Johnston

(daughter-in-law of Judy and Jack O'Neill)

Jeremy LeMahieu (brother of Rev. Nathan LeMahieu)

Bonnie McCullough (friend of Anna Piro)

Cheryl Ondratschek

Amy Rushkewicz (sister-in-law of Peter Sovitzky)

Roberta Smith

Gunnar Terhune (friend of Rachel Zoeller)

Emilie Yonkers

Tracy Zasadny (friend of Marianne and Steve King)

Please submit your prayer requests to the website: www.stjohnwheaton.org/prayer-request

MATURING

Lord's Supper at an Early Age Summer Classes • July 6, 8-10, 15-17, 29-31

- **Place:** Lower Level classrooms
- **Time:** Sunday, July 6 Parent Orientation 10:00–10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday classes 5:30–7:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 9 days, 9 total hours of instruction
- **Contact:** Pastor Nelson mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org

Join us for the Early Lord's Supper Classes this summer. Class will be spread out over three weeks and is specifically for those who are communing for the first time. Parents are to attend with their children.



We'll be rejoicing in our Lord's Sacraments by using Scripture, song, and the Small Catechism to learn what our Lord gives in the Eucharist. Dinner is included in evening classes! Scan the QR code to register. Feel free to email

Pastor Nelson with any questions.

- **Week 1: Sunday, July 6**—Parent Orientation for all 10:00–10:30 a.m.
July 8, 9, 10—Baptism and 10 Commandments
- **Week 2: July 15, 16, 17**—Confession and Creed
- **Week 3: July 29, 30, 31**—Lord's Supper and Lord's Prayer
- **Week 4: August 5, 6, 7**—Make up classes for those who were unable to attend

WEDNESDAYS

JOY Group: Jesus, Others, You *Exodus: the Way of a Christian*

- **Place:** Room 201/The Study
- **Time:** 9:00–10:30 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 90 minutes
- **Contact:** Bradley Kigyos brad.kigyos@gmail.com

This study will focus on the Exodus of the Israelites, bringing to light the reality of our own Exodus as Christians. From the blood covered lintel to the dry sands of the Red Sea, the path God led the Israelites down is only a foretaste of the journey laid for us in the plan of our salvation, and yet, looking back on this epic can help us understand our story all the more. All adults are welcome to join us for this 4-week study and partake in fellowship and refreshments.

EMBODYING

Open Gym/Pick-up Basketball

- **Place:** St. John Gym
- **Time:** 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** up to 2 hours
- **Contact:** Pastor Nelson mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org

The Gym is open Sunday evenings for anyone high school and older to play basketball.

Women's Book Club • Thursday, June 19

- **Place:** The Commons
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 1–2 hours, plus reading time
- **Contact:** Gretchen Scheel gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org

Ladies, join us the third Thursday of each month for fellowship and book discussion. Our June selection is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. "He arrives early one spring and by chance he visits a coffee shop where 92 framed pencil portraits are on display. Inspired, Theo sets out on a mission of purchasing all the portraits one at a time and quietly bestowing them on their 'rightful owners.' Stories are told; friendships are born; and lives are changed." (From the book cover). *Coming up:*

- **July 17**—*Mrs. Kennedy and Me* by Clint Hill
- **August 21**—*The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams

High School Michigan Beach Day Monday, June 23

- **Place:** Silver Beach County Park (St. Joseph, MI)
- **Time:** 7:30 a.m.–11:00 p.m.
(meet at St. John/return to St. John)
- **Commitment:** One day
- **Contact:** Pastor Witt alvaro@stjohnwheaton.org

High school students—including incoming 9th graders and 2025 seniors—join us for a fun day at the beach! We will enjoy time at Silver Beach County Park, the pier, the carousel, downtown artisan shops, ice cream, and more. Everything is within walking distance. Round trip transportation from St. John and lunch at Silver Beach Pizza will be provided. Bring your swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, beach supplies, and spending money for shopping. Scan the QR code to sign up by Sunday, June 15. Bring friends!



Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Mites • June Featured Mission Grant

- Place: Narthex offering boxes
- Time: before/after Liturgies
- Commitment: a few minutes
- Contact: Marilyn Hess 630-414-0845

Lutheran Hour Ministries is **Sharing Christ with Women and Children in Kazakhstan** in urban areas and remote villages. This \$100,000 grant is for direct outreach through local churches and holistic ministry, digital outreach through *Thred.asia*, and printed Christian resources to reach the unchurched. Proclamation of the Gospel is difficult due to harassment by non-Christian religious authorities and unbelieving family members. "We are fighting both physical and spiritual poverty," stated Rev. Peter Kirby. Please use the purple LWML offering envelope included in your quarterly mailing or print MITES on an envelope from the pew rack for your contribution to support this grant.

Choir Boot Camp—Sign up now! Monday, June 23 through Friday, June 27

- Place: St. John
- Time: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- Commitment: Mornings for one week plus Sunday, June 29 8:30 a.m. Liturgy
- Contact: Peter Sovitzky psovitzy@stjohnwheaton.org

Registration for this summer's Choir Boot Camp is now open! All students who are entering fourth grade through High School are invited to attend. Mrs. Julie



LeMahieu and Cantor Peter Sovitzky will teach engaging lessons on how to sing church music together. Fun activities and snacks are also included. Scan the QR code to sign up.

Fall Confirmation Retreat—Save the Date! October 10–12

- Place: Camp Arcadia (Arcadia, MI)
- Contact: Pastor Nelson mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org

Incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders, please save the date and plan to attend the Fall Confirmation Retreat! We will be sending out the link for registration and more details in late June. The deadline for registration will be September 1.

Manna Fund Donations

- Place: Narthex Offering Boxes
- Time: Before or after liturgy
- Commitment: A minute
- Contact: Pastor Nelson mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org
Pastor Ferguson eferguson@stjohnwheaton.org
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NEW! The Manna fund at St. John is designed for members to help fellow members and non-members where appropriate, who are struggling during difficult times. By sharing the gifts God has given us we can help our brothers and sisters in time of need. The Pastoral staff will oversee disbursements. Use a *Manna* envelope from your quarterly mailing or an envelope from the pew rack. Make checks payable to St. John. For cash donations please provide your name in order to receive tax credit. Give online at www.stjohnwheaton.org/ online-giving, Designate *Manna* with all donations.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • June 15 *Trinity Sunday*

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:45 a.m. Governing Board meeting (Room 206)
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 p.m. Open Gym/Pickup Basketball

Monday • June 16

CLOSED

Tuesday • June 17

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Wednesday • June 18

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. JOY Group Bible Study (Room 206)

Thursday • June 19

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 8:00 a.m. Garden Club (Main parking lot)
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Club (The Commons)

Friday • June 20

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Sunday • June 22

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 p.m. Open Gym/Pickup Basketball

*You can prepare for next Sunday's worship by reading:
Isaiah 65:1-9; Galatians 3:23-4:7; Luke 8:26-39*



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PUBLICATIONS IN THE COMMONS

Portals of Prayer
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RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the back of The Commons.

PEW POUCHES

Each Sunday your child may pick up a pew pouch from the top baskets located in the Narthex. Please note each pew pouch design holds a different title book and copies of the Children's Worship Bulletin designed especially for school-age children. Return the pouch and its contents to the bottom baskets in the Narthex at the end of the service. This way the pouches will be clean and ready for the next Sunday's services. **Please be aware the pew pouches are not age appropriate for children younger than age 3.**

NURSERY

We have an attended nursery for children birth through age 3 on Sundays during the 10:00 a.m. education hour. "The Ark" is located off The Commons.

PLEASE SEE A PASTOR FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- **Large print versions** of today's bulletin are available in the Narthex. **Braille editions** of *Lutheran Service Book* are available upon request.
- **Hearing assistance devices** for use during worship are available in the Narthex.
- **Wheelchairs** are available in the Lounge.

WORSHIP BROADCAST

Every Divine Service is broadcast live on the Internet. The broadcast can be found at www.stjohnwheaton.org/streaming and on the St. John homepage.

WORSHIP ANEW—A PROGRAM FOR SHUT-INS

A 30-minute Lutheran worship service is televised weekly on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on Chicago's CW station WPWR channel 50 (Comcast 184) and at 10:30 a.m. on TCT (DirecTV channel 377). A complete list of viewing options is available at WorshipAnew.org.