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May 26, 2024 † Trinity Sunday

We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday.

† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 150 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

**Our Worship Services will be Posted to Our Website Each Sunday Evening.
To Watch our Worship Service Online Please Click This Link:**

<https://www.sslcwest.org/worship.html>

Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- P** In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- C** **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:5, 7-9)
- P** Let us pray...
- C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**
We confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.
- P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the joy and peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord...

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 507 v. 1

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!". The second staff continues: "Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;". The third staff continues: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!". The fourth staff concludes: "God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!".

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826 Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–76
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Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and to confess and worship you, the one true God.

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.

G Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8 (EHV)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. ³ One called to another and said,

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Armies!

The whole earth is full of his glory!

⁴ The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Armies!"

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷ He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

⁸ Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17 (EHV)

P The Gospel reading is from John 3:1-17.

C Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him."

³ Jesus replied, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! ⁶ Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. ⁸ The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹ "How can these things be?" asked Nicodemus.

¹⁰ "You are the teacher of Israel," Jesus answered, "and you do not know these things? ¹¹ Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

¹⁴ "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁶ ***“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.***

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 507 v. 4

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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Athanasian Creed (Selected sections - with Hymn 905 LSB)

This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God’s Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a confession of our faith in the one, true, Triune God.

C Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

**yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,
just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,
but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**

**In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;
yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.**

**So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**

**So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

**For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually
to be God and Lord,
so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.**

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

LSB 905 v. 1

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "I Come, Thou al - mighty - y King, Help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous, Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

Text: English, before 1760, alt.
Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716-96
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The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

**The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,
but proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons;
one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

**And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all
three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all
three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three
persons.**

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

"Come, Thou Incarnate Word"

LSB 905 v. 2

2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
And let Thy righ - teous-ness On us de - scend.

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**It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe
that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.**

Now this is the true Christian faith:

**We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.
He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and He is man, born in
time from the nature of His mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human
flesh,**

equal to the Father as to His deity, less than the Father as to His humanity;
 and though He is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one, one not by
 changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;
 one indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;
 for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being,
 so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

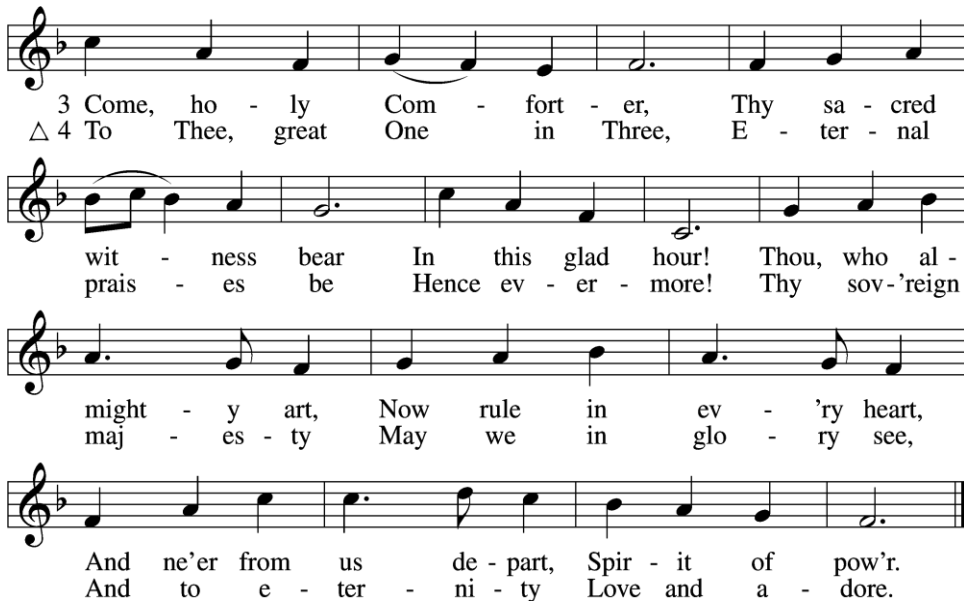
He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
 and from there will come to judge the living and the dead...

This is the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

“Come, Holy Comforter” *(please stand for last verse)*

LSB 905 v. 3–4



3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal

wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign

might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,

And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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Sermon Text: Romans 8:14-18 (EHV)

¹⁴ Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “Abba, Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us.

Sermon Theme: The One True God is Our God!

- † When you think about God, what thoughts come to your mind?

- † How is the “unfathomableness” of God a comfort to us?

- † All three persons of the Trinity are mentioned in this text—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These verses remind us that each person of the Trinity had a hand in making us part of God’s family.

What blessings are ours because we are children of God? **(v. 15-17)**

- † How great is our inheritance of heaven going to be? **(v. 18)**

Offertory

LSB 956



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12 Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt.
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Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*
(† If you have an offering to give today, please place it in the plate in the church entryway. †)

Prayer of the Church / Prayer Requests *We bring our prayers to God.*

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 forever and ever. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn: 876 *O Blessed, Holy Trinity*

LSB 876



1 O bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Di - vine, e -
2 My soul and bod - y keep from harm, And o - ver
3 The Fa - ther's love shield me this day; The Son's pure
4 My Mak - er, hold me in Your hand; O Christ, for -
5 Lord, bless and keep me as Your own; Lord, look in



ter - nal U - ni - ty, O Fa - ther, Son, and
all ex - tend Your arm; Let Sa - tan cause me
wis - dom cheer my way; The Ho - ly Spir - it's
giv - en let me stand; Blest Com - fort - er, do
kind - ness from Your throne; Lord, shine un - fail - ing



Ho - ly Ghost, This day Your name be up - per - most.
no dis - tress Nor bring me shame and wretch - ed - ness.
joy and light Drive from my heart the shades of night.
not de - part; With faith and love en - rich my heart.
peace on me By grace sur - round - ed; set me free.

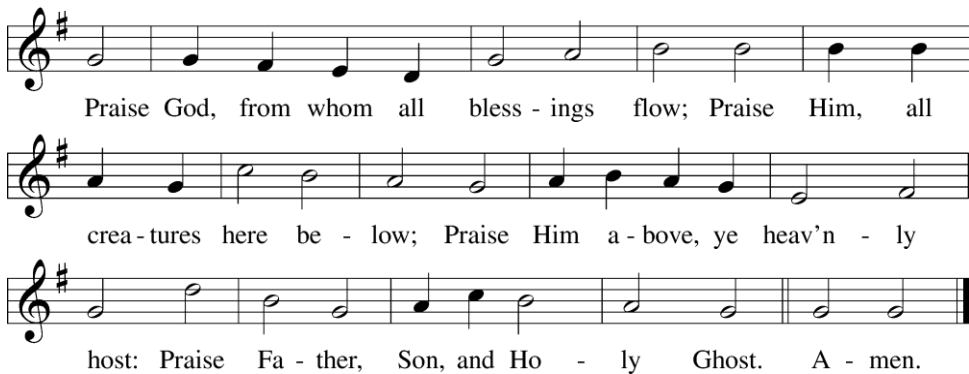
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Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

The Doxology

LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Closing Hymn: 504 *Father Most Holy*

LSB 504



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

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

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **St. Stephen – West** (Mt. View): **Bible Class – 9am**
5/26/24 **Worship – 10am**
Choir – 11am

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): **Worship – 1pm**
Bible Class – 2pm

This Week: Monday – *Memorial Day* (**No school at SSLS**)
Tuesday – **Church Council Meeting** (Zoom) (Mt. View) – **7pm**
Wednesday & Friday – **Confirmation Class** (Lang) (Mt. View) – **4pm**
Thursday – **Stockton Worship** (Oakmont) – **2pm**
Sacramento Worship (Forever Easter House) – **4:30pm**

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West** (Mt. View): **Bible Class – 9am**
6/2/24 **Worship w/ Communion– 10am**
Voter’s Meeting (Annual Budgets) – 11am

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): **Worship w/ Communion – 1pm**
Church Council – 2pm

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Voter’s Meeting – Annual Budget Meeting – NEXT Sunday, June 2nd – 11am – Our annual financial voter’s meeting is **NEXT Sunday, June 2nd** after our worship service. We will be setting the budgets for both our church and school. Our voters as well as the rest of the members of our congregation are invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting.

SSLS Family Fun Night / School Play – Thursday, June 6th @ 6:30pm – You are invited to join us for our SSLS Family Fun Night on **Thursday, June 6th at 6:30pm**. The students will be performing their school play for this year, which is a series of funny skits for entitled, *“Hurry Up and Wait!”* Please make plans to come and join us!

Confirmation Sunday – Natalie Lang – June 9th – We rejoice to announce that Natalie Lang, a former student at SSLS, will be completing her confirmation instruction on June 5th and will be confirmed in her faith on **Sunday, June 9th** at our **10am** Worship Service in Mountain View. Natalie will have her oral examination before the worship service during our Bible Class hour at **9am**. A cake reception will follow our worship service. Please join us in welcoming Natalie!

“Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” – Romans 10:9 (EHV)

Lutheran Spokesman Subscriptions - If you are interested in renewing or starting a new subscription to the Lutheran Spokesman devotional magazine please see the sign-up sheet in the entryway. Please sign up by **Sunday, June 16th** so that we can get our congregation’s order in before the subscription deadline. Subscriptions are **\$15 per year**. Please mark your offering “Lutheran Spokesman.” Please speak with Pastor Luke for more info.

Daily Rest Subscription Renewal – Our congregation provides each family with a subscription to the *Daily Rest* daily devotions. If you would like an additional subscription for yourself or someone else, please speak with Pastor Luke. Subscriptions are **\$15 per year**.

VBS – July 22nd-26th – Ages 4-13 – Registration can be done online through our school’s

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9 am-11:30 am

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fun and creative games, crafts,
music, playground time, snacks,
and Bible stories!

Ages 4-13 Free

Safe Church policies: our congregation commits to safeguarding all the children and nurtures good conduct consistent with our Christian values.

website (**ssls.org**). Flyers are also available in the entryway if you know of anyone who would be interested in sending their children to our **VBS**. It will be held **Mon.–Fri., July 22nd–26th from 9am-11:30am**.

Update: The CLC’s TVBS program is sending us 2 teachers to assist us: Sam Schmitt (SSLS teacher Isaac Schmitt’s sister), and Grant Bernthal (nephew of Pastor Luke and Jewels).

If you would like to volunteer to help with our VBS please speak with Pastor Luke or one of our SSLS staff.

CLC News - Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, *has returned the call* to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Mr. Darin Lau, a member of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, *has been called* by that congregation to teach the 5th & 6th grades in its school.



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