

The Divine Services

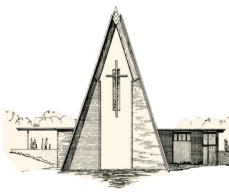
The Second Sunday of Easter with

Thanksgiving for 100 years of God's Faithfulness

April 27, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.







1961 • Bourne Ave.

A Word of Christian Welcome

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:1

GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE be yours in the Name of our Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ and a word of Christian welcome:

We are delighted the Holy Spirit has brought you to hear and receive the blessings of the Word of God with us in the Divine Service, our Lord's gracious serving of us in grace as we gather in worship. We hope to make you comfortable and know you might have a few questions. Trinity welcomes many guests who may not be familiar with Lutheran worship or our congregation. This service folder contains the order of worship for the Divine Service.

The Lord's Supper, that is, Holy Communion is administered at this altar according to the Lord's institution. Out of love for our Lord's Word and His instruction, we take seriously the spiritual care and welfare of those who commune at our altar. Please take a moment to read about worthy reception of the Lord's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins on page 23.

A Special Welcome to Parents with Young Children

WE ARE BLESSED YOU ARE HERE. Children are a heritage from the Lord and full members of Christ's kingdom. Parents and their children are welcome to sit toward the front of the sanctuary so that the children can see and hear the service clearly. Don't worry, they won't bother the pastors. Here your children may watch the pastors, note the colors, and smell the candles. They'll be learning all we do revolves around the altar. Jesus promises to engage them with His Word and Spirit (St. Mark 10:13-16).

Engage your children through the Divine Service by teaching them the liturgy and the importance of hearing. Encourage them to speak the responses with you, "And with thy spirit!" and sing, Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy!" The children will follow your lead and they are very capable of learning challenging words. If you need help, look around: your brothers and sisters in Christ are delighted to assist.

The Family Room in the Narthex may be used if you need to step out, but please hurry back! Jesus desires children hear His Word in the Divine Service. To find this room, turn right after exiting the Nave and it is the first door on your right. A nursery is available with chairs, a single person restroom, a changing station, and busy bags with sensory toys. You'll be able to see and hear everything in the service from here.

Children's bulletins are available in the Narthex. These contain a simple presentation of the Sunday's themes and readings and serve as a teaching resource for the home.

+ A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP +

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open me heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ, as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His Name. Amen.

Prayers for worship preparation may be found inside the front cover of the hymnal.

BELLS' CALL TO WORSHIP

WORD OF WELCOME

HANDBELL PRELUDE

Praise the Lord, the Almighty arr. John Behnke

At the announcement of the Pastor, please stand and face the Processional Cross.

OPENING HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



Service of Preparation

The Congregation stands for the Confession and Absolution. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

INTROIT Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon 1 Peter 2:2-3

- Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
- Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
- **P** Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
- **C** Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

- **P** Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!
- Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.
- **P** He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

- **G** 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.
- P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high-God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY 2 Timothy 4:22

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Congregation is seated for the readings.

FIRST READING Acts 5:12-32

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the

officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

GRADUAL Adapted from Matthew 28:7, Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

- **P** Christ has risen from the dead.
- **C** [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.
- **P** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
- **C** he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE Revelation 1:4–18

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Iesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

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

The Congregation stands for the Alleluia and the Holy Gospel.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of

the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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. Psalm 106:48

The Congregation is seated for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 471 O Sons and Daughters of the King



- That night the_apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!
- When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
- "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!

- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!
- How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!
- On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise: To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia! Refrain

SERMON

Peace Be to You John 20:19-31

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Congregation stands for The Prayer of the Church.

In Our Prayers

Each petition ends with:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C Here our prayer.

Those who are hospitalized:

Charles Duenckel, Chip Unkraut (brother of Carol Clark)

Those who are undergoing surgery or medical procedures:

Jenny Brame

Those who are recovering from surgery, illness, or injury:

Kyle Dickes, Theresa Greer, Jace Milner (friend of Mike Brame), Chuck Morris, Joan Mosher, Gerda Yasuda

Those who are contending with health or other issues:

Carole Eilers, Dennis Elliott, Jacqueline Hebard, Dianne Johnson (friend of Mary Frerking), Jessica Murphy, Michael Sadler, Larry Samuel, Anthony, Christine Warrington and Chris Phelps (friend of Olivia Bailey)

Those involved in managing the effects of cancer, including:

Wayne Armbrust, Lauren Brown, Treven Case, Jack Crawford, Nathan Eckhoff, Katy Gavin, Rochelle Gavin, Linda Hendeson, Kevin Hughes, Judy Lammers, Roberta Mangold, Blake and Mary Medlock, Debbie Mirly, Lee Tubbesing, Steve Tubbesing, Elsa Wiemerslage

For the families of those who have died in Christ:

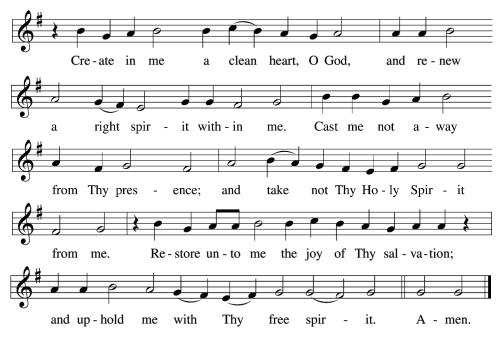
Robert Clark

If you desire to supply a regular intercession for the Prayer of the Church, please complete a Prayer Request Card located in your pew and place it in the offering box in the narthex. You may also contact the Church Office or visit the Submit a Prayer Request page on our website.

Record of Attendance and Offerings

Your presence is meaningful for us. Please take a moment to record your attendance in the red book at the end of your pew. Offerings may be placed in the collection box in the Narthex or online.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY Psalm 51:10-23

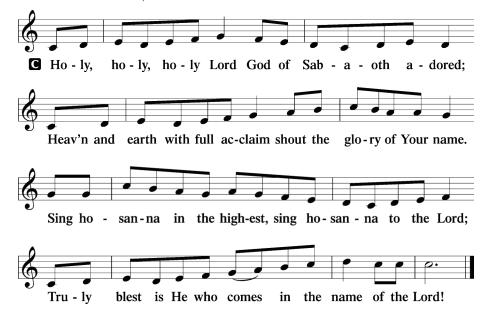


Service of the Sacrament

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

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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.

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

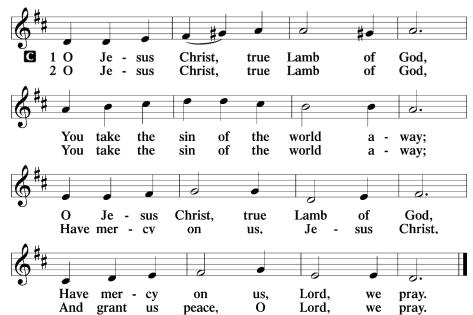
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 4 body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI John 1:29



The Congregation is seated for the Distribution.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion – The Lord Jesus is concerned about the spiritual care of all who commune at His Altar (1 Corinthians 11:27, 28). Our pastors desire to care for all our guests according to the Lord's instruction and would desire a conversation with you (1 Corinthians 4:1; Hebrews 13:1) prior to communing. The altar is open to those who are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the LCMS and are not under church discipline (1 Corinthians 1:10; 5:4, 5; 10:17). If you are a guest today, please read Our Teaching and Belief Concerning the Lord's Supper on page 23.

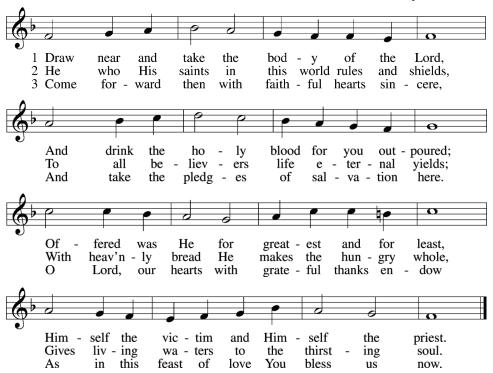
The Distribution for this special service will be two continuous tables with no kneeling. Please proceed toward the Chancel and receive the Host from Pastor and then proceed to receive the Blood from the Elders from the Individual Cup or the Chalice.

Prayer for the Right Reception of the Lord's Supper

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. Amen.

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



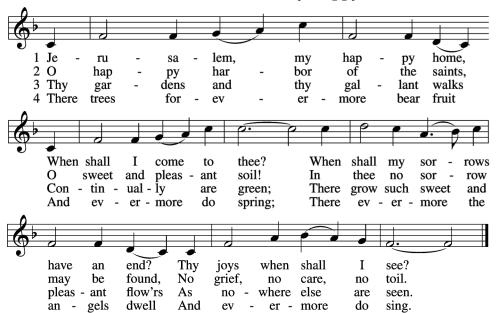
Lutheran Service Book 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Lutheran Service Book 645 Built on the Rock



Lutheran Service Book 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home



- Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand; And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.
- O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.

Prayer for Thanksgiving after Receiving the Lord's Supper

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

The Congregation stands for the Dismissal.

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul
- C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS Luke 2:29-32



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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 Amen.

BENEDICAMUS Psalm 103:1

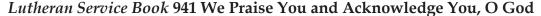
- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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.
- C Amen.

Please turn and face the Processional Cross as it passes.

HYMN TO DEPART





Following the hymn, please remain facing the Processional Cross for a few announcements.

A group photo will be taken, please listen carefully for instructions.

Following the photo the Banquet Committee will give each household a commemorative ornament as you exit the Nave. Please use the west-end stairs.

As you make your way through the Fellowship Hall to the gymnasium, please view the slide shows and exhibits prepared by the History Subcommittee.

The prayer for the meal will be offered once we are seated in the gymnasium.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

+ A PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP +

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness of my sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Serving in God's House Today

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Kevin Golden,

Associate Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Seminary St. Louis

Liturgist: Rev. Brian Thieme Crucifer: William Roberts

Acolyte: Issac Stone

Elders: Ron Barrett, Jim Cherrington, David Attebery, Carey Smith

Ushers: Huter Kevil, Kyle Dickes, John and Larry Kuehner

Altar Guild: Betty Buchheit, Karen Niederjohn, and Dianne Mirtz

Musicians

Organist: Bonnie Lawler

Music Director: Chris Kespohl Trumpet: Chris Farris, Bill Strozier

Trombone: Patrick Sullivan, Todd Yastook

Trinity Lutheran Church Handbell Choir, directed by Kimberly Walker

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Our Teaching and Belief Concerning the Lord's Supper

What is Holy Communion?

Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, or the Sacrament of the Altar is administered at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that along with the bread and the wine we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 22:22-24; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Our Lord has shed His true blood and instituted His Supper for our benefit, that we might be joined to Him. We therefore take Him at His Word, believing and trusting in His gift and promise, without adding to or taking away from what He has said. This eating and drinking is a true participation, a communion, in the very same body and blood of Christ present on the cross of Calvary, not symbolic or representative (1 Corinthians 10:16). Through the gift of Communion, the Lord bestows on us the forgiveness of sins and strengthens our union with Him and with one another.

Who should receive the Lord's Supper?

Our Lord desires that those who commune should know and believe what they are receiving in Holy Communion unto their benefit and not unto harm (1 Corinthians 11:29). Communicants should be instructed in God's Word so that they can properly examine themselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:28), and should be united as one body in the faith (Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:17). Our pastors and those gathered here desire and pray for your presence at this altar to receive the Lord's gifts. To achieve this unity in confession, our pastors desire a conversation with those who are not yet instructed or believe differently (belong to another church body or denomination) because Holy Communion is a public confession of agreement with all doctrine believed, taught, and confessed here. We also ask guests from other LCMS congregations to speak with the pastors before communing.

All who are communicant members in a congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, those Lutheran churches that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS and not under church discipline may commune here. All other guests are invited to come to the communion rail for a blessing from the Pastor. Please cross your arms at the rail to receive the blessing.

How do I eat and drink Christ's body and blood?

Communicants may receive the host by having it placed directly into the mouth or by having it placed in the palm of the hand. If the communicant wishes to take the individual cup, please receive one from the tray as the elder comes to your place at the communion rail. Drink from the individual cup when the pastor comes to your place at the communion rail with the chalice and speaks the words of distribution. If the communicant wishes to receive the chalice wait for the individual cup to pass and the pastor will commune you from the chalice.

If an individual has a sensitivity to gluten, a special host is available. Please request this host from the pastor when he comes to your place. Alcohol-removed wine is also available in the pink glasses of the individual cup should an individual desire.

The Lord's Supper may be received in the pew if needed. Please notify a Pastor, Elder, or Usher.



AUDIO AND PRINT ASSISTANCE

Hearing-assist and live-captioning devices are available for the hearingimpaired. If either device may assist in your hearing and meditation on the Word of God, the ushers will be able to offer assistance. The large print edition of the hymnal is also available. Please speak with an usher, elder, or pastor.

ACCESSIBILITY

For those who may not be able to or comfortable navigating the stairs to the lower level, a lift is located just outside the sanctuary overflow area. Ushers or church members are able to assist with operation of the lift.

RECORDING

Trinity publishes a recording of worship services both on our website and on YouTube (TrinityCoMo). Sermons are also available on our website.





RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the hallway off the sanctuary overflow area (facing forward toward the altar, the open area to the left). Proceed through the door in the overflow area and you will find the restrooms to your right. From the Narthex, proceed past the stairs and turn right once you pass through the wooden double doors.



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