

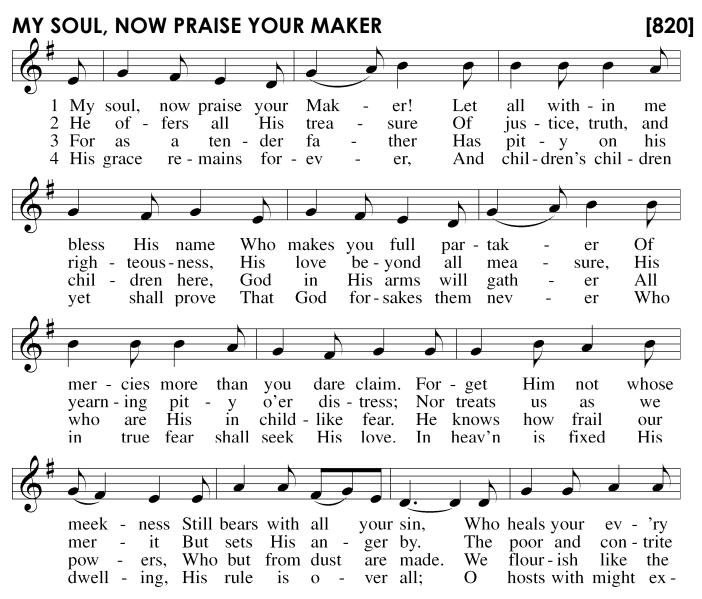
Thursday, June 4, 2020 Sunday, June 7, 2020

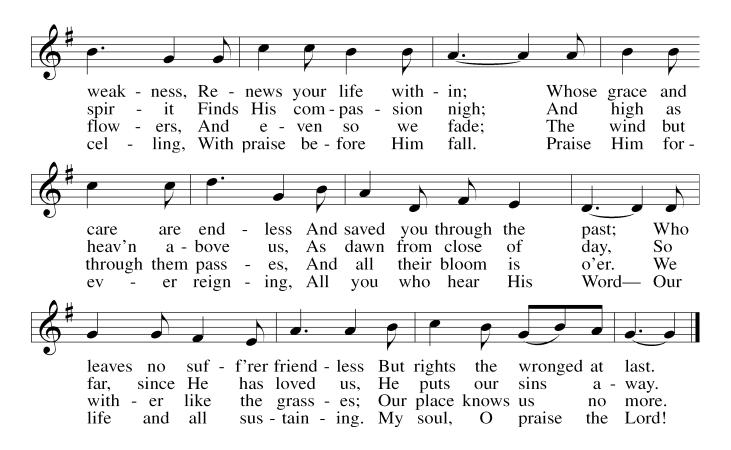
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CROWNED IN GLORY AND HONOR

AS WE GATHER - The feast of the Holy Trinity is about the one true God who has revealed Himself in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But the feast is not about God alone. As the Trinity, He is, of course, never alone even in Himself. But also, in His creation, even the pinnacle of His work, man, is not to be alone. Male and female He created them. But even greater than this relationship is man's relationship with God. Created "in His image," we are never to be alone but find our identity in fellowship with God. Without Him, we are incomplete. The image of God means to possess God's righteousness. The "righteousness" of God means everything working together like God intended. That includes a relationship with Him. Though we lost that righteousness by our sin, choosing to be alone without God, God still took into Himself our very human nature in the person of the Son of God, Jesus. By His innocent life and His substitutionary suffering and death, all who repent and are baptized into Him are restored in righteousness. With Christ and in Him, we, too, are crowned in glory and honor. All praise to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.





†PREPARATION†

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy

Spirit.

People Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor My soul, now praise your Maker!

People Let all within me bless His name.

Pastor Forget Him not whose meekness still bears with all your sin.

People Who leaves no sufferer friendless but rights the wronged at

last.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor Let us confess our waywardness and sin in order that we may rise to newness of life by faith, that we may be His own and live under Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

People O God, our Creator and Redeemer, hear our pleas for mercy. We have turned away from You and rebelled against You by going our own way. Because of our sin, we have discovered it is not good for us to be alone, without You. For the sake of the glory and honor of the salvation won for us in Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive us and restore in us the image of Your own life and love. Amen.

Pastor God offers all His treasure of justice, truth, and righteousness, His love beyond all measure. And high as heaven above us, so far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins away. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

†WORD†

INTROIT Psalm 16

Pastor Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

People I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Pastor Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

People For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

Pastor You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

People 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.

Pastor Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.





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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



- I To God on high be glo ry And peace to all the earth;
 - 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 are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth! O 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 sing—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—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor 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.

People Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living

creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²"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— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"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. ³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

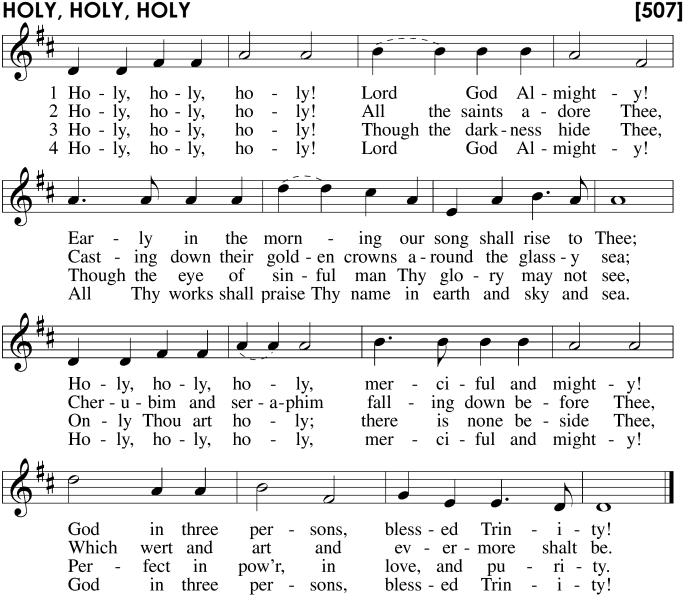
HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:16–20

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter. **People Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O Christ.



SERMON

APOSTLES 'CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...Almighty God, our Creator and Redeemer, we praise Your name in all Your works of Your creation, but especially for Your work of the redemption of the whole world through the saving sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. Guide and govern Your Church throughout the world that the glory of Your righteousness may come to the salvation of all. Lead us in the way of truth that we confess together the unity of faith before the whole world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor

To all ministers of the Gospel and the congregations committed to their care, grant the unity of Your grace that they reflect Your own image of mercy, grace, and unity, and please You in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor Though there be many divisions between people in this sinful

world, have mercy on all who are in the authority of government that their service draw everyone to walk in accordance with Your will and Your commandments. Lord,

in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor Help us by our reconciliation with You also to be reconciled

with one another that forgiveness and love prevail in our marriages, families, and especially as faithful disciples of Jesus in the Church and our daily lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor (additional petitions conclude with: Lord, in Your mercy,)

People hear our prayer

Pastor God of mercy, You have revealed Your will that all should

come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved. In unity also with all those who have gone before us in saving faith, strengthen in us that living hope of the resurrection and the life of the world to come that we live in faith and joy. To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory,

now and forever.

People Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor 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.

People Amen.



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BETHANY MISSION STATEMENT BETHANY'S PURPOSE AS A LOVING & CARING CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION IS TO: + GLORIFY THE TRIUNE GOD + STRENGTHEN THE SAVED + OFFER THE HAND OF CHRIST TO ALL

<u>SIT OR STAND?</u> – For those caring for young children or who have difficulty standing for the Prayers or other parts of the service, please know that you are most welcome to sit as you find need or comfort.

<u>CHARITY OF THE MONTH</u> – The May/June charity of the month is Vernacular Video Mission International (VVMI). VVMI partners and equips ethnic Christians who proclaim the Gospel through video and other media in their common language. Thank you for your support!

NEAT REPEATS SALE THIS WEEK - 6/2 - 6/6 Fabric 50% off; Jewelry 25¢.

CONFIRMATION CLASS – Pastor Steele will be holding a 4-week confirmation class for the 6/7th graders on Wednesdays at 10am starting this Wednesday, June 10.

ONLINE SERVICES – Please note that the services are being recorded and uploaded to YouTube and Facebook each week. An email will be sent out weekly with the link to the service as well as a pdf of the service bulletin so that anyone watching from home can follow along in the bulletin. If you do not wish to receive these weekly emails, please call or email the church office so your name can be removed.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Please have all information for the July newsletter to Gina by Monday, June 15. If you currently receive a printed newsletter but would like to receive it by email instead, contact the church office.

GOLF OUTING - LHS is still holding its' annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 26. The outing will be an 18-hole Shot Gun start at 11 a.m. at Town & Country Golf Course. Several changes this year include an earlier start time with a box lunch included, eliminating the post-event group dinner, and mobile bidding for some silent auction items. A 9-hole option at 3 p.m. is also available. Registration forms and online registration can be found on the LHS website www.lutheranhigh.com under 'Upcoming Events'. Join us for a great afternoon of golf and support your local Lutheran High School at the same time!

NEW! – In the past there has been a weekly update on congregational giving printed in the bulletin. This is now going to be changed to a monthly update. On the first Sunday of the month we will print the prior month's offerings and what is needed to meet our church budget. These same numbers will be run in the bulletin each week. This will better represent where we are financially given that many people give monthly. Below are the numbers for the month of May:

Monthly amount needed to meet budget \$17,034.59
Budget Offerings (May) \$13,309
Charity of the month (May) \$385.00
Other (May) \$4,077.61

Weekly Attendance: Thursday, May 28...28 Sunday, May 31...46

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS THURSDAY JUNE 4

Elder: Shua Yang

Ushers: # 1 – Ben Marotz, Tom Schnettler,

Ivan & Alaric Hazen

Acolyte: Thomas Yang

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS SUNDAY JUNE 7

Elder: David Hasler

Ushers: #2 – Dan Fibiger, Steve Hazen,

Brian & Aiden Faucher

Acolyte: Annalise Hasler

Scripture Reader: Lee Gumm
Door Locker: Steve Marotz

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE NEXT THURSDAY JUNE 11

Elder: Jason Mengel

Ushers: #3 – Doug Luecke, Ken Thompson,

Karl Rademacher

Acolyte: Ella Albert

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 14

Elder: Brian Faucher

Ushers: #4 – Dave & Sue Prange, Jerry Sabrowsky

Acolyte: Kaleb Faucher
Scripture Reader: Steve Hazen
Door Locker: Tom Schnettler

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH, FELLOWSHIP & PRAISE THIS WEEK

6-8	6:00 pm	Board of Education
	6:15 pm	Board of Finance
	7:00 pm	Council
6-9	6:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
6-10	10:00am	Confirmation 6/7 grade
6-11	6:00 pm	Worship
6-14	10:00am	Worship
	6-9 6-10 6-11	6:15 pm 7:00 pm 6-9 6:00 pm 6-10 10:00 am 6-11 6:00 pm