



First Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Trinity

May 25th & 26th, 2024

The Season

We have entered the second half of the Church Year, the half that focuses on the teachings of the Christian faith. The Christian faith contains teachings that are so wonderful that we would never even believe them unless God himself revealed their truthfulness to us. God sent his Spirit from heaven to earth to empower his children to believe the totally unbelievable.

The Sunday

We believe in the Triune God without fully comprehending his existence, simply because the Spirit has given us the gift of faith. Our triune God invites us into the blessed relationship that is part of his very nature. The members of the Trinity share with us an intimacy that they have enjoyed with each other from eternity. Our triune God makes us not servants or subjects but blessed members of his family.

The Service

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with our pastor. The congregation reads the potions in bold print.

Prayer before Worship

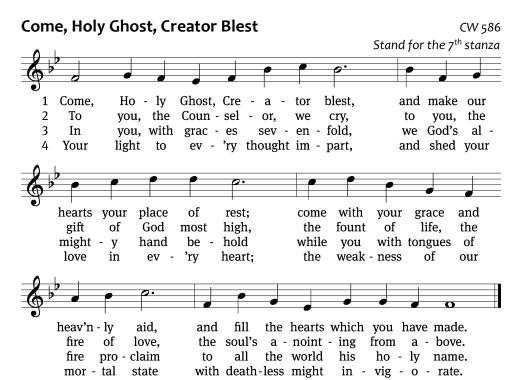
Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Coralee Henning

Ushers: Kevin Kempf (6 pm Saturday)

Henry Schacht & Doug Strack (9 am Sunday)



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- 5 Drive far away our wily foe, and your abiding peace bestow; with you as our protecting guide, no evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, and you, from both, as Three in One that we your name may ever bless and in our lives the truth confess.

Text: tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt.; attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856 Tune: Geistliche lieder auffs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1533, ed. Joseph Klug Text and tune: Public domain Praise we the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit, with them One, and may the Son on us bestow the gifts that from the Spirit flow!

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



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The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading Isaiah 6:1–8

The triune God delivers Isaiah from guilt and sin and offers Isaiah lofty purpose.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

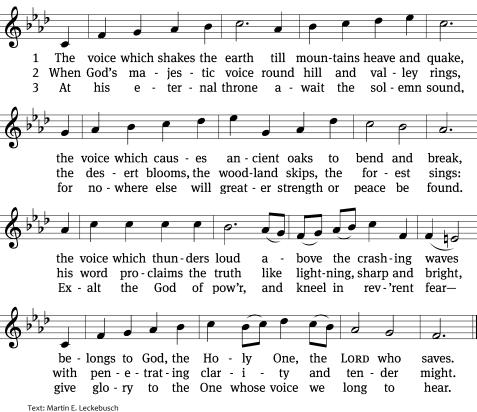
⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Voice Which Shakes the Earth

Psalm 29B



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Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

The triune God gifts us the right to speak to our Father, the comfort of our Brother, and the indwelling of the Spirit.

¹²Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

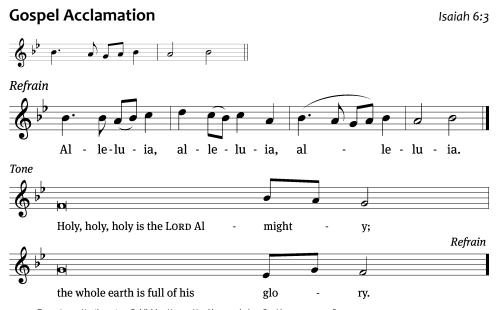
¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16The Spirit himself

testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand



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Gospel John 3:1–17

Jesus teaches Nicodemus about the kingdom of the triune God.

'Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 'He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

⁴"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

9"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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Sermon

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Romans 8:12-17 You Are God's Children

Stand

Athanasian Creed

This creed is named for St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was written over a century after the death of Athanasius to combat two errors that undermined key scriptural teachings. 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 standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith.

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

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 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.

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.

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation that one faithfully 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 is one human being, so God and man is 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.

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

The creed's reference to doing good calls to mind Jesus' words in John 5:28,29 and his declaration to the sheep and the goats on judgment day in Matthew 25:31-46. Good works do not contribute to our salvation. However, good works demonstrate our faith in Christ and testify to others that we are Christians.

Prayer of the Church

Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We would not have known you if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all doubt and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

Enlighten and empower us to worship you as the triune God, the holy Trinity.

God our Father, whatever good is in us, whatever good things we have, and whatever good we do comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being.

Open our eyes to see the gifts you provide every day purely out of your own love and care.

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into our world to make the Father known to us. You joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity and brought us back to God by shedding your blood. In love you walked the way of suffering and carried the wrath of God that we deserved because of our sins. Help us believe that all you did and all you endured you did to rescue us and set us free.

In the bright new hope of your resurrection teach us to offer our lives in praise to God and love to our neighbor.

Creator Spirit, you breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel, opened our eyes to see the light of your grace, and filled our minds with the clear sound of your voice. Through Word and sacrament lead us to understand more completely how broad and deep and high is the love of God in Christ Jesus. Firm up our resolve to do battle with Satan and sin.

In every weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves to be God's children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and fervent in love.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, and the God of all comfort. We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and praise your holy name forever. Amen.

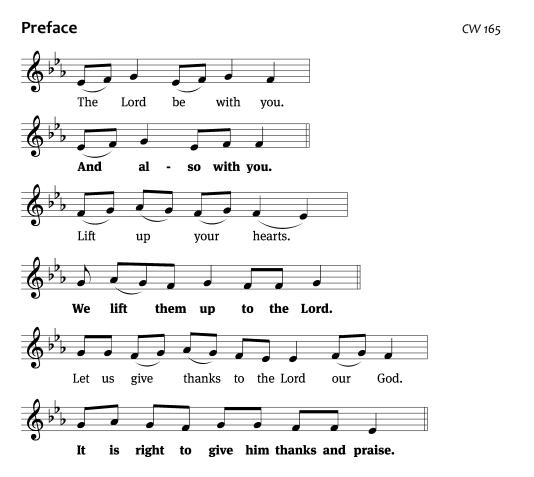
Congregation joins in singing the portion in parenthesis, "Holy is God...", and Cantor sings everything else

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The Sacrament

Stand



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns forever in perfect unity with you and the Holy Spirit as one God and one Lord. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sung by cantor with congregation joining in on the portion in quotations, "Holy is God..." sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, the Lord of all in spir-it did be-hold high on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, with robes that filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim; six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of him. With two they veiled their fac-es as was right, with two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight, and with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; one to the oth-er called and praised the Lord: "Ho ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels

trem-bled at the cry, and clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

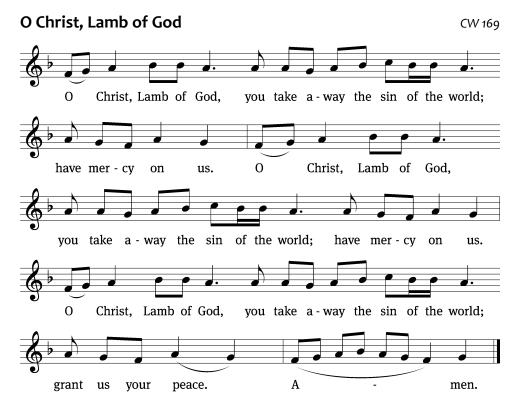
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

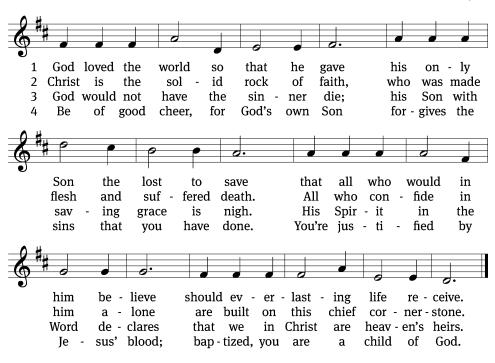


Be seated

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God Loved the World So That He Gave

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- If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; this is the anchor of my faith!
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessèd Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

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Amen.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.



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A - men, a - men! This be done;

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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so sing

"Al - le - lu - ia!"

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Announcements

May 30 Coffee Corner Conversations: Thursdays during the summer, 6:15-7:00 am, We will gather on the patio at the Coffee Corner in downtown Kewaskum, weather permitting. Otherwise we will gather inside. We will discuss "Important Chapters of the Bible."

Church/School Secretary Out of Office: Mrs. Jana Baumann will be out of the office from May 18th-27th, returning on Tuesday, May 28th.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Join us each day, July 8th-12th from 9:00 am -11:00 am, for VBS with the theme "Gone Fishin". Children age 3 years old through 6th grade are welcome to join us. Adults and teens are encouraged to volunteer to make this a fun week. We are looking for volunteers to help with Bible stories, snacks, games, crafts or music. Registration for both children and volunteers is now available. Please visit our website, www.stlucaswels.org, to register children for VBS and to sign up to volunteer. Links for both registration and volunteer signup are located on the right hand side of the home page.

National Night Out: We will be hosting National Night Out on August 5th from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm. The Kewaskum Big Band will provide entertainment 6:30-7:30 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with food, games, set up and take down. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our website, www.stlucaswels.org, to sign up. A link to sign up to volunteer is located on the right hand side of the home page.

Bible Information Class: A new round of Bible Information Class will start Saturday, May 11, 9:00 - noon. This class will meet for three hours on three Saturdays. The other two Saturdays will be scheduled after the first class. This class reviews the basic teachings of Scripture. If you know someone who is interested in joining our congregation, or you would like a quick review of your Catechism instruction, feel free to attend this class. Let Pastor Henning know if your are planning to attend.

Annual Pig Roast: You are invited to Crown of LIfe's annual Community Pig Roast on Saturday, June 8, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon filled with delicious food, fun, and music by *Unworthy*. Crown of Life is located at 1292 Tally Ho in Hubertus.

Disney's *Frozen Jr.*: "In summer..." come and see Frozen *Jr.*, a musical production with rehearsals at Redeemer Lutheran in Cedarburg and performances at the KML Performing Arts Center. This musical is presented by the talented students from: Peace, Hartford; David's Star and Morning Star, Jackson; Crown of Life, Hubertus; Trinity (Pleasant Valley), West Bend; Christ Alone, Thiensville; Christ the Lord, Brookfield; St. John's, Lannon, St. John's, Newburg; and Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls.

Performances are on Thursday, June 20, at 7:00 PM; Friday, June 21, at 7:00 PM; Saturday, June 22, at 1 PM and 7:00 PM, and Sunday, June 23 at 1 PM.

Tickets will be sold at the door at KML beginning 30 minutes before each performance. All tickets are general admission and \$10 each.

MLC Open Positions: Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time Early Childhood Assistant Teacher, a full-time Accountant, a full-time Resource Development Counselor, a full-time Administrative Assistant for Mission Advancement, a regular part-time Administrative Assistant for Academic Deans, a part-time Athletics Equipment Manager, a part-time Men's Basketball Assistant Coach, and a part-time Women's Basketball Assistant Coach.

Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

LWMS Convention 2026 1st meeting: The first meeting to start planning and organizing the 2026 convention will be held at Luther Prep on Saturday, June 1st, 2024 at 1:00 pm. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to come.

Taste of Missions: Taste of Missions is back! Join us in person at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., OR online on Sat., June 15, 2024, to get a "taste of missions" no matter where you might be around the world. We're looking forward to a fun day of commissioning new missionaries in worship, trying ethnic bites, and family-friendly fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Find all the details at <u>tasteofmissions.com</u>.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Sandra Kempf – 5/26 Kevin Scheunemann – 5/28 John Bielaga – 5/29 Cindy Butzke – 5/29 Erin Thoennes – 5/30 Kathryn Kertscher – 5/30 Bonnie Stoltzmann – 5/30 Maureen Stoffel – 6/1

ANNIVERSARIES

Ronald & Bernice Stange - 5/26 Daniel & Phyllis Schmidt - 5/29

CALENDAR

Readings for May 26th - June 2nd 2024



Sunday

Numbers 35:9-30 Acts 1:1-7:60 Luke 24:28-53

Worship w/Communion 9 am

May 27 Monday

Ecclesiastes 4:1-16 John 7:32-53

Tuesday

Ecclesiastes 5:1-20 John 8:1-20

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Wednesday

Ecclesiastes 6:1-7:10 John 8:21-38

Thursday

Ecclesiastes 7:11-29 John 8:39-59

Coffee Corner Conversations - 7:15 am

Friday

Ecclesiastes 8:1-17 Iohn 9:1-23

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Saturday

Ecclesiastes 9:1-17 John 9:24-41

Worship 6:00 pm

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Sunday

Ecclesiastes 10:1-20 John 10:1-21

Worship 9 am

Ushers for 6/1 & 5/2

Sat. 6/1 6 pm - Butzke

Sun. 6/2 9 am - Koch Zuehlke

Ushers for 6/8 & 6/9

Sat. 6/8 6 pm - Peters

Sun. 6/9 9 am - Herther Stoltz St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping. www.stlucaswels.org

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