

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



1 KINGS 12:1-11, 16-20 AND JOHN 3:1-17

“HOLY TRINITY 2024”

*Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is revealed
that all may trust and follow Christ forever.*

THE HOLY TRINITY

MAY 26, 2024

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HOLY TRINITY, YEAR B
SERVICE OF THE WORD

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*
** Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

GATHER

WELCOME

*Who are you? **We are children of God (1 John 3:2).** What is our mission? **The mission of Lutheran Chapel is to share God's love.***

PRELUDE

Blessed Holy Trinity

Dennis Eliot

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

ELW #413

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
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!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

LITANY *Psalm 145:1-2, 146:6-8, Philippians 4:19, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Numbers 6:26*

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You set free those who are bound.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You provide for our every need.

C: Accept our grateful praises.

P: You have called us from all peoples.

C: We rejoice and bless your name forever.

P: You bless your people with peace.

C: We bless you and praise your loving grace.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

***THE ATHANASIAN CREED**

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

Please join in confessing the Athanasian Creed using the litany below:

Pastor: Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith.

All: Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.

Pastor: Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity,

Men: neither confusing the persons

Women: nor dividing the divine being.

Pastor: For the Father is one person,

Men: the Son is another,

Women: and the Spirit is still another.

Pastor: But the Deity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one,

All: equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

Pastor: What the Father is,

Men: the Son is,

Women: and so is the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son, uncreated is the Spirit.

Men: The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.

Women: Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:

All: and yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal; as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings; but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

Pastor: Almighty is the Father;

Men: Almighty is the Son;

Women: Almighty is the Spirit;

All: And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is Almighty.

Pastor: Thus the Father is God;

Men: the Son is God;

Women: the Holy Spirit is God;

All: And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

Pastor: Thus the Father is Lord;

Men: the Son is Lord;

Women: the Holy Spirit is Lord:

All: And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

Pastor: As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,

All: so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

Pastor: The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;

Men: the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father;

Women: the Spirit was neither made nor created but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

All: Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

Pastor: And in this Trinity,

Men: no one is before or after,

Women: greater or less than the other;

All: but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons. Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

Pastor: It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh.

All: For this is the true faith that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

Pastor: He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and He is man, born in the world from the being of His mother—

Women: existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body:

Men: equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.

All: although He is God and man, He is not divided, but is one Christ.

Pastor: He is united because God has taken humanity into Himself; He does not transform deity into humanity.

Women: He is completely one in the unity of His person, without confusing His natures.

Men: For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

All: He suffered death for our salvation.

Pastor: He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.

Women: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Men: He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

ALL: At His coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.

Women: Those who have done good will enter eternal life,

Men: those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

Pastor: This is the catholic faith.

All: One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children who want to come forward for the Children's Message are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

1 KINGS 12:1-11, 16-20

King Rehoboam chooses the bravado of peers over the wisdom of elders. The nation of Israel fragments into north and south. Actions have consequences.

¹Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. ²When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from Egypt. ³And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam, ⁴Your father made our yoke heavy.

Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you. ⁵He said to them, "Go away for three days, then come again to me." So the people went away.

⁶Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the older men who had attended his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, "How do you advise me to answer this people?" ⁷They answered him, "If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever." ⁸But he disregarded the advice that the older men gave him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him and now attended him. ⁹He said to them, "What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, 'Lighten the yoke that your father put on us'?" ¹⁰The young men who had grown up with him said to him, "Thus you should say to this people who spoke to you, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you must lighten it for us'; thus you should say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's loins.' ¹¹Now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions."

¹⁶When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, "What share do we have in David?

We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse.

To your tents, O Israel!

Look now to your own house, O David."

So Israel went away to their tents. ¹⁷But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah. ¹⁸When King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was taskmaster over the forced labor, all Israel stoned him to death. King Rehoboam then hurriedly mounted his chariot to flee to Jerusalem. ¹⁹So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

²⁰When all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. There was no one who followed the house of David, except the tribe of Judah alone.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Memory Verse: Proverbs 16:3

³Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

*The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. A **memory verse is in bold.** A weekly Bible study is available as an in-person study on Sundays at 9am in Sunday School or Thursdays at 11am as well as online at lutheranchapelchurch.org. There are also printed copies in the prayer racks. Claim the gift for yourself!*

*Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: + **Kings and Prophets** : Exile :
Restoration : 2nd Temple : JESUS : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*



*Psalm refrain reproduced from *Psalm Settings for the Church Year: Revised Common Lectionary**

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon

The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

Refrain

The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

Refrain

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:12-17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL

JOHN 3:1-17

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after announcement:

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus’ miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

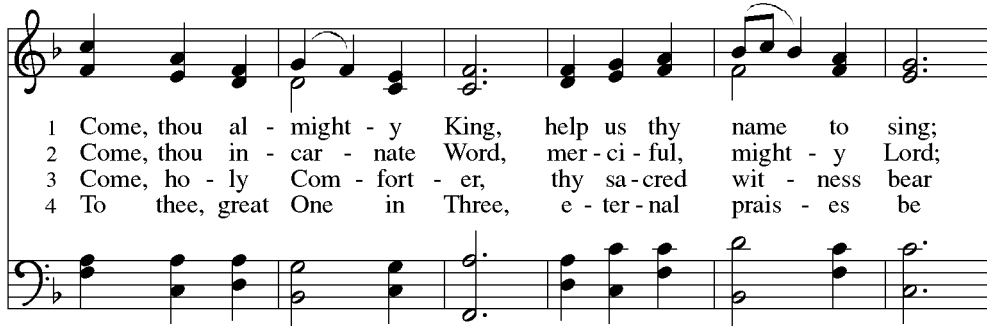
Division of the United Kingdom—Israel and Judah

Revelation of the Triune Identity of God

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness: The nature of the LORD as Holy Trinity is revealed by Jesus for us to know and love and yet so many reject the LORD.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that comforts and saves us in Christ: The nature of the LORD as Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit is revealed by Jesus. Let us trust and praise the LORD now and forever.

So What?: Contemplate the revelation of God as Holy Trinity. Sing praise now and forever.



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

Who Was and Is and Is to Come

CHANCEL CHOIR
Timothy Michael Powell

Then I saw a new heaven and earth, for the first earth and heaven had passed away.
And the One who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new!

I am the Alpha, the Omega, the beginning and the end.
To the thirsty I will give water. Death and mourning, crying, pain, shall be no more."
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty; holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!

To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing.
To the Lamb be all glory and might for ever and ever, amen!

*OFFERTORY

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalm 51



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 your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

(In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.***

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**



SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

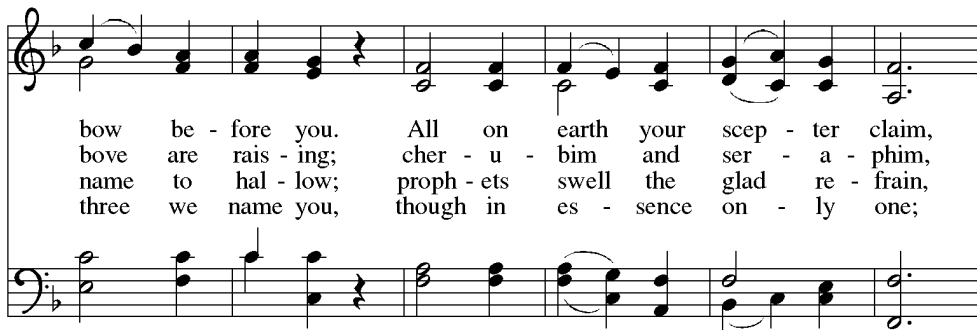
Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

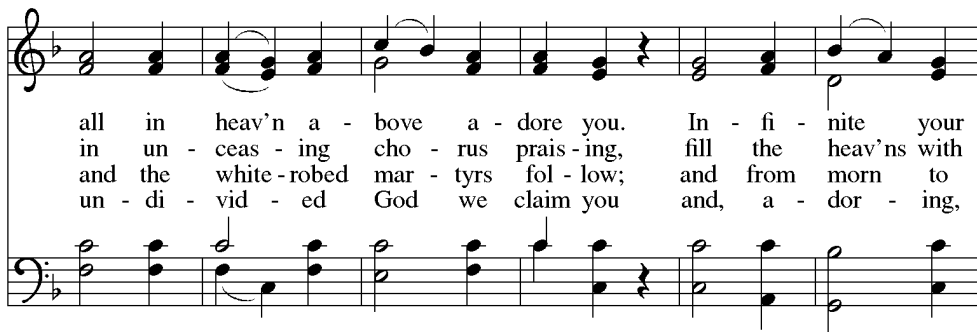
C: Amen.



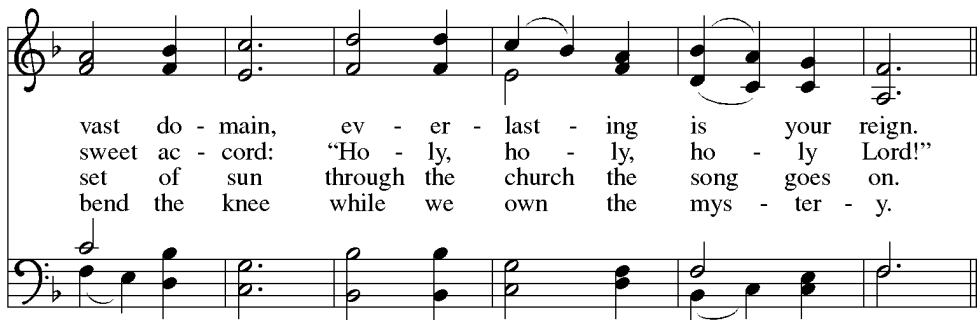
1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Gordon Young

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Steve Bell in memory of those who gave the supreme sacrifice and in memory of Ma Bell.

***Correction to May 19th Bulletin:** Flowers were given to the Glory of God by Ervin, Nancy, David, Susan, Henry and Debra in memory of Ervin and Helen Hoffman.*

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Becky Shaw
Director of Music.....	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist	Jeanette Myers
Assistant Minister	Sylvia Fogle
Lector	Pam Livingston
Acolyte.....	Cameron Bell
Crucifer	Christian Mull
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Crown Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....	Seth Myers and Adrian Thornburg

PARISH NEWS

NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST: If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

RESTROOMS: Restrooms are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

MEMORIAL DAY: Monday, May 27, Church Offices will be closed. May we remember those who courageously gave their lives so we can live free.

CONGREGATIONAL COOKOUT: Please plan to attend a cookout on **Tuesday, May 28 @ 6:00pm** under the picnic shelter sponsored by the Men of the Church. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the trimmings. If you desire, bring a lawn chair, and come for a good meal, relaxation, and conversation with our church family. Hope to see you there!

WORSHIP AT RANKIN LAKE: All are invited to join us for the *Rankin Lake Worship Service* on Sunday, **June 2** at **10:00**. A catered meal from Grandma Hoyt will be provided. Please bring chairs and anything needed to enjoy time together at the park.

100th Anniversary Celebration: Join us **June 9** directly after the service as we celebrate the 100th birthday of Lutheran Chapel Sanctuary. A special worship service is planned with cake and ice cream to follow.

DAILY PRAYER

A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Each morning and evening, pray to the LORD. Sunrise, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalms 1*). A simple order is: **Sign of the Cross + Psalms + Bible in a Year + Canticle + Hymns + Prayers + Blessing.**

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Psalter Book One*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	1, 2, 3	7, 8, 9	13, 14, 15	19, 20, 21	25, 26, 27	31, 32, 33	37, 38, 39
PM	4, 5, 6	10, 11, 12	16, 17, 18	22, 23, 24	28, 29, 30	34, 35, 36	40, 41

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 20 May 26 to June 2, 2024

05/26 Morning Reading: John 9:24-41—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 28, 29

05/27 Morning Reading: John 10:1-23—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 1, 2, 3

05/28 Morning Reading: John 10:24-42—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 4, 5, 6

05/28 Morning Reading: John 10:24-42—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 4, 5, 6

05/29 Morning Reading: John 11:1-29—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 7, 8, 9

05/30 Morning Reading: John 11:30-57—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 10, 11, 12

05/31 Morning Reading: John 12:1-26—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 13, 14

06/01 Morning Reading: John 12:27-50—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 15, 16

06/02 Morning Reading: John 13:1-20—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 17, 18

Morning: “*Song of Zechariah*” (*Luke 1:68-79*) **Evening:** “*Song of Mary*” (*Luke 1:46-55*)

Traditional Song: *God Himself is Present* LBW #249

Sing a New Song: *Shout to the Lord* ELW #821

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, Steve Bell, Faye Anne Boyette, **Pauline Bradley**, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Charles Edwards, Kathy Finch, Henry Hoffman, Ashton Knauf, Doug Rhyne, Eula Ritchie, Kay Robinson, Pat Robinson, Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, and Gene & Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Sheila Abernathy, John Austin, Rick Belton, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Carol Coutant, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Mark Harrelson, Hanna Hayes, Michael Jemison, Rick Knowles, Bill Lankford, Randy Lineberger, Cathy Moore, Karen Moore, Family of Jerry Moore, Paul Nordberg, Rita Pasour, Josie Putnam, Randy Reel, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, Christy Carpenter Smith, Denise Smith, Marshall Snelgrove, Charlene Sorenson, Becky Van Dyke, and Anthony Wynn.

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



Wednesday, May 29 ~ Evening Prayer

Psalm 25 *Make Me to Know Your Ways*

Thursday, May 30~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

1 Kings 12:1-11, 16-20 *“Division of the Kingdom of Israel”*

Sunday, June 2~ Worship at Rankin Lake—Holy Communion

1 Kings 19:1-18 and Mark 2:23-3:6 *“Lord of the Sabbath”*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 26 - SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024

- Sun-26** 8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:30 am Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-27** **All Day** **Memorial Day (Office is Closed)**
- Tues-28** 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
 6:00 pm **Congregational Cookout (Picnic Shelter)**
- Wed-29** 8:30 am Preschool
 5:30 pm Chapel Ringers
 7:00 pm Evening Service (Chapel)
- Thur-30** 8:30 am Preschool—Last Day
 11:00 am Bible Study (Library)
- Fri-31** N/A
- Sat-01** 9:00 am Preschool Graduation (Family Life Center, Kitchen)
 9:30 am Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)

The Athanasian Creed

The Lutheran Confessions begin with the Three Chief Symbols: the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. These three creeds faithfully uphold the church's biblical teaching on the mystery of God and the good news of Jesus Christ. The creeds are faithful to the witness of the Bible (indeed formulated before or during the collection of the biblical canon) and in both the ancient and contemporary Church serve as measures of right-thinking and right-praise of God.

The Athanasian Creed, attributed to the teachings of the Church father St. Athanasius, describes the mystery of the Trinity. The constant repetition and strong wording in the Creed reflect its historical context. Originally this Creed was meant to correct the error of Arius and his followers. Arius taught that the Son was not equal to the Father but instead an exalted being. The truth passed on in the Bible and this Creed is that Jesus is both God and Man.

If Jesus is Lord, then how does Jesus relate to the Father and the Spirit? The consensus of the Church is the confession of Trinity, the Three who are One, explain how Jesus is Lord. Only if Jesus is Lord is ultimate salvation from sin, death, and devil possible. Only if the Holy Spirit guides and sanctifies us as we follow Jesus the Son to the glory of the Father is holy living possible. In the Name of Father, +Son, and Spirit we receive baptism, communion, forgiveness, strength for our journey and ultimately the joy of resurrection life.

Our Faith: Trinitarian Markers

The **sign of the holy cross**—a prayer action using three fingers, touching our forehead, down to our heart, and to the left and right shoulders—may be done before and after prayers. **Luther** specifically taught the sign for morning and evening prayer in the *Small Catechism*.

In the Name of the Father +the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

When **Patrick** spread the **good news of Jesus** to the Irish he explained the Trinity using the clover. His *Breastplate* begins: I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity!

As the practice of praying the **Psalter** grew in the early Church (prayer book of David and of our Lord Jesus) the **Gloria Patri** became a way of concluding each psalm:

Glory 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.

Sources: Book of Concord, Bible, Lutheran Book of Worship