# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

# The Feast of the Holy Trinity

June 4, 2023
Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

10:30am – livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube



## **AS WE GATHER**

## The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in the Image and Likeness of Christ Jesus

The holy Triune God "created the heavens and the earth," and "behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God's good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be "delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God" to be "crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men" (Acts 2:23).

As Jesus "received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His apostles to "make disciples of all nations" by "baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and "teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded" (Matt. 28:19–20). Through such baptizing and teaching — Gospel and Sacraments — the holy Triune God recreates us in the image and likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus, the Christ, and behold, it is "very good" (Gen. 1:31).

# +++GATHERING+++

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** – *Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest* (arr. Charles Callahan)

## HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 507 – Holy, Holy, Holy



#### INVOCATION

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

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES** – Isaiah 6:3b, 1 John 4:13–14, Psalm 41:13

- P Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
- **C** the whole earth is full of His glory!
- P By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
- And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.

- **P** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
- **G** from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# +++ WORD +++

# INTROIT - Psalm 16:8-11; antiphon: liturgical text

- P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.
- I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
- You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- 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. Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

## KYRIE - Lord, Have Mercy - Mark 10:47

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

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

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.





We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

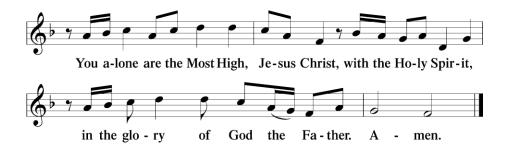


You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One,

You a-lone are the Lord,



#### SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- 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.
- C Amen.

#### FIRST LESSON – Genesis 1:1-2:4a – The account of creation

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The 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.

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

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And 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. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

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

<sup>11</sup>And 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. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And 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, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the

night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup>So 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. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And 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. <sup>25</sup>And 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.

<sup>26</sup>Then 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."

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image,

in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And 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." <sup>29</sup>And 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. <sup>30</sup>And 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. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations

of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

# **GRADUAL – Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b**

- A Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
- On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

## SECOND LESSON - Acts 2:14a, 22-36 - The sermon of Peter at Pentecost

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>22</sup>"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—

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

"I saw the Lord always before me,

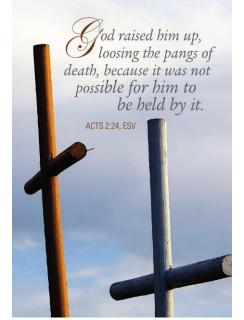
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

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

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

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

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



"The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand,

<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.'

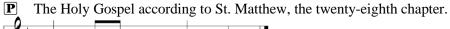
<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

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

#### ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE - John 6:68

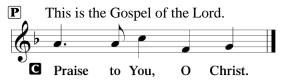


## **HOLY GOSPEL** – **Matthew 28:16-20** – Jesus gives His Great command to the disciples.

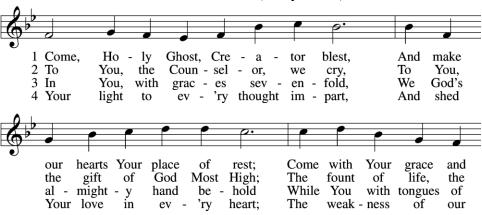


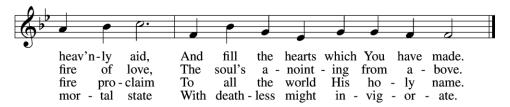


<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore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



## HYMN OF THE DAY - LSB 498 - Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest





- 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.

#### SERMON – Creation and Re-Creation – Genesis 1 and Matthew 28

#### ATHANASIAN CREED

Today we are marveling at the grace of God in paying attention to us and saving us, although we are a seemingly insignificant part of His creation. The grace of God is also apparent as the Church has sought to confess the witness of Scripture. As we cannot comprehend the vastness of space, so we cannot understand God's nature as three persons in one Godhead. As you profess truths about our majestic God, I will follow with the offsetting realities that also must be true. We cannot explain God; we can only confess our faith within the limits of human understanding.



- Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

  Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,
- **P** neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- **C** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- **P** But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

- the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- p just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- **P** and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

  Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

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

  The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- P Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

- **C** Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- **C** Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
  - one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
  - For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

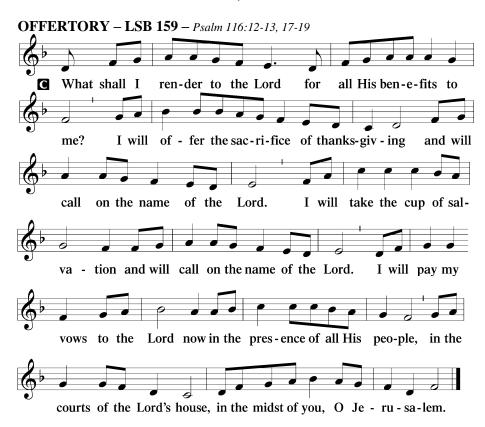
P This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

#### COMMISSIONING OF VBS STAFF

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A Lord, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- A ...one God forever. C Amen.

**OFFERING** – *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (arr. Rebecca te Velde)



**10:30 am & 5 pm** – Continues with the **Lord's Prayer** (page 13) and concludes with the **Benediction and Closing Hymn** (page 18).

# +++SACRAMENT+++

beginning at LSB 160

#### For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

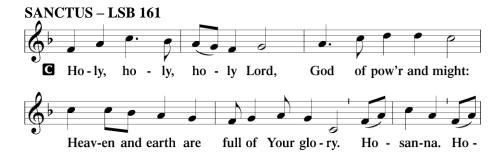
As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.

#### **PREFACE**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** 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.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:





#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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.

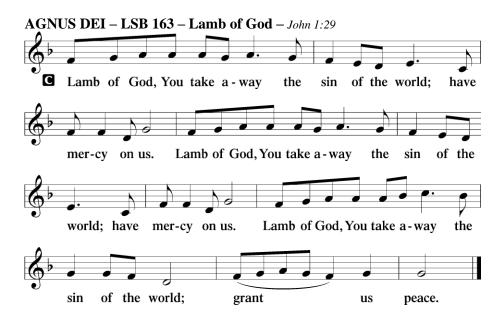
#### WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 + 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 – The Peace of the Lord –** *John 20:19*

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





## **Distribution Notes:**

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

**Non-alcoholic** grape juice, containing *a* trace amount of wine, is available in the center of the tray.

#### DISTRIBUTION



## LSB 619 - Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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- 1 Crown Him with man y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne; The God
- 2 Crown Him the vir gin's Son, 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,

Be - hold His hands and side, Who tri-umphed o'er the grave En-throned in worlds a - bove,

in - car - nate born,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. Whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won Which now His brow a-dorn: Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied. And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save. Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of the mys-tic rose, Fruit No an - gels in the sky glo - ries now we sing, Crown Him with man - y crowns

Of Him who died for thee, And Yet that rose the stem, The of Can ful - ly bear that sight, But Who died and rose on high, Who As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty. hail Him root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem. down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys-ter-ies so bright. e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die. Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE - LSB 164 - Thank the Lord



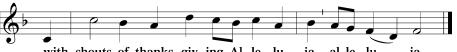
**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-

#### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION** – Numbers 6:24-26

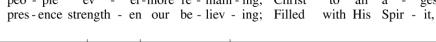
- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

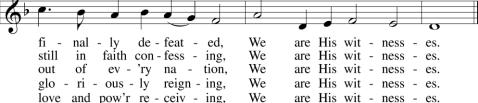
## HYMN TO DEPART - LSB 840 - Christ High-Ascended, Now in Glory Seated



- 2 Christ from the Fa ther ev 'ry pow'r pos-sess ing, Who on His
- 3 Christ, who in dy ing won for us sal-va - tion, Lives now the
- 4 Christ in His splen-dor, all do - min - ion gain - ing, Christ with His
- 5 As at His part-ing, joy shall ban-ish griev-ing, Faith







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#### SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**POST-SERVICE MUSIC** – Fantasy in C Minor (J. S. Bach)

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#### **TODAY**

- 11:45am VBS Orientation AND Congregational Safety & Crisis Management Training
- 2:00pm VBS Set-up
- 6:00-8:00pm FLY (Adopt-a-Road clean-up)

## Tuesday, June 6

- 5:00pm Lutheran Men's Gemütlichkeit
- **6:15pm** Men's Softball (Field 4) All games are at Twin Lakes and free to attend. *Weather hotline:* (812)349-3610



## Thursday, June 8

• 1:30pm VBS Closing Program (sanctuary)

# Friday, June 9

- 10:00am VBS Wrap-up meeting
- 11:00am VBS Clean-up

## Sunday, June 11

11:30am Acolyte training



Sundays (9:15am) – beginning June 11

Adult study: God's Work through Water and the Word- a closer look at the themes of VBS

Wednesdays (6:30am) – beginning June 14

Breakfast Bible Study: Sermon on the Mount

Cloverleaf South Restaurant (in Winslow Plaza). Come hungry!



# Thursday, June 15

**JOY Group** - Meet at church at **11:00** am for lunch at the **Yoho General Store** in Solsberry. **Sign up** on the JOY Group clipboard across from the Library.



# **Spirit Camp** is THIS WEEK

Monday-Thursday 9:30am-2pm

**Closing Program:** 

Thursday June 8 at 1:30pm in the sanctuary



**June 5-8** 

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