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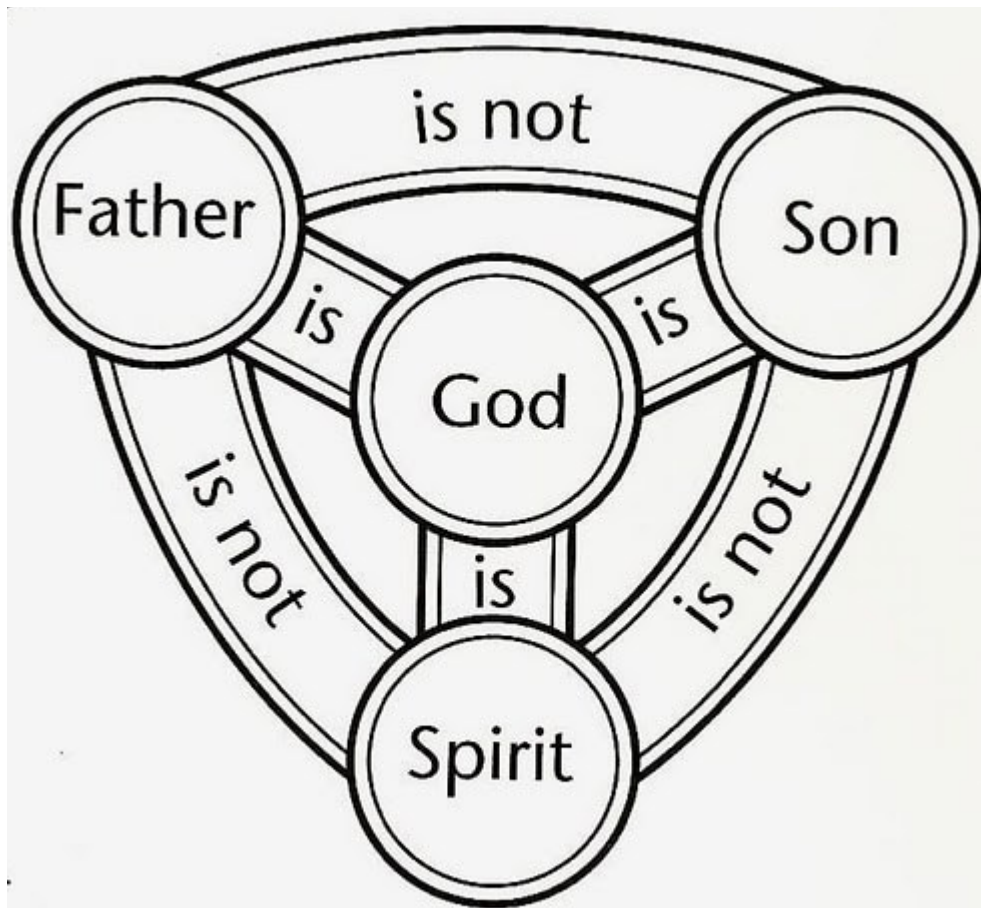
8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00AM BLENDED WORSHIP

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## “A Divine Paradox”



*John 8:48-59*

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# Sunday—June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## 9:45am Classes:

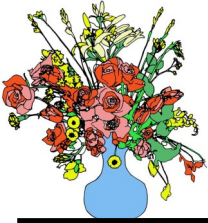
> Adult Sunday School Class (room# 111) <  
*Study of Ephesians 1:15-23 —last class on 6/22*

> Kid's Sunday School (room# 017) <

## Directly after second service:

> Personal Prayer Ministry (altar)<

> The Food Pantry is closed <



Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:  
Kathy Gillespie—in honor of Pastor Art's birthday today (6/15)!

## 8:30am Traditional Service

### Call to Worship:

All Creatures of Our God and King

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**A Divine Paradox John 8:48-59**

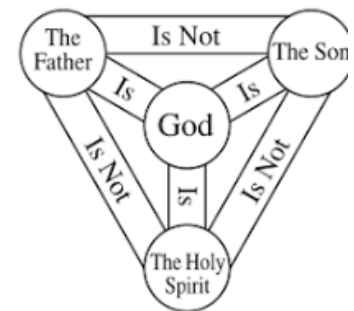
*“Whoever desires to be \_\_\_\_\_ must, above all, hold the catholic faith. Whoever does not keep to whole and \_\_\_\_\_ will without doubt perish eternally”*

- I. Hard \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Hard words lead into a \_\_\_\_\_ that is rarely used and challenging to understand
1. A God who is \_\_\_\_\_, and yet \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Our hearts and minds struggle with the \_\_\_\_\_
  3. And yet, the doctrine of the \_\_\_\_\_ is truth for our hearts
    - a. it cannot be satisfactorily \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. Such a truth has to be \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Considering our struggle gives us insight into the struggle of the \_\_\_\_\_
1. How could \_\_\_\_\_, standing in the Temple court, be mere man and completely God at the same time?
  2. Don't people struggle with the same \_\_\_\_\_ today?
    - a. “The catholic faith is this, that we worship One God in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Unity”
    - b. We do not like it when we are not in \_\_\_\_\_ of a situation
    - c. So it was with the \_\_\_\_\_ people in today's text
      1. The \_\_\_\_\_; the authoritative teaching; the sympathy for the Gentile world...
      2. John \_\_\_\_\_
      3. Jesus was making them feel out of \_\_\_\_\_
- C. And then Jesus really pushed the boundary line: John \_\_\_\_\_
1. And how did they \_\_\_\_\_?
  2. John \_\_\_\_\_
  3. We haven't made much \_\_\_\_\_ either
    - a. We want a \_\_\_\_\_ God who gives into our wishes

- b. We want faith based on \_\_\_\_\_ sow we can measure
- c. We want what C.S. Lewis referred to as a “Tame God” - a god in the \_\_\_\_\_ we desire

- II. How Do We \_\_\_\_\_ Trinity?
- A. In reality it is about \_\_\_\_\_ - and worship is relationship
1. He is \_\_\_\_\_ ... We are His \_\_\_\_\_
  2. God is anything but tame - He is \_\_\_\_\_ and full of paradoxes
    - a. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ God and \_\_\_\_\_ man
    - b. Our sins are \_\_\_\_\_ through His death and resurrection
- B. What the \_\_\_\_\_ people were missing is that God didn't desire simple obedience; He is desiring a \_\_\_\_\_
1. The creeds don't demand our \_\_\_\_\_ assent
  2. They reveal the \_\_\_\_\_ of God who calls us into a relationship with Him
- C. The Creed states: “And the catholic faith is this, that we \_\_\_\_\_ One God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity”
1. \_\_\_\_\_: That means there is a relationship there, and we adore the one who has revealed His love toward us, gathered us, cleansed us, and made us His children
  2. The rest of the creed simply tells us of this incredible God - how magnificent, \_\_\_\_\_, uncontrollable, and \_\_\_\_\_ He is!
  3. This is why we worship, keep His Word, and have \_\_\_\_\_ - NOT to earn His favor but to bask in the glory of His love for us

\_\_\_\_\_ is to be a foretaste of the kingdom to come... imagine a time when every trip, language, tongue, and nation gather before the Three in One – before the glory of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!





**AS WE GATHER**

The Holy Trinity presents profound complexities. The church wrestles to dissect and sync together the identities and the activities of the Father, Son, and Spirit. The Athanasian Creed is the treatise that sews together the equality and uniqueness of the three persons of the Trinity. With faith's assurance, the church confesses trinitarian substance, coeternal majesty, and seemingly unattainable mystery. The Uncreated, the Infinite, the Almighty are One in Three. The Holy Trinity is vested in working in our midst today, every day, and eternally. In faith, the church and its members forge ahead in life because the Holy Trinity just works! We may not understand fully, and yet, by faith we believe the Father works—creating; the Son works—redeeming; and the Spirit works—sanctifying. Our entire life of frailty and faith is only possible because the Holy Trinity just works—all the time—with us, for us, and alongside us!

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      All Creatures of Our God and King

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SONG**      Holy Holy Holy

(Verse 1)

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

**(Chorus)**

**From the cradle to the cross,  
God with us God with us  
For this broken world You love,  
God with us God with us  
You gave up Your only Son,  
God with us God with us  
So that all the world will know our God with us**

(Verse 2)

Holy holy holy, all the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns,  
around the glassy sea

Cherubim and seraphim  
falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art and evermore shall be

**(Sing the Chorus)**

(Verse 3)

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,  
in earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty  
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

**(Sing the Chorus)**

(Ending)

So that all the world will know

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**INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father, who endlessly creates and re-creates all living things;

**People:** **Glory to God the Father.**

**Pastor:** and of the Son, who forever redeems, restores, and forgives;

**People:** **Glory to God the Son.**

**Pastor:** in of the Spirit, who continually sanctifies and calls us by name.

**People:** **Glory to God the Spirit.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**      *Acts 2:38–39*

**Pastor:** Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself. By God’s work of mercy, we are granted forgiveness. By Christ’s work of suffering, crucifixion, and death, we are granted eternal life. By the work of the Spirit, we are continually sanctified in the glory of God’s holy triune name—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are forgiven by the work of the Holy Trinity. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

## **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting triune God, grant us abiding faith that we may steadfastly believe and confess Your divine work as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Throughout our temporal and eternal living, be our constant companion—creating and renewing, redeeming and forgiving, calling and sanctifying us. In all suffering and service, grant that we be mindful that You are the one true God, undivided, uncreated, infinite, and almighty, in whose triune name we pray.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT**      *Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31*

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup>On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: <sup>4</sup>“To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.”<sup>22</sup>The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. <sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, <sup>26</sup>before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. <sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, <sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** Acts 2:14, 22–36 <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 8:48–59

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>48</sup> The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup> Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup> Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup> The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’” <sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup> Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’” <sup>55</sup> But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup> So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” <sup>59</sup> So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON SONG How Great Is Our God

(Verse 1)

The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice,  
And trembles at His voice

**(Chorus)**

**How great is our God Sing with me**  
**How great is our God And all will see**  
**How great How great is our God**

(Verse 2)

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End, Beginning & the End  
The Godhead three in one

Father Spirit Son

The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

**(Chorus)**

**How great is our God Sing with me**  
**How great is our God And all will see**  
**How great How great is our God**

(Bridge)

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing

How great is our God

(REPEAT BRIDGE)

**(Sing Chorus again)**

**How great is our God Sing with me**  
**How great is our God And all will see**  
**How great How great is our God**

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### SERMON "A Divine Paradox"

*John 8:48-59*

### CREED ATHANASIAN CREED

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

**People: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

Pastor: And the catholic faith is this,

**People: that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

Pastor: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

**People: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

Pastor: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

**People: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

Pastor: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

**People: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

Pastor: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

**People: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

Pastor: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

**People: and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**People: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

Pastor: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**People: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

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

**People: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**

Pastor: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

**People: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

Pastor: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: 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.**

Pastor: 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:

**People: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

Pastor: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

**People: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**

Pastor: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

**People: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

Pastor: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

**People: who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

Pastor: 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.

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

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

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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** From Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology) based on LSB #805

#### (VERSE 1)

What gift of love could I offer to a King  
What weight or worth could be held within my offering  
When He alone is worthy

#### (VERSE 2)

A glory song is inscribed upon my heart  
This treasure held in an alabaster jar I break, to bring Him all the glory

#### (CHORUS)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**  
**Praise Him all creatures here below**  
**Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts**  
**Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost**  
**(VERSE 3)**

What sacrifice could be equal to His own  
The cross of Christ has declared,  
that there is naught I owe  
Yet I know I owe Him all **(SING CHORUS)**

#### (BRIDGE)

Our Father God the infinite  
The matchless King magnificent  
The living Christ the servant Son  
The prophesied the saving One  
The Holy Ghost gift from above  
The faithful Friend the seal of love  
This life this heart this song to Him  
My all in all my everything

#### (SING CHORUS TWICE)

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### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, O Holy Trinity, the Lord of all things created, redeemed, and sanctified in this temporal and eternal life. We give You thanks that by faith we can believe, receive, and boldly confess the inseparable, unique, and cohesive work of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So also, this day, by faith we eat and drink bread and wine, that is the very body and blood of Jesus, the Christ, who is our source of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

**People:** Amen.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

**Pastor:** 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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### LSB 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with Your Word,  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness  
Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us  
From error's gloomy night.

- 4 Abide with richest blessings  
Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through Your Word.

- 5 Abide with Your protection  
Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.

- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above. *Text: Public domain*

#### LSB 794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised

- 1 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My light, my life from heaven;  
My maker, who to me  
Has soul and body given;  
My Father, who will shield  
And keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield  
New blessings on my way.
- 2 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My trust, my life from heaven,  
The Father's own dear Son,  
Whose life for me was given,  
Who for my sin atoned  
With His most precious blood  
And gives to me by faith  
The highest heav'nly good.

- 3 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My hope, my life from heaven,  
The Spirit, whom the Son  
In love to me has given.  
His grace revives my heart  
And gives my spirit pow'r,  
Help, comfort, and support  
In sorrow's gloomy hour.

△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My God, the ever-living,  
To whom the heav'nly host  
Their laud and praise are giving.  
The Lord, my God, be praised,  
In whose great name I boast,  
God Father, God the Son,  
And God the Holy Ghost. *Text: Public domain*

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Holy Trinity, by faith we acknowledge Your unending, seamless, and inseparable work in our lives through Word and Sacrament. Father, we thank You for Your relentless commitment to re-create our weary souls; Jesus, we thank You for suffering, dying, and rising, so that we too may rise; Holy Spirit, we thank You for calling us by name at our Baptism, making us the holy, forgiven people of God.

**People:** **All praise be to the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** God—the Holy Trinity—re-create, redeem, and sanctify you in all wisdom and truth. God our Father, the X Son, and the Holy Spirit be your constant companion working in your heart, mind, and soul abundant mercy and grace, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen**

## CLOSING SONG I Believe (Creed Song)

(Verse 1)

I believe there is one salvation. One doorway that leads to life  
One redemption one confession. I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

(Verse 2)

I believe in the crucifixion. By His blood I have been set free  
I believe in the resurrection. Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

**(Chorus 1)**

**All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son**

**All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome**

**The King who was and is and evermore will be**

**In Jesus' mighty name I believe**

(Verse 3)

I believe in the hope of heaven. He's preparing a place for me  
Far beyond what hearts imagine. Ears have heard or eyes have seen

(Verse 4)

I believe that day is coming. He's returning to claim His bride  
Light the altar keep it burning. See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

**(Chorus)**

**All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son**

**All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome**

**The King who was and is and evermore will be**

**In Jesus' mighty name I believe**

(Bridge 2x)

No I'll never be ashamed. Of the gospel of Jesus Christ  
How could I ever walk away. From the One who saved my life

**(Sing Chorus TWICE)**

(Ending) In Jesus' mighty name I believe

Servers	8:30am	11:00am
Elder	Susan Roby	Christi Lorenz
Acolyte	TBD	Jacob Kanelos
Ushers	Stef Hanson & Mike Rush	Mark Salseider & James Carpenter
Communion	Neil Pursley & Susan Roby	Tommy Ridgeway & Tracey Carpenter
Lector	Neil Pursley	Peter Renner

**Prayer Support Team:**

Prayer team members

**Sound & Tech Crew:**

8:30am: Peter L. & Heather M

11:00am: Ben & Lucas Munn

**Altar Guild:**

8:30am: Susan R. & Dana N.

11:00am: Elaine, Kathy, Margo

**Offering Counters:**

Lori Allen & Stef Hanson

## **Annual Voter's Meeting**

**Sunday June 22nd**

(after 2nd service)

**Sacred Communion Values**

As baptized Christians, having received instruction in the Holy Sacrament; our precious Savior and Lord Jesus Christ invites us to His Holy Meal in which we receive the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith.



Before we receive the Holy Sacrament, we should:

- a) Examine our relationship with God & others according to the Ten Commandments;
- b) Truly repent of our sins and seek forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord;
- c) Faithfully believe God's Word which teaches us that in, with, and under the bread and wine we receive the true body and blood of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ;
- d) By the working of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, commit our life as a redeemed disciple of Jesus Christ through thought, word, and deed.

**BE THE CHANGE** BABY BOTTLE BLESSING CAMPAIGN



**Our annual Baby Bottle Blessing collections, happening now!**

Pick up a bottle in the narthex, fill it with change, cash, or checks, and return it to the church by or before June 29, 2025.

Every bottle helps support Mountain Area Pregnancy Services and gives hope to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

**DATES** May 25th - June 29th

**CONTACT** Lisa Baldwin 828-243-6590



## **New Member Interest Class!**

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

**ADULT INQUIRER'S CLASS**

**Wednesdays June 11, 18, 25, & July 2 w/ Pastor Skopak!**  
begins 6pm in the narthex

*Are you interested in exploring the basics of your Christian faith through the lenses of the Lutheran Doctrine? Want to know more about Emmanuel and are ready to explore membership? If so, please join us! We look forward to it.*



Email your interest in this class or any questions you have to [churchoffice@elcsmail.org](mailto:churchoffice@elcsmail.org)

Today is the last day to pick up any literature on the table in the narthex from the "Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians" service last Sunday.

Feel free to take what you want!



**Emmanuel  
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**BOARD of DIRECTORS:**

**Peter Renner** (*Chair & Elder Rep.*), **Rojealous Rush** (*V-Chair*), **Steve Ude** (*Parish*), **Deb DeBerry** (*School*), **Stephen Taylor** (*Outreach*), **Neil Pursley** (*Music/Worship*), **Eugene Edwards** (*Family*), & **Ed Lopez** (*Youth*)

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, June 17**

6:00pm BOD Meeting

**Wednesday, June 18**

12:00pm Midweek Worship Service (sanctuary)

12:25pm PreK kids sing for Noon Service

1:30pm Women's Bible Study Group

6:00pm New Member Class Series (narthex)

6:30pm Worship Singers' rehearsal (sanctuary)

**Thursday, June 19**

6:30pm Elder Ministry Team Meeting (narthex)

**Friday, June 20**

6:00pm Church Pickleball (gym)

**Saturday, June 21**

8-11am Bushwhackers Volunteer Grounds Crew

10:00am Women's Prayer Group (room# 111)

**Sunday, June 22**

**8:30am Traditional/Liturgical Worship Service**

9:45am Adult Sunday School Class (room# 111)

9:45am Kid's Sunday School (room# 017)

**11:00am Blended Worship Service**

Annual Voter's Meeting

Food Pantry is OPEN.

5:00pm High School Youth Group

**Member Celebrations**

**Birthdays:** 6/15 : Arthur Gillespie; 6/16 :

Jenelle Lanham; 6/17 : Glenn Black;

6/19 : Ella Capodiferro; 6/20 : Shirley Wilson

**Anniversaries:** 6/17 : Doug & Cindy Piercy

6/20 : Jeffrey & Amy Skopak; 6/21 : Donna

Wegner (Jeff +T); 6/21 : Mike & Kelly Kanelos

**Previous Week's Services: Attendance & Stats**

**In-person**

**8:30am** 58    **11am:** 73

**Midweek Noon:** 15

**Online**

**Website:** 41

**FB:** 7

**ELC Grab n Go Sunday Food Pantry**

**Sunday 6/8**

128 families & 494 individuals

**CHURCH STAFF:**

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak

**Director of Christian Education:** Alexi Lundquist

**Parish Administrator:** Dirk Wilmoth

**Business Administrator:** Gail Thomas

**Church Office Administrator:** Leigh Horsley

**Music Director & Audio Engineer :** Heather Meulenberg

**Organist:** Lula Meulenberg

**Digital Media Coordinator:** Peter Linton

**Hospitality Ministry :** Shirley Parker

**SCHOOL K-8**

**School Principal:** Mark Edmiston

**School Admin. Assistant:** Shari Reaves

**Assistant Principal:** Denise Ball

**Director of Admissions:** Emily Leatherwood

**Kindergarten:** Kim Noel & Jamie Wertham

**First Grade:** Rachel Graves & Mackenzie Knapp

**Second Grade:** TBD

**Third Grade:** Kiara Studer

**Fourth Grade:** Chelsey Towery

**Fifth Grade:** Emily Lundquist

**MS Science/Social Studies:** Steve Lehrer

**MS Math:** Jenelle Lanham

**MS Social Studies, + Aid & Tutor:** Mindy Stackhouse

**Floating Aid, 2nd-4th:** Cathy Whittemore

**PE/Athletic Director:** Jennifer Jenkins "Coach J"

**K-8 Art:** Tammy Reilly

**Music & Spanish:** A.L. Brown

**Cafeteria:** Mackenzie Knapp

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:**

**Director:** Nicole Loria

**Admin Assist:** Carolyn Mashburn

**Kitchen/Cook:** Kristen Warren and Mikaela Bennett

**Younger Infants:** Neesie Castillo & Paula Jones

**Older Infants:** Becky Swatzell & Hydeia Beck

**Toddlers 1:** Lindsey Smathers & Ivy Robles

**Toddler2:** Katie Dorn & Amy Bair

**PS2:** Chris Smith (*until August*) & Christy Credle

**PS3:** Mallory Swaney & Amanda Shepherd

**PS3/4:** Robin Rutherford & DeAsia Little

**PreK-1:** Madison Peach & Cleo Green

**PreK-2:** Faith Noell & Crystal McCormick

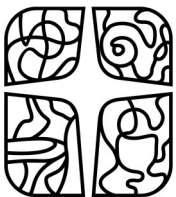
**Floating Aid:** Felicia Norton

**Previous Week's Offerings**

**General Offering Received:**            \$    9,893.83

Building Funds Received:            \$       888.26

\*Weekly Offering Budget:            \$ (12,817.31)



## Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of June 15th, 2025

These are people in need of prayers this week. "Lord Jesus we commend into Your hands the needs of people that go through challenges of many kinds. You know their joys, troubles, illnesses, and fears. We now commend them to You.

**"Prayers are continual; for good Health, swift Healing & Favor— for the afflicted, their families, and friends:**

- **Doug Piercy & Family** Doug's mother, Marian Piercy, passed away last Tuesday after declining health.

◇ **John Anthony** (J. Gibney, friend) recovering from a stroke

- **Todd Sluder** (C. Piercy, friend) Brain Tumor

◇ **Pete Rauschenplat** In Hospice care. Prayers also for Sherry.

◇ **Lorenzo Lopez** (E. Lopez) Stem cell treatment in Chicago now. Prayers that his hope is strong & for physical healing.

- **Cheryl Bouman** Asking prayers for her to return to God.

◇ **Don Maskell** (A. Maskell wife) Cont'd health issues, back and spine; had VA appointments last week.

◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members

(See back for those diagnosed & living with long-term conditions)

### Healing Reflections:

*"First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgivings be offered to God for all people; for kings and all others in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence toward God and with proper conduct." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)*

Dear God, Your Word says "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." We pray for our nation. Have mercy upon us and turn us back to Yourself. Thank You for our forefathers who established this nation on Your Word and the acknowledgement that You are God. In God we trust; let that be true in America. Give us leaders who will acknowledge responsibility to You, who will seek Your wisdom and counsel, and who themselves seek to be servants of the people.

Restore humility, integrity, truthfulness, good character, goodness and respect. Come to the aid of those who cannot speak for themselves and for those most vulnerable in our society. Keep our religious freedom alive and move Your Church to speak and act in Your Name and according to Your Word. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### Prayers for those with long-term illnesses & conditions:

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|---------------------|---|
| ◇ Ken Treadway      | Rev. Mark Spelzhausen (J. Gibney, friend) |
| ◇ Pete Rauschenplat | Donna Logeman (E.Lundquist, mother)       |
| ◇ Lorenzo Lopez     | Marian Piercy (D. Piercy, mother)         |
| ◇ Dale Pioch        | Nancy Hutchins (G. Bailey, friend)        |
| ◇ Peg Hardesty      | Ann Downs (K. Emory, mother)              |
| ◇ Jim Clark         | Ann Melious (McCarthy family)             |
| ◇ Steve Taylor      | Carol Harris (S.Ude's friend)             |
| ◇ Mary Hufnagle     | Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend)         |
| ◇ Sharon Pruet      | Virginia Lopez (E. Lopez, mother)         |
| ◇ Marilyn Saylor    | Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof, friend)        |
| ◇ Diana Hempel      | Jennie Buckner (C.Cline's neighbor)       |
| ◇ Emily Nieting     | Elsie Lankford (S. Pruet's mother)        |
| ◇ Cynthia Cline     | Mike Lemmons (J. Groh)                    |
| ◇ Helen Cline       | Jamie Leyva (C. Leyva, daughter in law))  |
| ◇ Marjorie Locke    | Ron Riddle (B. King, friend)              |
| ◇ Mike Walker       | Ann Downs (K. Emory, mother)              |
| ◇ Julia Kearley     | Erin Y. (J. Thomas, friend)               |
| ◇ C.J. Reece        | Mike Lemmons (J.Groh, friend)             |
| ◇ Mike Fastenau     | Ralph Ector, Jr & Snr (S.Edwards, family) |
| ◇ Ray Bailey        | Tyrone Ayres (S. Edwards, friend)         |
| ◇ Don Maskell       | Lynn White (S. Edwards, cousin)           |

### PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS:

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|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| ◇ K. Ray Bailey        | ◇ Carol Cook       | ◇ Diana Hempel         |
| ◇ Teenie Smathers      | ◇ Marjorie Locke   | ◇ Isabelle Hempel      |
| ◇ Marilyn Saylor       | ◇ Helen Cline      | ◇ Andre & Lori Benson  |
| ◇ Ken & Carol Treadway | ◇ Jim & Judy Clark | ◇ Gerry & Peg Hardesty |



### Rev. Kyle Mietzner

(C. Bruckner, nephew) He returned to the US safely after being deployed. Thank you for your prayers!

#### **Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a praying community!**

*We believe the promise of God regarding His Word. Our new prayer request cards are located on the bottom of our new attendance cards in the sanctuary on the back on the pews. You may also call or email your request to the church office at anytime!*