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WELCOME: *Good morning and welcome to all who are present with us this morning.*

The holy and eternal God reveals Himself to us to give us life by His own gracious action. Since we are unable to enter the kingdom of God, the Lord Himself provides us with rebirth and salvation through the One who was lifted up for the world's redemption. Therefore, the Church lives by the gracious revelation of the Triune God who was, and is, and is to come, and who has opened heaven to sinners through Jesus Christ.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER: *We ask the Lord's blessings on our worship.*

HYMN: #246

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

**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!**

**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 shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Tho' the darkness hide Thee,
Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**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!
Amen.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: (sung) Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dearly loved by God, since we have come to worship and to give praise to the triune God, we ought to acknowledge that we come as sinners who have fallen short of His glory. So let us draw near with a true heart to confess our sins unto God, our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to have mercy upon us and to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Cong: (sung) Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord."

Cong: (sung) And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Pastor: On the basis of your confession and by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: (sung) Amen.

Pastor: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of His glory.

Of Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth.

Cong: *(sung)*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
forevermore. Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Glory be to God on high,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We thank You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You,
we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God,
heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You who takes away the sin
of the world, have mercy upon us. You who takes away the
sin of the world, receive our prayer. You who sits at the right
hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: *(sung)* **And with your spirit.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

*Almighty and everlasting God, whose greatness is
unsearchable and whose glory, through the incarnation of Your
Son, fills heaven and earth, we thank You for the grace by which
we have come to acknowledge You as the one true God—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that You have made Yourself*

known to us in Your holy Word. Work in our hearts that we might always fear, love, and trust in You above all things until that day when we will join all the hosts of heaven in singing Your praises throughout eternity. Hear and grant our prayer, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Cong: *(sung)* Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

(EHV) In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. (2) Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. (3) One called to another and said, Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory! (4) The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke. (5) Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!" (6) Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. (7) He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven." (8) Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 3:1-15

(EHV) There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. (2) He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him." (3) Jesus replied, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above,

he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (4) Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” (5) Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! (6) Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. (8) The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” (9) “How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus. (10) “You are the teacher of Israel,” Jesus answered, “and you do not know these things? (11) Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. (12) If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? (13) No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven. (14) “Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, (15) so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Athanasian Creed

I Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish for eternity.

This is the true Christian faith, that we worship one God in three Persons and three Persons in one God without confusing the Persons or dividing the divine substance.

For the Father is one Person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is still another, but there is one Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, equal in glory and coequal in majesty.

What the Father is, that is the Son and that is the Holy Spirit: the Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, the Holy Spirit is uncreated; the Father is unlimited, the Son is unlimited, the Holy Spirit is unlimited; the Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal; and yet They are not three Eternals but one Eternal, just as there are not Three Who are uncreated and Who are unlimited, but there is One who is uncreated and unlimited.

Likewise the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is 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 they are not three Lords but one Lord.

For just as we are compelled by Christian truth to acknowledge each Person by Himself to be God and Lord, so we are forbidden by the Christian religion to say that there are three Gods or three Lords. The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten by anybody. The Son was not made or created, but was begotten by the Father. The Holy Spirit was not made or created or begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Accordingly there is one Father and not three Fathers, one Son and not three Sons, one Holy Spirit and not three Holy Spirits. And among these three Persons none is before or after another, none is greater or less than another, but all three Persons are coequal and co-eternal, and accordingly, as has been stated above, three Persons are to be

worshiped in one Godhead and one God is to be worshiped in three Persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

It is also necessary for eternal salvation that one faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became man, for this is the right faith, that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at once God and man:

He is God, begotten before the ages of the substance of the Father, and He is man, born in the world of the substance of His mother, perfect God and perfect man, with reasonable soul and human flesh, equal to the Father with respect to his Godhead and inferior to the Father with respect to His manhood.

Although he is God and man, He is not two Christs but one Christ: one, that is to say, not by changing the Godhead into flesh, but by taking on the humanity into God, one, indeed, not by confusion of substance but by unity in one Person. For just as the reasonable soul and the flesh are one man, so God and man are one Christ, Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, is seated on the right hand of the Father, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all men shall rise with their bodies and give an account of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will go into everlasting fire.

This is the true Christian faith. Unless a man believe this firmly and faith fully, he cannot be saved

**Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit:
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory,
While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bo't us,
Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory,
To the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Glory to the King of angels,
Glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations;
Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory,
To the King of Glory sing!**

**Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!
Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings!
Amen.**

THE SERMON: Revelation 1:1-8

(EHV) The revelation from Jesus Christ that God gave him to show his servants the things that must soon take place. Christ expressed this revelation by means of symbols sent through his

angel to his servant John. (2) John spoke as a witness to the word of God and to the testimony about Jesus Christ, that is, to everything he saw. (3) Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy and blessed are those who hear it and hold on to the things written in it, because the time is near. (4) John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is, who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne, (5) and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his own blood (6) and made us a kingdom and priests to God his Father—to him be the glory and the power forever. Amen. (7) Look, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him, including those who pierced him. And all the nations of the earth will mourn because of him. Yes. Amen. (8) “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, the one who is, and who was, and who is coming, the Almighty.

Unveiled – The Triune God Reigns

THE OFFERTORY *(sung)*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me with Your free Spirit.
Amen.**

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

GENERAL PRAYER

HYMN: #746

“Father Most Holy, Merciful and Tender”

**Father, most holy, merciful, and tender;
Jesus our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of mercy, Advocate, Defender,
Light never waning;**

**Trinity blessed, Unity unshaken;
Deity perfect, giving and forgiving,
Light of the angels, Life of the forsaken,
Hope of all living;**

**Maker of all things, all You creatures praise You;
All for Your worship ser and are created.
Hear us, Almighty, hear us as we give You,
Our adoration.**

**To the all-ruling triune God be glory:
Highest and greatest, over all exalted;
We, too, would praise You, giving honor to You,
Now and forever.**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: (sung) And with your spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: (sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Cong: (sung) It is good and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and spiritually beneficial for us, in all places and in all circumstances, to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. And 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 worship and give glory to Your name, evermore praising You and singing:

(sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts,
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed is He,
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: 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.

Cong: (sung) For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, blessed it and broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take; eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

Cong: (sung) Amen.

(sung) **O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Grant us Your peace. Amen.**

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

On the basis of the Bible's teaching about Holy Communion, at Faith Lutheran Church we believe that Christ gives to us His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We also understand that, while Christ instituted this meal for the strengthening of His believers' faith, this Sacrament has the potential to bring judgment on those who do not receive it with a proper understanding of its nature and purpose. In love, we ask that if you are not a member of Faith Lutheran Church, or a sister church in the CLC, that you NOT come forward to receive the sacrament.

If you would like more information concerning receiving Communion with us in the future, please speak with the pastor following the service.

SIMEON'S SONG FOR A PEACEFUL DEPARTURE

(sung) **O Lord, now You are letting Your servant
Depart in peace according to Your Word.**

**For my eyes have seen Your salvation
Which You have prepared before the face of all people.**

**A Light to lighten the Gentiles
And the Glory of Your people, Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**And to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

Cong: (sung) And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this special means of grace. We ask that, of Your everlasting mercy, You would strengthen us through it in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Cong: (sung) Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: (sung) And with your spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

Cong: (sung) Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Cong: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN: #247

“God the Father, Be Our Stay”

**God the Father, be our Stay;
Oh, let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,
And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the Evil One;
Uphold our faith most holy,
Grant us to trust Thee solely**

With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on,
With all true Christian running
Our heav'nly race and shunning
The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen, this be done;
So sing we, Hallelujah!

Jesus Christ, be Thou our Stay;
Oh, let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,
And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the Evil One;
Uphold our faith most holy,
Grant us to trust Thee solely
With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on,
With all true Christian running
Our heav'nly race and shunning
The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen, this be done;
So sing we, Hallelujah!

Holy Ghost, be Thou our Stay;
Oh, let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,
And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the Evil One;
Uphold our faith most holy,
Grant us to trust Thee solely
With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on,
With all true Christian running
Our heav'nly race and shunning
The devil's wiles and cunning.

**Amen, amen, this be done;
So sing we, Hallelujah!
Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CIRCUIT TRIP: Pastor Gantt will be leaving for his monthly circuit trip to Alabama and Georgia following the church service today. God willing, he will return home Tuesday evening.

BIBLE CLASS: This past Wednesday, we started a new series on the three creeds of the Christian faith. This morning we started a new series on the book of Revelation. Please consider joining us for these important opportunities to gather around God's Word.

CALL NEWS: Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Iron River, MI, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has returned the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of the Western Wisconsin Quad Parish has also returned the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN, has extended two part-time, one-year teaching calls to Lori Ruthenbeck and Lydia Buck. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Stephen Krause of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

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Mon John 3:1-15 The triune God whom we worship is all about saving mankind for eternity. Thus Jesus points Nicodemus to being born of the Spirit (v8) without which he cannot see or enter the kingdom of God.

Tues Romans 11:33-36 To sit in judgment of God, His words, or His actions, on the basis of our human knowledge and reason is really ridiculous. He is so far above us! We always do better to learn from Him.

Wed Ezekiel 18:30-32 The LORD God calls upon His people to repent and turn away from rebellious acts. He does this not because they could ever overthrow Him, but because He wants them to live (v32)!

Thurs Psalm 115:1-8 The name of God is glorious because He acts in great mercy and truth. How unlike Him are mankind's idols, who cannot speak or grunt, see or hear, smell or feel, or even walk around!

Fri Psalm 115:9-18 The LORD is worthy of His people's trust, for He actively helps them and also shields them. He is worthy of their praises, for He remembers them and blesses, blesses, and blesses them more!

Sat Psalm 67 May the shining face of God ever smile upon us. His way is the path of salvation. He deserves the praise of people – all of them (v3,5). God's ruling on earth means blessing for His people (v6,7).