

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

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May 26, 2024 Holy Trinity

PRELUDE - “Variations on `Holy, Holy, Holy`” - Post

FLOWER DEDICATION - Today's altar flowers are provided by Ron and Lolita Rear in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary on June 1.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN -ELW#413 - “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty” Vs. 1-2 (page 9)

PASTORAL GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

God, our provider,

Help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

LITANY FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

Glory to you forever.

Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:

Glory to you forever!

Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River:

Glory to you forever!

Sun, Light, and Burning Ray:

Glory to you forever!

Giver, Gift, and Giving:

Glory to you forever!

Giver of Love, Beloved, and Love itself.

Glory to you forever!

Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple:

Glory to you forever!

Consuming Fire, Dividing Sword, Overpowering Storm:

Glory to you forever!

Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace:

Glory to you forever!

God who was, God who is, God who is to come:

Glory to you forever!

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by our confession of faith, to acknowledge and worship your triune name in the majesty of your unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN - ELW #413 - "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty" Verses 3-4 (page 9)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING - Genesis 1:20-27

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - Romans 8:12-17

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.

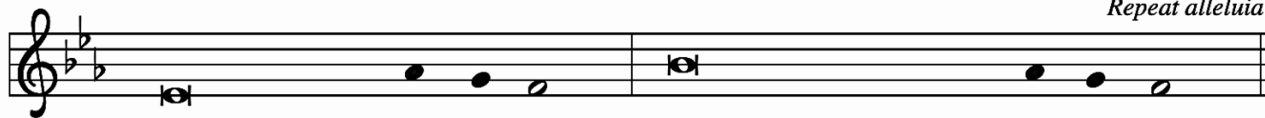
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand and sing.)



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

This is the good news according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL - Matthew 28:16-20

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

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHOIR ANTHEM - "House of the Lord"

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #511 - "Thy Strong Word" (vss. 1,2 & 6) (page 10)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning, the dance of the wind, and the deeply rooted trees of the forest. Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems, that they flourish for generations to come. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Spirit bears grateful witness to all children of God who have now come into their inheritance among the saints. As they lived with hope in your gift of eternal life, so strengthen us in faith, that we recognize your eternal presence even in this mortal life. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Let us pray for God's kingdom to come here, now and forever:

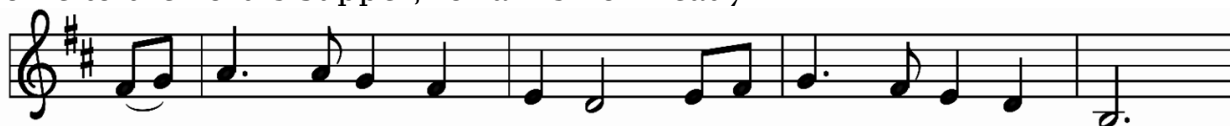
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the Lord's Supper, for all is now ready.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SHARING THE MEAL

All are welcome to receive the Real Presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church or a Lutheran to receive the sacrament. We do ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you require gluten-free hosts, please say "no gluten" when you approach the person sharing the host.

The center rings of the trays provided contain grape juice for those desiring it. Cups may be returned to the Acolytes' baskets. The Common Cup is also available.

Children may come forward for a blessing, or to receive communion if they have been through instruction, here, or at another church.

If you wish to still receive the individual communion packet (wafer on top and wine/juice on the bottom), please pick one up as you approach the front.

If you would like the sacraments brought to you, please let the usher know. Welcome!

SPECIAL MUSIC - Handbell Duet - "Holy, Holy, Holy" Anne Emerson, Bonnie Vize

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

BENEDICTION

CHOIR ANTHEM - "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

SENDING HYMN ELW #888 - "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" (page 11)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. And serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Serving you today in Christ's Love:

Ushers

Team Paulson

Reader

Beth Erickson

Communion Helpers

Team Cahill-Wolfgram

Acolytes

Calendar-Week of May 26, 2024

Sun May 26

9:00 am Worship Service

Mon May 27 - *Memorial Day*

Tues May 28

9:00 am Women's Bible Study -FR

Thurs May 30

6:00 pm Boy Scout - FH

Sun June 2

9:00 am Worship Service



Summer Hours Have Started!

We are now doing one service at 9 am!

Notice - Confirmation Meeting

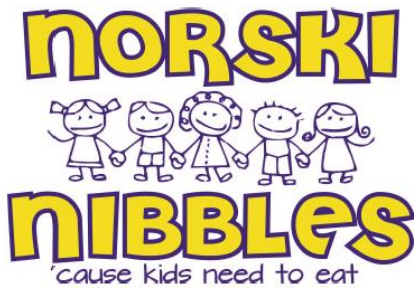
June 23, after 9 a.m. service there will be a confirmation meeting for incoming 7th Grade students.

Help Grow our Church

Christ Lutheran Church would like to host an outreach/fundraising event during and after the DeForest 4th of July Parade. To make this a successful event, we need your help. Sign up is on the bulletin board outside the friendship room



Norski Nibbles Needs You!



The Norski Nibbles summer free lunch program for feeding hungry kids in our community will begin on June 10. This will be our 11th year! We will need volunteers to hand out the lunches at 3 local parks.

We have been assigned the weeks of June 10 and August 12.

For information go to

<https://www.christlutherandeforest.org/>



OPENING HYMN - ELW #413 - "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty"



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

Electronics Recycling Event

Computers – Appliances – Electronics

Tuesday June 4, 2024 – 2:00pm to 5:00pm

DMB Community Bank, 321 N. Main St., Deforest

www.DEFORESTBANK.COM FOR DETAILS



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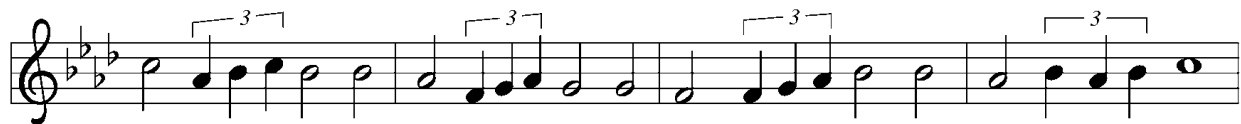
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speaking it was done. For created light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944
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SENDING HYMN ELW #888 - "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929
Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903



Have Sunday Dinner and Donate Back

Dine at the Texas Roadhouse on Sunday and show your server a bulletin from today's church service. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your meal back to Christ Lutheran Church!

Lasagna Meals

During the month of MAY, CLC Social Ministries Committee will be involved with a mission called LASAGNA LOVE. This is an international movement, with thousands of people cooking and delivering lasagna meals to families in need or during a time full of uncertainty and stress. You can find more information on lasagnalove.org if you are interested. We will be collecting spaghetti sauce or marinara, lasagna noodles, aluminum foil, aluminum 9 X 13 pans and gift cards from Pick-N-Save, Woodman's or Aldi to purchase the rest of the ingredients to make lasagna. The lasagna will be taken to families identified by Lasagna Love in and around our community. If you would like to participate, a grocery cart is outside the Friendship Room for you to drop your items off. Thank you!



♪ Music News -- Mark Your Calendars ♪

Neil McLaughlin's Retirement Recognition Sunday, June 9, 2024

Immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service (around 10:00 a.m.), the Church music groups are hosting a brunch in appreciation of Neil McLaughlin's many years of service dedicated to directing our Church choir. Please plan to join us! More information will be provided. If you have questions, please contact the Church office at 608-846-4718 or Beth Erickson at 608-235-6373.

Now that Neil and his wife, Laura, are both retired, they have plans to do more traveling, so he is stepping down as director, but he will still join us to sing when he is here. Anne Emerson is taking over as choir director, so if you are interested in joining the choir, practices will start up again late summer.

Make Music 2024

Friday, June 21

Your CLC Praise Band is participating in Make Music Day on Friday, June 21 at 5:30 pm. We will be set up in front of the Church. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy our music on the Church front lawn. Feel free to bring a picnic supper or snacks. More information about this event and other opportunities to appreciate good music of many genre's throughout the day can be found at: makemusicmadison.org