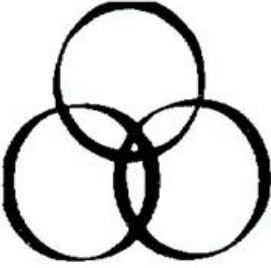


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The Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024

Our mission:

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

Welcome! Who is God? The modern age offers many different and conflicting answers to this fundamental question. Without a divine revelation, we have only our imaginations and limited reasoning to guide us. These are no adequate source of truth for such a deeply important question. Through His Holy Word, God has made Himself known as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - Trinity in Unity. No human mind could have ever conceived such a wonderful mystery. Thank You, LORD, for helping us know who You are!

A special welcome to all our visitors this morning. We pray that you are blessed by worshipping with us. Please sign the guest register in the narthex (entryway) and return to worship with us again soon.

Communion Note: As Lutheran Christians we practice "close communion." This means that all who participate in this holy meal are affirming the Lutheran understanding of the Lord's Supper; that Christ's body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine and that the forgiveness of sins is given to those who trust him as their Savior and desire to serve him with a holy life. Baptized believers who share this faith with us are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you are uncertain about the teachings on the Lord's Supper we encourage you to speak with the Pastor before participating.

Divine Service, Setting One

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The Preparation

Prelude: "Holy, Holy, Holy" - Tune, Nicea, Arr. by Mark Hayes

Words of Welcome

Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Entrance Hymn: 507 Holy, Holy, Holy

Kyrie (page 152)

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.**

Hymn of Praise Glory to God in the Highest (page 154)

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

C: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



The Service of the Word

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

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.



Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 (see back cover)

Psalms: Psalm 29



¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly | beings,*
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and
strength.

² Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his
name;*
worship the LORD in the splendor
of | holiness.

³ The voice of the LORD is over
the | waters;*
the God of glory thunders, the LORD,
over many | waters.

⁴ The voice of the LORD is | powerful;*
the voice of the LORD is full
of | majesty.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks
the | cedars;*
the LORD breaks the cedars
of | Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon to skip | like a
calf,*
and Sirion like a young | wild ox.

⁷ The voice | of the LORD*
flashes forth | flames of fire.

⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes
the | wilderness;*
the LORD shakes the wilderness | of
Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer
give birth and strips the | forests bare,*
and in his temple all cry, | "Glory!"

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned o- | ver the
flood;*
the LORD sits enthroned as king
for- | ever.

¹¹ May the LORD give strength to
his | people!*
May the LORD bless his people | with
peace!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36 (see back cover)

Alleluia Verse (page 156)

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17 (see back cover)

Acclamations (sung): **Glory to You, O Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.**



Athanasian Creed (p.319, spoken responsively by whole verse in three parts: Pastor, Right Side, Left Side)

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day: 504 Father Most Holy

Sermon

Prayers After each petition of the prayer P: Lord in your mercy, C: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Request List (Names are placed on the list by request only.)

For comfort:

Fry family	Death of Jimmy	Teschke
Beck Family	Death of Ruth	Teschke
Ehley family	Death of Leo	Reside
Trent family	Death of Lillie	Teschke

For those with health concerns:

Betty Kay Foster	Barbara H.	Kay Compton	Stephen Gewecke
Pat Dietz	Claire Haenisch	Ursula	Valerie Nebbie
Beverly	Pete Serone	Phillip Trivett	Maryanne Reside
Brennan	Zane	Marci Fehlhofer	Pastor Derek Taylor
Jared Casper	Barbara Greenberg		

For those with cancer:

Rosalie Reinbacher	Lance	Rich deDufour	Lynn
Rich Knechel	Rose Bonecki	Aaron Kline	Linda (and housing)
Carol Tezla	Karen Shevchuk	Jason	Kathy
Barbara	Kathy Lamkin	Mary Ellen	Mary Ann
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Nancy Gilliland	Anna Mantel	Judy Grube
Trudy	Kaleigh Moore	Steve Saumsiegle	Doris
Gunter	Jerry	Gerry Campbell	Brad Hoppe
Jane Fry			

For those with needs around the world:

War in Europe
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine
War in Middle East
Flooding and disasters in US

Prayers for peace and forgiveness
Prayers for health, safety, and provision
Prayers for God's guidance in U.S. response
Prayers for help and rebuilding

For those serving in the armed forces:

LJ Lupinacci Carrick Porter Nate Fiske Jake Grube Jim Buckman (son)
Daniel Gewecke James Bannon

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For the needs of the nursery school families For full 2024-25 enrollment

Anniversaries:

Jim and Mollie Steimle May 29

The Service of the Sacrament

Gathering of the Offering and Offertory: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with Your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Order of Holy Communion (page 160)

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.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising you and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth... one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

C: Our Father who art in heaven...

P: Words of Institution

Pax Domini (page 163)

Sharing of the Peace: (Please share the peace with one another with the words:
“The peace of the Lord be with you.”, “And also with you.”)

C: Agnus Dei **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn: 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Post Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord (page 164)

C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction (page 166)

Closing Hymn: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: “Erschienen ist der Heilige Tag” – J. S. Bach





Announcements – Week of May 26, 2024
Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week
Tues, Wed. and Thurs. from 1:00 - 3:00



Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study

Welcome! Serving in worship today are: Norm Klesat (communion and reading), Jason Bloom and Scott Garrow (ushers), Jason Bloom (live-streaming), Lydia Bloom (acolyte), Leslie Klesat (coffee and communion).

Today’s service will be live streamed on You Tube at the following link:
<https://youtube.com/live/9yRYCaKueic?feature=share> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted after the fact to the church’s website.

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study. Next week (5/29) we will begin at Acts 27:1. Paul sets sail for Rome as a prisoner in chains. A storm and subsequent shipwreck put all lives in danger. But God spares everyone, and Paul has more opportunity to proclaim God’s grace in Jesus Christ. Come and learn with us!

Sunday Bible Study. Join us as we conclude our study of the 7 Signs (Miracles) of Jesus in the Gospel of John. Sunday’s topic: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead (John 11:1-44)

Weekly Schedule:

MONDAY (5/27)	Memorial Day-Office Closed
TUESDAY (5/28)	6:00am Men's Breakfast @ Orlando's
WEDNESDAY (5/29)	7:30 Zoom Bible Study on book of Acts
THURSDAY (5/30)	9:45/11:15am Nursery School Chapel services
SATURDAY (6/1)	9:00am NJDU Reunion & Strategic Plan Assessment
SUNDAY (6/2)	8:15am Bible Study/SS; 9:30am Worship; 12pm NOAH lunch & 3pm Concert

Men’s, Women’s, Senior’s, Youth and Family Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry. The Prayer Shawl ministry team continues to meet every other week, creating gifts to share. Consider joining them!

Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain is ready to receive your prayer requests. Simply call Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928 to start or update a prayer.

LCMS Memory Verse Challenge: *Numbers 6:24–26*

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Service and Other

St. Peter's is Saved to Serve! Check out how you are shining Christ's light at work, in civic and social organizations, in your recreation, etc. and see where God is sending us out each Sunday after worship and through the week!

Flowers. If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for God's grace, or for a special occasion, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to do so. Suggested donation is \$25. You may take the flowers home following the service on the day you select.

Operation Christmas Child. As we look forward to this year's collection, we are focusing on certain supplies during each month. To round out this year's donations, we could use **children's or costume jewelry**, and **matchbox cars**, so if you can, pick up a few and drop them in the collection box in the narthex.

Lambertville Food Pantry. Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. **May's collection is Personal Products** – body wash, bar soap, liquid hand wash, shampoo, conditioner, dish detergent, pads, ...

Website and Facebook. Our website is at www.stpeternj.org, and our Facebook page is Saint Peter Lutheran Church - the link is: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Peter-Lutheran-Church/337705479662612>. Come check us out!

Other Important web links:

NJ District LCMS

njdistrict.org

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

lcms.org

LCMS World Relief and Human Care

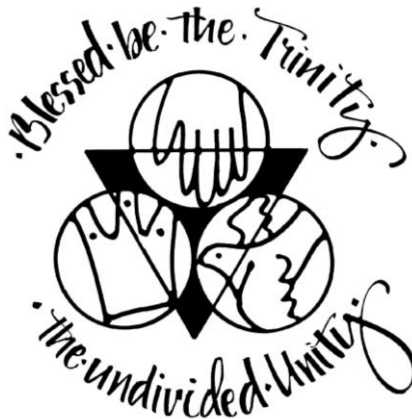
lcms.org/ca/worldrelief

The "Lutheran Hour" Broadcast

lhm.org

Faithfulness Report: Attendance: 5/19/24: 100 in person

Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$ 6452 Mortgage: \$75



THE HOLY TRINITY

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1–8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²“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—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not
be shaken;

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

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

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of
life;
you will make me full of gladness with
your presence.’

²⁹“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.

³⁰Being 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,

³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of

the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

³³Being 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.

³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,

³⁵ until I make your enemies your
footstool.’

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

Holy Gospel: John 3:1–17

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”