

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## THE HOLY TRINITY

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### HOLY COMMUNION

TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS: We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (*Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34*)

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### The Order of the Holy Communion

**Bells of St. John's**

**Hymn – #246**

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

**Invocation:**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

The Lord be with you.

Bless we the Lord.

### **The Benediction**

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

**Closing Hymn - #660 (7:00 p.m.)**

“I'm But a Stranger Here”

**Silent Prayer & Postlude**

**+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +**

**DAILY READINGS:** June 4: Eccl. 12:1–14; John 11:1–16; 5: Prov. 1:8–33; John 11:17–37; 6: Prov. 3:5–24; John 11:38–57; 7: Prov. 4:1–27; John 12:1–19; 8: Prov. 5:1–23; John 12:20–36a; 9: Prov. 8:1–21; John 12:36b–50; 10: Prov. 8:22–36; John 13:1–20.

### **The Confession of Sins:**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

### **The Thanksgiving**

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

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

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

### **The Post-Communion Collect**

**Introit:** *Ps. 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

*Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.*

*Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.*

**I have set the LORD always before me;**

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

*Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;*

*my flesh also dwells secure.*

**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,**

**or let your holy one see corruption.**

*You make known to me the path of life;*

*in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for-evermore.*

**Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.**

**Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.**

**Gloria Patri**

**Communion Distribution**

**Hymn #38** – “The Lord, My God, be Praised”

**Hymn #660** – “I’m But a Stranger Here”

**Hymn #243** – “Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices”

**Nunc Dimittis**

**Kyrie**

**Agnus Dei**

**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;

**The Words of Institution**

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

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**The Pax Domini**

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

## Sanctus

### **The Salutation:**

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

### **The Collect for The Day:**

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.

### **The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-5; 1:26-2:4a**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

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

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of

the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”<sup>29</sup> And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.”<sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.<sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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

<sup>4</sup> These are the generations  
of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

**Choir:** “Praise the Father, Praise the Son”

**The Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

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

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.<sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.<sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.  
<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.  
<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

<sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,<sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.<sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.<sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God,

**The Offering**

**The General Prayer**

**The Preface:**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, who with Thine only begotten Son and the Holy Ghost art 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 laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

## **The Athanasian Creed**

*(Page 53 in the Hymnal)*

### **Sermon Hymn: #23**

“Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring”

### **Sermon – “Grace and Peace to the Chosen Sojourners”**

#### **1 Peter 1:1-2**

- I. We are sojourners in the world.
- II. We are chosen by the Father, sanctified by the Spirit, and sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ.
- III. Therefore we have God’s grace and peace.

### **Offertory**

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.”

### **Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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