

# Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

come receive a blessing.



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# **Order of Service: Divine Service 1**

# **AS WE GATHER**

# The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in the Image and Likeness of Christ Jesus

The holy Triune God "created the heavens and the earth," and "behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God's good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be "delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God" to be "crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men" (Acts 2:23). As Jesus "received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His apostles to "make disciples of all nations" by "baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and "teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded" (Matt. 28:19–20). Through such baptizing and teaching — Gospel and Sacraments — the holy Triune God recreates us in the image and likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus, the Christ, and behold, it is "very good" (Gen. 1:31).

# **MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy David Cherwien

# PASTORAL GREETING

**OPENING HYMN** 



Stand

# + THE PREPARATION +

# INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b

# **OPENING SENTENCES**

P C	Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!	Isaiah 6:3b
P C	Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!	Psalm. 38:21-22
P C	Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!	
P C	Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.	Psalm. 43:3-4
P C	Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.	Psalm 41:13

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
  1 John 1:8-9

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and to confess our personal and specific sins.)

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy... and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

# + THE SERVICE OF THE WORD +

HYMN OF PRAISE Glory Be to God the Father **LSB 506** be 1 Glo-ry to God the Fa - ther. Glo be ry to -2 Glo-ry be Him who loved us. Washed us from each to 3 Glo-ry King an - gels, Glo to the of гy to the 4 Glo-ry, bless - ing, praise e ter - nal! Thus the choir of God the Glo - ry Son. God the Spir - it: be to Glo - ry Him spot and stain: be to who bought us, King Church's King, Glo - ry to the of na - tions; an - gels sings; Hon - or. rich - es, pow'r, do min - ion! Great Je One! \_ ho \_ vah, Three in Glo - ry, Made us kings with Him reign! Glo - ry, to Heav'n and earth, your bring! Glo - ry, prais es Thus tion brings. Glo - ry, its praise cre а Θ  $\boldsymbol{o}$ 0 While nal run! glo - ry e ter а ges Lamb slain! glo - ry То the that once was glo - ry To the King of glo sing! ry kings! Glo King of glo - ry, ry the to

# SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- 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

2 Timothy 4:22

defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

# FIRST READING

## Genesis 1: 1-2:4a

<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>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the

light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<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 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>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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

# ANTHEM

# *King of Kings* Dave & Kara Raetzel

# EPISTLE

Acts 2:14, 22-36

<sup>14</sup>But 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, 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."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### **GOSPEL VERSE**

#### Common



# HOLY GOSPEL

## Matthew 28:16-20

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

# Glory to You, O Lord.

<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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

## Sit

# **ATHANASIAN CREED – PART 1**

During the fourth century after our Lord Christ's life on earth, the Christian Church was caught in a controversy with a group, led by Arius, who claimed that God the Son and God the Holy Spirit were of less rank than God the Father. Athanasius, a young bishop of Alexandria, Egypt, championed the truth that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were equal in glory, and in majesty coeternal.

Although Athanasius was exiled a total of five times because of his defense of the doctrine of the Trinity, the creed, that is named after him, remains for the Christian Church an expression of the orthodox faith. In the creed you will note that the name "catholic" is used because all who confess this creed are of the church "universal" that is not confined to one location or one culture. We set this creed in the context of the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" because the complicated truths of the Trinity are best appreciated when we end up in celestial wonder and awe of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

## HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy LSB 507

 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!

## PART 1—"WE BELIEVE IN A TRIUNE GOD WHO IS FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT"

- Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic (Christian) faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- Lectern Side: And the catholic faith is this, that we worship One God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- Pulpit Side: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- Lectern Side: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- Pulpit Side: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- Lectern Side: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- Pulpit Side: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- Lectern Side: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- Pulpit Side: And yet there are not three Eternals but one Eternal,
- Lectern Side: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

- Pulpit Side: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- Lectern Side: and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.

Pulpit Side: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

Lectern Side: and yet there are not three Gods, but One God.

Pulpit Side: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

Lectern Side: 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 (Christian) religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- Pulpit Side: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- Lectern Side: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- Pulpit Side: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- Lectern Side: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- Pulpit Side: 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 the Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped. Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

## HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy LSB 507

 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.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SERMON HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name LSB 940



5. Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee; Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

## SERMON

# Crowned in Glory and Honor Genesis 1, 2 Pastor Joel Schultz

#### HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy LSB 507

 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though 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.

#### **ATHANASIAN CREED**

### PART 2—"WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS TRUE GOD AND TRUE MAN"

- Pastor: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pulpit Side: 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.
- Lectern Side: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father, before all ages; and He is born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- Pulpit Side: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- Lectern Side: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- Pulpit Side: Although He is God and man, yet He is not two, but one Christ:
- Lectern Side: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by assumption of the humanity into God; one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- Pulpit Side: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

- Lectern side: 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.
- Pulpit Side: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and will give an account concerning their own deeds.
- Lectern Side: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into everlasting fire.
- All: This is the universal Christian *(catholic)* faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

(Note: Good works do not save, but good works are a sign that one has faith in Christ alone.)

#### HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy LSB 507

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!

# **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- O blessed and holy Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hear the prayers of Your people and grant to us all things according to Your Word and promise.
- In the beginning, Father, Your Word spoke all things into being and from nothing You made all that is. Help us to see the imprint of Your love in the goodness of creation and to exercise responsible care of all that You have entrusted to us. Lord, in Your mercy,



## hear our prayer.

- Throughout the ages, Father, Your Spirit filled the sin-stained world with hope and called us to repentance and faith. Help us to hear the voice of Your Word and to respond with faith, confessing You without fear before all manner of people and in every corner of the earth. As You planned long before the world began, deliver us in Christ, that we may be Your own and live according to Your commands all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

In this day and in this time, Father, raise up for Your Church godly men to serve her as pastors and godly men and women to serve as faithful teachers and church workers to make known Your saving Gospel. Raise up faithful servants who will heed Your call and serve to the best of their ability wherever You place them. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

С

In Baptism, You joined us to our Savior's death and resurrection, Father. Guide us, that we may live out faithfully the new lives born of water and the Spirit, serving You with all our bodies, minds, souls and strength. In the face of disease and death, make us bold to expect that we will be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, in Your mercy,

# **C** hear our prayer.

In government and law, Father, You work to establish and preserve order, protecting the weak and fostering godly virtue. Bless our president; our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Deliver the world from the threats of pandemic and tyranny, and preserve the nations in peace. Bless all who defend us in the armed forces, aid us in emergency and medical fields, and inform us with news. Lord, in Your mercy,

# **C** hear our prayer.

Father, You love all people. Help us to love as You have loved us. Help us to care for the poor and needy, the downtrodden and oppressed. Hinder those who oppress any peoples with racism, mistruth, violence or fear. Restore order and peace to the cities of our nation and provide justice for those who have need of it and bring Your punishment to bear on those who break Your Law. Lord, in Your mercy,

## **C** hear our prayer.

- In the hour of trial and in the moment of trouble, You are there, Father. Hear us as we cry to You for the sake of the sick, the troubled in mind, the wounded in heart and those who grieve [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Deliver them from affliction as You will, and sustain them in hope with a patient heart and strength for the day. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

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- In this hour of worship, Father, You serve us with gifts of Your grace so that forgiven we might know the gift of a clear conscience and redeemed we might honor You with all we think, say and do. Accept the sacrifice of our praise and the tithes and offerings we bring. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- All these things and whatever else You know we need, we pray You to grant us, Father, for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, through whom, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are Yours, almighty Father, both now and forevermore.
- C Amen.

# LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

# **BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION**

	A	
P	The Lord bless youand 🕂 give you peace.	Numbers 6:24-26
С	Thanks be to God.	
P	Let us bless the Lord.	Psalm 103:1

C Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**



5. Praise, all you people, the name so holy Of Him who does such wondrous things! All that has being, to praise Him solely, With happy heart its amen sings. Children of God, with angel host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, alleluia!

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# Voice of the Martyrs prayer request

## Christian Woman Loses Business and Home to Fire - Uganda

When the restaurant she owned and operated was burned six months after she became a believer, Faridah assumed it had been an accident. But earlier this year, the two rooms she rented in a home were also burned, and neighbors mentioned smelling gasoline. Faridah lost everything she owned and now suspects her relatives were responsible for the fires. After being abandoned by her husband, her relatives had been helping raise her six children. But when she became a Christian, they cursed her and told her she would never have peace as long as she was a Christian. Her landlord is also demanding reimbursement for his loss. Pray that God will meet the needs of Faridah and her family and that they will remain strong in faith.

# PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **the family of Pastor Mike May**, former pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Kansas City, KS who died this past week.

For **Erik Miller** recovering from knee surgery for a torn meniscus.

For Greg Koontz, recovering from prostate surgery,

For Bob & Karen Rinne's daughter, Jeri, suffering with pneumonia.

## **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

For **Caleb Schempp**, now in basic training (Kansas Air National Guard).

For **Doug & Kelli Lassman** celebrating the birth of their granddaughter, **Juliet Elizabeth McClain**, born on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to their daughter, **Jordan Shiao**.

For Yvonne Zarnstorff, Mark Zarnstorff's sister who is recovering from foot/ankle surgery.

For **Sue Kreissler** who is recovering from throat surgery.

For Moriah Obermueller, recovering from breast cancer surgery

For **Pat Gossen**, **Barb Gossen**, **Joy Rodenberger**, **Moriah Obermueller**, **& Debbie Newman**, continuing treatments for cancer; for **Sherri Webb** as she continues to recover from her stroke.

For our **expectant mothers** and their unborn children especially **Kellie Kanoy, Liesl Jensen, Morgan Riechers, Nicole Christensen, Alli Bauck** and all other expectant mothers. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

**For our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala:** Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith as well.

For all those who are unemployed or under-employed, that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving!

**ALTAR FLOWERS** that adorn our altar this morning were given to the glory of God by Bill & Jan Deckert in celebration of their wedding anniversary and by Zach & Lisa Bahr in celebration of their 14<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.