Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.



Holy Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021 8:00 & 10:45 am & 6:00 pm

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.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. **Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service**.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available. Please talk to an usher.

YOUNG CHILDREN We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together**. Children's bulletins and worship activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please ask an usher for assistance. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

EDUCATION HOUR

Adult Bible Class: Please join us for a one week Bible class on the Athanasian Creed & Holy Trinity. It will take place at 9:30am in the sanctuary or on-line streaming.

Sunday School: Classes are offered for children who have turned 3 by September 1 through high school. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating Sunday school classrooms.

Nursery: Until further notice there WILL NOT be a staffed nursery during the Sunday School hour.

HOLY COMMUNION In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). **Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion. Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.**



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AS WE GATHER

NOTES ON THE ATHANASIAN CREED

During the fourth century after our Lord'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 Biblical truth that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were equal in glory, and in majesty coeternal.

Although Arius had the ear of the emperor and was able to have Athanasius exiled a total of five times, the Biblical truth won out at the council of Nicea in 325AD and the Triune Godhead of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit was affirmed by the church in the writing of the Nicene Creed.

Arianism remained a problem for the Christian Church and sometime in the 5th or 6th century this creed was written and named in honor of Athanasius, who had championed the orthodox teaching of the Holy Trinity. By the 9th century the Athanasian Creed was used in the German church especially in the daily monastic services. Martin Luther considered this creed the grandest production of the church since the time of the apostles.

In the creed you will note that the word "catholic" means "the universal Christian church." All who confess this creed are part of the church "universal" that is not confined to one location or one culture. Also note that we are not saved by our good works, but our good works are a sign that one has saving faith. Thus: "Those who have done good will enter into eternal life."

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.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

John A. Behnke

PASTORAL GREETING

→ 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

PSALM Psalm 29:1,2,4,10,11

- P ¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- P ⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- 10The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- ¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!
- All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen



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



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- **G** 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.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT 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."

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

Holy, Holy, Holy
arr. Krug
Beata Handbells

The congregation is invited to meditate on the words to this hymn while the hand bells are playing.

- 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, blessèd Trinity!
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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, blessèd Trinity!

EPISTLE Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 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; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

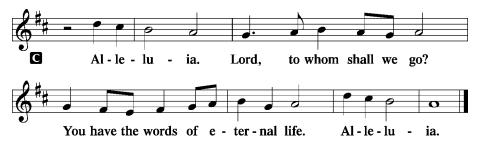
²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke 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, ³⁵until 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."

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

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

Common John 6:68



GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

On this festival day of the Holy Trinity, a procession brings the reading of the Gospel into the midst of the worshippers reminding us that the Gospel belongs to all of God's people.

By faith, we recognize the Lord's voice as the pastor reads.

Turn to follow the cross from the chancel to the middle of the sanctuary.

HYMN

We Know that Christ Was Raised LSB 603

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;
 And our despair He turned to blazing joy.
 Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1-17

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

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[Jesus said:] "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.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

We Know that Christ Was Raised LSB 603

- 2. We share by water in His saving death.
 Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life
 As living members of a living Christ.
 Alleluia!
- 3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God. Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

Sit

HYMN

ATHANASIAN CREED PART 1

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 (Christian) 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, USB 507

2. 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

Pastor Mike Ada



∆ 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

God So Loved the World

John 3:1-17

Pastor Mike Ada

HYMN Holy, Holy, USB 507

3. 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 catholic (Christian) 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, USB 507

4. Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- Lord of hosts, Your ways are inscrutable and Your judgments unsearchable. Through Your Word, give us an ever-growing understanding of the depths of Your riches, wisdom and knowledge, that we may glorify You forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

- Lord of hosts, You gave Your only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Bless the work of missionaries as they carry this Gospel to the ends of the earth, that many may hear of Your love in Your Son and be saved through Him. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord of hosts, we give thanks for those who have served our nation through military service, and we remember with gratitude those who gave their lives for us and for the cause of freedom. Help us to honor their sacrifice by using our liberty responsibly. Keep safe all who travel, bless our nation, and help us to protect and increase the privileges we have for those who follow us, looking always to You, from whom these privileges come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord of hosts, uphold _____ and all who suffer in our midst by Your truth, that since You are at their right hand, they cannot be shaken. Gladden their hearts, cause their tongues to rejoice and make their flesh dwell in hope. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- Lord of hosts, take away our guilt and atone for our sin by touching our unclean lips with Christ's cleansing body and blood, that we may not be lost but abide in Your holy presence forever. Lord in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

+ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.

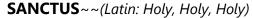
[Colossians 3:1]

- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

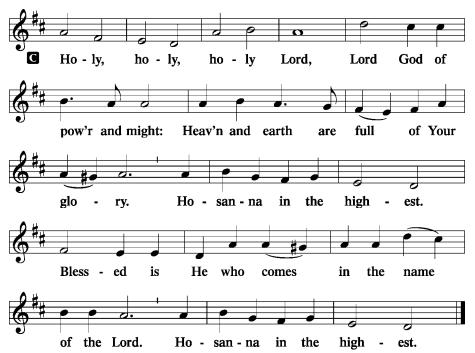
Psalm 136

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:



Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-11

- **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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI~~(Latin: Peace of the Lord)

John 20:19

(The pastor here makes a <u>declaration</u> of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen!



Sit

DISTRIBUTION

VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.

Personal Examination Before Communing

- 1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- 2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
- 3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

Instructions for Communing

The congregation will be ushered forward to kneel/stand. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. When you finished, stand, reverence the altar, and return to your seat for meditation and prayer. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

Non-alcoholic white wine in located in the center of each tray and should only be used by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

All Glory Be to God Alone LSB 948

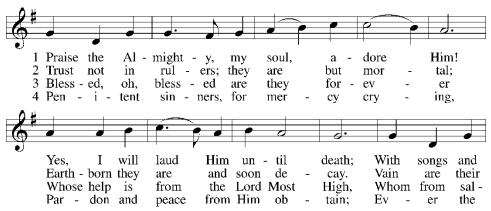


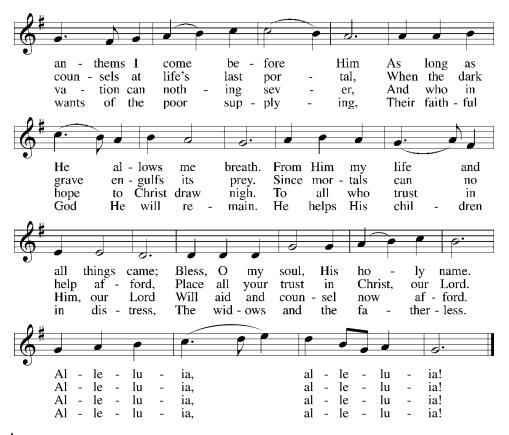
You only are the Holy One
 And over all are Lord alone.
 O Jesus Christ, we glorify
 You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;
 With Him You evermore shall be
 One in the Father's majesty.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Praise the Almighty LSB 797





Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord. Psalm 103:1

Thanks be to God.

ightharpoonup The Lord bless you...and ightharpoonup give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God LSB 941



- 1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
- 2 The band of the a pos tles in glo ry sing Your praise;
- 3 You, Christ, are King of glo ry, the ev er last ing Son,
- 4 You sit in splen-did glo ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



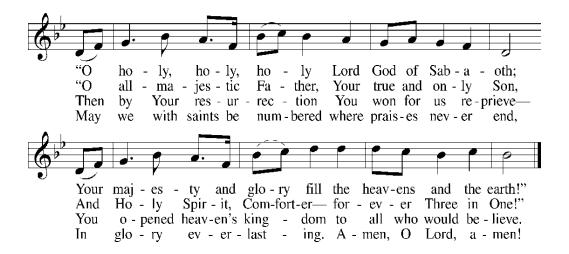
The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored. The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise. Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one: Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav-ens sing, The mar - tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no - ble throng, You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb, We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring: Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song: Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb; So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



POSTLUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy
David Cherwien

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Serving the Lord and Us Today:

Preaching	Pastor Mike Ada
Celebrant	Pastor Mike Ada
Liturgist	Vicar Luke Elowsky
Organist	Deb Miller
Anthem	Beata Handbells, Lauran Delancy, director
Acolytes	(8:00) Walter Schlef & Maksim Schlef (10:45) Riley Olson & Alexandra Olson
Crucifers	(8:00) George Delancy (10:45)
Altar Guild	Debbie Johnson, Karen Kuhn, Denise Behrman, Angela Hodge. Ashley Stoll
Counters	Paul Peterson & Brian Olson
Altar Flowers	Matthew & Nicole Christensen

ALTAR FLOWERS that adorn our altar this morning were given to the glory of God by **Matthew & Nicole Christensen** in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

VOICE OF THE MARTRYS

Young Woman Rejected by Family for Following Christ - Benin

A young woman experienced persecution from her family for her newfound faith in Christ. Divine accepted Christ after a front-line worker shared the gospel in her village. Shortly after she became a Christian, her family began to beat her and refused to give her any food to eat. They tried to force her to recant and return to worshiping their traditional gods. When she would not give up Christ, they told her she was no longer part of their family and kicked her out of their house. The front-line worker provided Divine with a place to live and helped her with educational expenses and supplies to become a tailor. "I could not give up Jesus because Jesus [is] my Lord and gave me a new life," Divine said. "My most important prayer request would be that I want my family to know Christ and that I could lead them to Christ."

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For the **family of Cory & Kara (Smith) Zech**, mourning the death of Cory's 21 year-old sister, Samantha, who died from cancer.

For the family of Ken & Shirley Knese as they mourn the death of their friend, Joan Brown.

For **Michelle Wibe** recovering from knee replacement surgery.

For **Pam Enserro**, recovering from an eye surgery.

For **Hannah Jenkins**, granddaughter of Phil & Georgia Freese, recovering from gall bladder surgery.

For **Andy & Michelle Schultz**, Dale & Roberta Schempp's niece, who were involved in a motorcycle accident and hospitalized with multiple broken bones and other injuries.

For **Ryan Harrison**, an employee of Matt Chiappetta, who was involved in a motorcycle accident and hospitalized with multiple broken bones and other injuries.

For Helen Claudy, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

For Barb Gossen who is still in the hospital with pneumonia.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For Sophia Rose Flores, infant daughter of Eddie & Julie Flores, baptized last Sunday.

For **Lloyd Harfst**, grandfather of Matt Riechers, now recovering in a rehabilitation center.

For Jim & Patti Adams, prayer for reconciliation with their younger son.

For **Rachel Hanrahan**, daughter of Becky Hanrahan, suffering from a broken collar bone, broken ribs, punctured lung and many lacerations to her face and head after an ATV accident.

For **John Willey**, Andrew Willey's father, diagnosed with COVID.

For our expectant mothers: **Stephanie (Seutter) Thomas** and their unborn children. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

For Susan Mountain, Mary Rinne, Eric Hundley, Ellie Torres, Jenni Patience, Karen Lentz, John Mahnken, Brandon Ryan, Pat Brackin, Ashley Hung, Pat Gossen, Barb Gossen, and Moriah Obermueller continuing treatments for cancer; for Sherri Webb as she continues to recover from her stroke and foot surgery.

For our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala: Pray the God would help those with Covid. 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.