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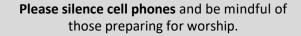
To our visitors We are glad you have joined us to share in the gifts of our gracious Lord as we worship Him together in spirit and truth by receiving His Word and Sacraments. We invite you to pick up information and our Wittenberg Way newsletter at our welcome desk. If you have questions concerning the Christian faith or the Lutheran tradition, please let us know as our pastor would love to speak with you.

Children are welcome in our services Grace is a church family and we believe like any family we learn by doing things together. Bulletins are available for children that coincide with the liturgical calendar and scripture readings. We encourage parents to guide their children throughout the service, helping them to the learn the language of the faith through the liturgy. A nursery with sound is located in the hallway outside the sanctuary to the right just before the glass door to the courtyard.

Holy Communion Our fellowship in the Lord's Supper follows the Lutheran tradition grounded in the teaching of Holy Scripture. As one baptized into the Name of our Triune God and confessing the real presence of Christ's body and blood in the Supper for the forgiveness of sins you are warmly invited to join us around the table for Holy Communion. If you are not communing but wish to be blessed, then simply cross your arms at the rail and you will be blessed by the celebrant.

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AS WE GATHER

When Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he cried out "Woe is me!" For the sinner cannot stand in the presence of a holy God and live (Is 6:1–7). But God the Father lifted up His Son Jesus for us on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:15). This eternal life of Christ is given us according to the Holy Spirit's good pleasure in Baptism. "Unless one is born again of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." To sinners in fear of death, the messengers of God place on our lips the living body and blood of Christ and speak His words of absolution, "Your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." Having received forgiveness and life from the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit, we join with the angels in praising the blessed Trinity, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!" "For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen" (Rom 11:33–36).

Collect:

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. Amen.

John 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This 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." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus 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?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The 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."

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, 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. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that 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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 1 M. Roberts **Prelude and Trumpetings** Holy, Holy, Holy 507 Confession & Absolution (kneel) 151 Kyrie 152 Gloria 154 **Salutation and Collect** 156 Reading Isaiah 6:1-7 Gradual Reading Romans 11:33-36 Alleluia 156 Gospel John 3:1-17 Anthem Holy, Holy, Holy Bach Sermon "Confessing the Mystery" John 3:1-17 **Athanasian Creed** 319 **Prayer of the Church** Offertory Hymn We All Believe in One True God 953 Preface 160 Sanctus 161 Lord's Praver 162 The Words of Our Lord 162 Memorial Acclamation (2 x) Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Pax Domini 163 Agnus Dei 163 **Eucharist** Psalm 29 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence 621 Thank the Lord 164 **Post Communion Collect** 166 Benediction 166 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 802 Immortal, Invisible Burkhardt

* bold indicates standing

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Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas **Director of Music** Dale Sorenson

SERVING 6/3/23 AT 6:00 PM

Elder Ted Nilsen **Altar Guild** Martin Family

Crucifer

Lector **Daryl Svensson** Cantor John Barber Usher **Harold Nichols**

SERVING 6/11 AT 10:00 AM

Elder Steve Hollman Altar Guild Martin Family Crucifer Andersen Lee Lector Rev. Ken Licht Usher **Daryl Svensson**

MUSIC NOTES ON THE ORGAN PRELUDE

<u>Prelude and Trumpetings</u> -- Myron J. Roberts This modern composition (©1961) starts with an air of mystery, using meandering melodies and contrasts of quiet strings and flutes against muted trumpets. This first section ends in bitonality - two different key signatures at the same time. What follows is very rhythmic with angular, jazzy, jarring harmonies. Its center part is a dance on contrasting flutes. The section's beginning angular rhythmic motives return with even more energy, building into a brief toccata culminating with a restatement of everything that has come before. It cadences in nearly full organ on a chord ½ step higher than the home key of "d" minor. That gives way to the "Trumpetings" – quick rhythmic blasts of chords like a hot knife through butter on our organ's horizontally mounted copper Spanish Trumpet. May careful listening of this creative, contemporary music prepare you to worship our great Triune God. Soli Deo Gloria!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEGINNING NEXT WEEK, JUNE 11TH THROUGH SUMMER ONE DIVINE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM





PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Bill, Phil, Connor, Taj, Pr. Burkey, and the Ramey Family

PRAYERS FOR THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD OF GOD

Daniel & Eileen Fohey, Matthew & Kalisha Morgan, Jeremy & Jessica Belgau

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Rev. Tyler McMiller, Joshua Salas, Lorenzo Murrone, Luiz Lange, Michael & Nance Morizio (Lutheran Church planters & seminarians in Italy) Rev. Dr. John Bombaro, and Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

John Campisi, Tajy George, Jack George, Jr., Jeff and Jordan Gruetzmacher, Philip Hawthorne, Josh Martin, Matthew Morgan, Nathan Farish, and Elliott Perko

PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND SERVICES

Joyce Rochester

HOLY TRINITY

June 3, 2023 6:00 pm



Proclaiming the Good News of God's grace in Jesus Christ