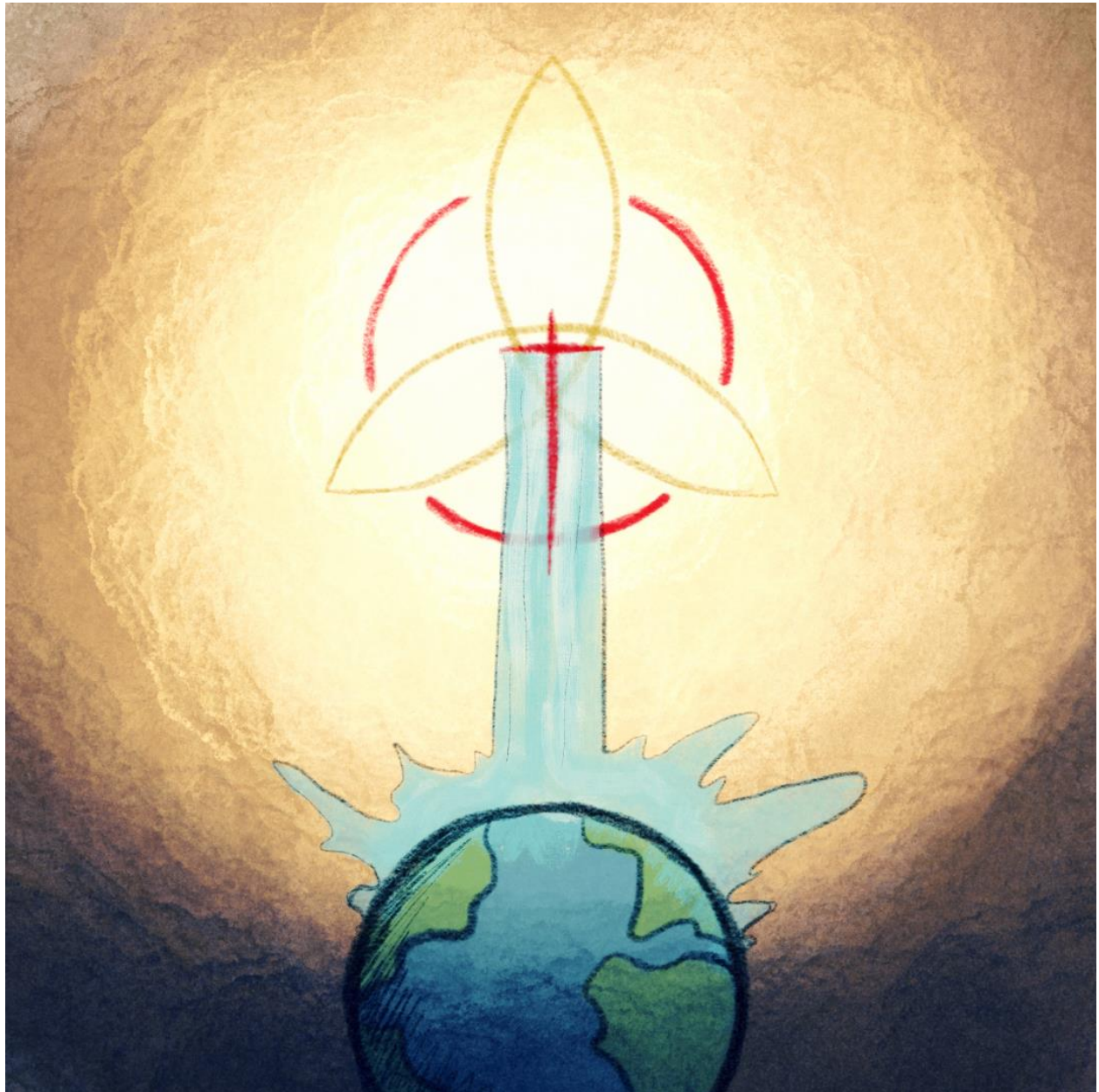


Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



God In Three Persons, Blessed Trinity
Holy Trinity

June 4, 2023



“Learning and sharing the gospel of Christ the Prince of Peace.”

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We pray that the time spent here in God’s house helps you to appreciate how dearly God loves you! He invested the life blood of his one and only Son into your salvation and offers the blessings of that sacrifice to us through Word and Sacrament! May God bless our worship today!

THEME FOR TODAY

In the first half of the Church Year (Advent through Pentecost) we look at the life of Christ—his birth, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. In the second half of the year, we look at the teachings of Christ. We begin by looking at one of the most mind-blowing truths: that God is triune. Already in the very first chapter of the Bible we read, “Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image...” (Genesis 1:26). Note the singular “God” and the plural “us.” Scripture teaches us that there is only one God but that he exists as three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is triune (three-in-one). This teaching is not some logical exercise or philosophical excursion. The doctrine of the Trinity is central to our salvation. The triune God is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Lose this doctrine, and as the Athanasian Creed says, you lose it all. A Jesus who is less than God is also less than a Savior. So often, when life gets hard, we get frustrated. We don’t understand how God is working always for our good. But the doctrine of the Trinity teaches us we cannot even comprehend God’s existence. How then, could we ever comprehend all his workings? On this Holy Trinity Sunday, let it be enough to know that all three persons—Father, Son, and Spirit—love us with an everlasting love.

LORD’S SUPPER

Scripture teaches us that in the Lord’s Supper:

- The body and blood of Christ are really present with the bread and the wine. (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:27)
- Jesus gives true forgiveness, not just a symbol, to each recipient. (Matthew 26:28)
- We are united as one body of believers because we all partake the one body and blood of Christ. “Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf. (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

For these reasons we ask that, if you are not a part of a WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) or ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) church that publicly confesses to believe these same scriptural truths, you speak with our pastor before you take the Sacrament. We do not wish to judge your faith, but want to make sure that we are in agreement before publicly declaring that we share a common faith.

We are careful about the way we celebrate the Lord’s Supper because we want to humbly accept this gift the way God intended.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



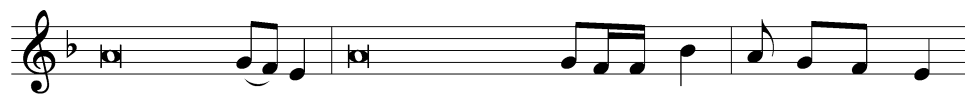
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



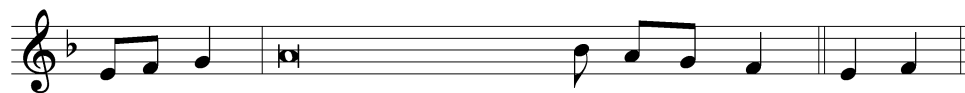
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 1:1—2:3

The triune God demonstrates his power at Creation.

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water."

⁷So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” ²³And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

²⁹Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

²By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

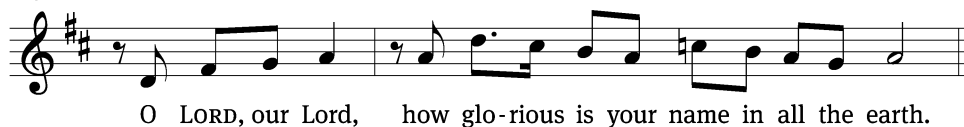
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

8A O LORD, Our Lord

Psalm 8A

Refrain



Tone



When I consider your heavens, the work of your / fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have / set in place,
what is a human being that you are mind- / ful of him,
a Son of Man that you / care for him? *Refrain*

You have made him a little lower than the / angels
and crowned him with glory and / honor.
You made him ruler over the works / of your hands;
you put everything un- / der his feet.

**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. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11–14

By sharing his grace, love, and fellowship, the Trinity gives us unity and peace.

¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All God's people here send their greetings.

¹⁴May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 6:3



Refrain



Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Refrain

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Gospel

Matthew 28:16–20

Jesus calls us to do ministry in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

483 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

CW 483

Sermon

The Blessing of the Triune God

2 Corinthians 13:11–14

Stand

Athanasian Creed

- ¹ Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.
- ² Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.
- ³ Now this is the true Christian faith:
- ⁴ We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.
- ⁵ For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,
- ⁶ but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.
- ⁷ What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.
- ⁸ The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- ⁹ the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- ¹⁰ the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;
- ¹¹ yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,
- ¹² just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.
- ¹³ In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;
- ¹⁴ yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.
- ¹⁵ So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- ¹⁶ yet they are not three Gods, but one God.
- ¹⁷ So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- ¹⁸ yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- ¹⁹ For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.
- ²⁰ The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.
- ²¹ The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.
- ²² The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.
- ²³ So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- ²⁴ And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior;
- ²⁵ but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- ²⁶ Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.
- ²⁷ It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation that one faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.
- ²⁸ Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.
- ²⁹ He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother,

³⁰ fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh;
³¹ equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;
³² and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one:
³³ one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;
³⁴ one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;
³⁵ for just as the rational soul and flesh is one human being, so God and man is one Christ.
³⁶ He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.
³⁷ He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.
³⁸ At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.
³⁹ Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.
⁴⁰ This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We would not have known you if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all doubt and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

Enlighten and empower us to worship you as the triune God, the holy Trinity.

God our Father, whatever good is in us, whatever good things we have, and whatever good we do comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being.

Open our eyes to see the gifts you provide every day purely out of your own love and care.

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into our world to make the Father known to us. You joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity and brought us back to God by shedding your blood. In love you walked the way of suffering and carried the wrath of God that we deserved because of our sins. Help us believe that all you did and all you endured you did to rescue us and set us free.

In the bright new hope of your resurrection teach us to offer our lives in praise to God and love to our neighbor.

Creator Spirit, you breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel, opened our eyes to see the light of your grace, and filled our minds with the clear sound of your voice. Through Word and sacrament lead us to understand more completely how broad and deep and high is the love of God in Christ Jesus. Firm up our resolve to do battle with Satan and sin.

In every weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves to be God's children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and fervent in love.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, and the God of all comfort. **We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and praise your holy name forever. Amen.**

Offering

The Sacrament

Please be sure to see the note on page 2 of this bulletin regarding our communion practice according to God's Word.

Stand

Preface

CW 165

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns forever in perfect unity with you and the Holy Spirit as one God and one Lord. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

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.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

Distribution

660 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

CW 660

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

929 May the Peace of God

CW 929

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THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 6:00 pm Bible Class
SUNDAY	9:15 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship

FLOWERS

Karen Thomasson purchased the flowers for worship today in loving memory of her father, Marvin Deines, who fell asleep in Jesus in 1984, and in remembrance of his birthday which would have been on June 7th. Let us remember the souls of those believers who are now living with Christ in glory, to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the blessings they have brought into our lives, and to long for the day when we too can take our place in heaven's glory for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Thanks for reminding us of those blessings Karen!



Operating Offerings		Attendance		Mortgage Progress	
5/28/23	\$ 2,225.00	5/28/23	56	5/28/23	\$ 300.00
Month to Date	\$ 14,569.00			Month to Date	\$ 3,460.00
YTD	\$ 84,805.00			YTD	\$ 17,875.00
Budget YTD	\$ 82,239.00			Budget YTD	\$ 14,335.00
2022 YTD	\$ 80,436.00			2022 YTD	\$ 17,258.00

Weekly needs May Operating Offering
Monthly Mortgage Payment

\$ 3,748.00
\$ 2,867.00