

## The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**C Amen!**

**Hymn: WS #785**

*"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

**Congratulations** to Landon, Lauren, and Jon on their confirmation! It was a privilege to be able to teach these three young people over the past several years. Please keep them in your prayers as they navigate high school and beyond! A cake in honor of the confirmands is in the fellowship hall downstairs. Please go on down and take a slice (and congratulate our confirmands if you have not yet done so)!

**CLC Call News** Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, **has returned the call** to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Mr. Darin Lau, a member of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, **has been called** by that congregation to teach the 5th & 6th grades in its school. <> Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ **has returned the call** to be principal and teacher of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Mr. Andrew Roehl, of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, has **received the call** to teach at Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

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Trinity/Confirmation Sunday



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #246

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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

✠ Examination – on Law & Gospel ✠

**Confession of Our Sins**

*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful & need His forgiveness.*

- P** Having reviewed the law of God and standing guilty of sin, I ask all of you before God, is this your confession that you repent of your sins, believe in your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and purpose by the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful lives? Declare so by saying: *Yes, with the help of God.*

**C** **Yes, with the help of God.**

- P** Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto you. In the stead of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen!**

**The Gloria Patri**

LSB #685:1

*Latin for "Lord, Have Mercy" and "Glory be to the Father"*

- P** Having confessed our sins and received forgiveness from God, we sing songs of praise to the Holy Trinity in the form of the Gloria Patri:

**C** ♪ **Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

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

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed 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!

**Communion Today is for Members Only Please**

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

✠ **The Distribution of the Lord's Supper** ✠

- P** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## The Offertory

*In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.*

- G** *♫ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

**Hymn: WS #777** "Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound"

✠ Examination – on Prayer ✠

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

✠ Examination – on The Lord's Supper ✠



**Landon Cody Wenner**

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4** "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

**Lauren Lynn Dobratz**

**Luke 1:37** "For nothing will be impossible with God."

**Jonathan Mathew Dobratz**

**2 Corinthians 5:7** "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

✠ Prayer for Our Confirmands ✠

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## Collect Prayer of the Day

*A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.*

- P** 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.

**G Amen.**

✠ Examination – on God's Word ✠

**Isaiah 6:1-7**

In 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. <sup>2</sup> Above 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. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" <sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And 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!" <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

**John 3:1-15**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> 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." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him,

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"How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> 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." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

### **Confession of Faith**

*The Athanasian Creed (Excerpts)*

*The Athanasian Creed proclaims the Bible's teachings about the Trinity.*

**☩ Whoever will be saved must hold to the true Christian faith. Now this is the Christian faith: We worship one God in three Persons and three Persons in one God, without mixing the Persons or dividing the Divine Being. For each Person – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is distinct, yet the Deity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

**What the Father is, so is the Son and so is the Holy Spirit – infinite, eternal, almighty. So, the Father is God, the Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God—yet they are not three Gods, but one God. And within this Trinity none comes before or after; None is greater or inferior, but all three Persons are coequal and coeternal. Whoever will to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.**

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**It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation to truly believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and Man. He is God, divinely existing from all eternity, and He is Man, born of His mother in time—fully God and fully Man. Yet Christ is not two Persons but One—One not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God. He suffered for our salvation, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. All who believe in Him will enter eternal life and all who do not will enter eternal hellfire. This is the true Christian faith in which all who believe this will be saved.**



### ☩ Examination – on the Trinity & Baptism ☩

**Hymn: WS #751**

*"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"*

### **1 John 1:5-2:2**

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.