

5th Sunday after Trinity

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Ushering this month: Willy and Roman

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We Enter God's Sanctuary

Opening Prayer

P: God of Grace and Lord of Love, we come into your presence today to worship You; to receive Your grace and forgiveness; to be strengthened by your holy word; and to marvel at Your ruling of the world. O Lord, fill us with the peace and assurance that you truly rule all things for the benefit of your Church and every one of your Children. May we live to serve you and praise your holy name. In our Saviour's name! Amen.

Invocation:

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Opening Hymn: 17 Oh, Worship the King

1. Oh, worship the King

All glorious above:

Oh, gratefully sing

His power and His love,

Our Shield and Defender,

The Ancient of Days,

Pavilioned in splendor

And girded with praise!

2. Oh, tell of His might,
Oh, sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is His path
On the wings of the storm.

3. This earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power
Hath founded of old,
Hath stablished it fast
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care
What tongues can recite?
It breathes in the air,
It shines in the light,
It streams from the hills,
It descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils
In the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust
And feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust
Nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender,
How firm to the end,
Our maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might,
Ineffable Love,
While angels delight
To hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to Thy praise.

Our Confession of Sins:

P: Thus says the Lord: “The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.” (Jer. 17:9-10)

C: “**Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up His soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully.**” (Ps. 24:3,4)

P: O Father, we enter Your holy place to worship You. However, we are sinners. How then will You accept our worship and bless us on our way? It is only by Your grace in Christ Jesus. Therefore we pray, Cleanse us

from our sins for Jesus' sake, so that with pure hearts and clean lips we can sing Your praises.

ALL: O Lord, You have searched me and known me. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all. You have seen the evil that I have done and the good that I left undone. Clinging to the cross of Jesus Christ, I appeal to You for mercy. Cleanse me in Jesus' blood. Purify my mind from every evil thought, my lips from every evil word, my hands from every evil deed. Renew my heart by the working of Your Holy Spirit so that I may present my body as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to You, which is my spiritual service of worship.

P: Be of good cheer, children of God, for our Father is forever merciful! The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all our sins, for Christ loves us and gave Himself up for us, that He might sanctify and cleanse us. We are now holy and blameless before God and our worship is pleasing to Him.

Response of Praise:

Hymn 244

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,

Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!

Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!**

God Speaks to Us

Old Testament Readings: Daniel 4:28-37

28 All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. 29 At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, 30 and the king answered and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?" 31 While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, "O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you, 32 and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven periods of time shall

pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.” 33 Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair grew as long as eagles' feathers, and his nails were like birds' claws.

34 At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; 35 all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”

36 At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me. My counselors and my lords sought me, and I was established in my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me. 37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

Response of Praise:

P: All the earth shall worship You and shall sing unto You, O God

C: They shall sing to Your name, O Most High.

P: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you lands,

C: Sing forth the honor of His name, make His praise glorious.

P: The Lord sent His Word and healed them,

C: And delivered them from their destructions.

P: Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness,

C: and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Praise Him, all His angels,

C: Praise Him, all His hosts. Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. 16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians,

saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” 21 They said, “Caesar's.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” 22 When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P: Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified

also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: 742 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor
To his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the High Eternal One.

Sermon text: Romans 13:1

*“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities.
For there is no authority except from God,
and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.”*

Theme:

Behold Your God - Ruler of the Nations!

- 1. See the Evidence of God’s Rule.**
- 2. Understand God’s Rule.**
- 3. Receive The Peace of God’s Rule.**

Hymn: 13 Before Jehovah’s Awful Throne

1. Before Jehovah's awe-full throne,
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy.
Know that the Lord is God alone;
He can create and He destroy.
2. His sov'reign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay and formed us men;
And when like wandering sheep we strayed,
He brought us to His fold again.
3. We are His people, we His care,
Our souls and all our mortal frame.
What lasting honors shall we rear,
Almighty Maker, to Thy name?

4. We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs,
High as the heavens our voices raise;
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.

5. Wide as the world is Thy command,
Vast as eternity Thy love;
Firm as a rock Thy truth must stand
When rolling years shall cease to move.

Offerings for Christ's Church:

Sing - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers of the Church:

P: The Peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep
your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a way from Your presence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

The Lord Gives Himself to Us in the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

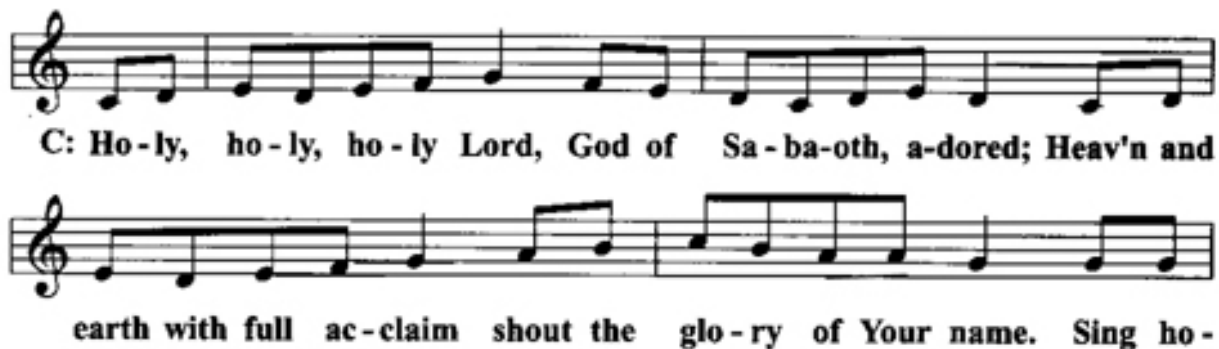
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

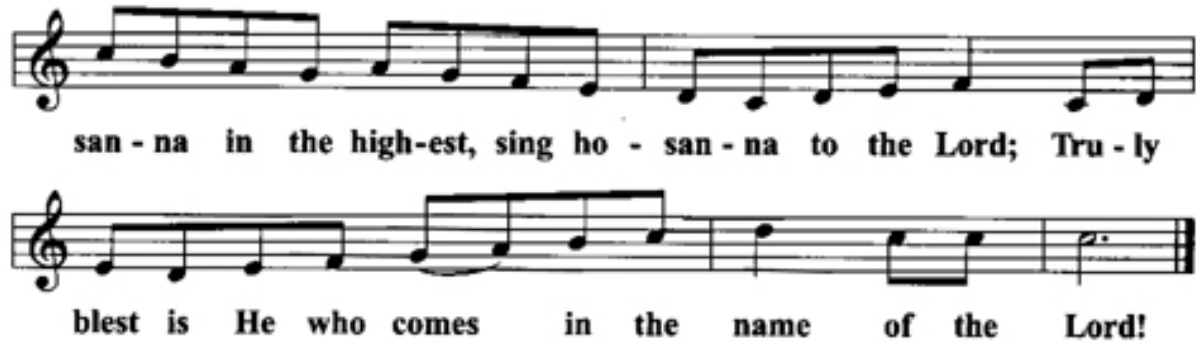
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. We especially praise You that You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh and have revealed Him to the world as our only Saviour from sin. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the saints on earth, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*



**C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -**



The 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 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."

After the same manner also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Distribution:

P: Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT *Nunc Dimittis*



C: 1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 644 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

1. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



Scripture Treasure to Remember:

1 Timothy 6:15-16

Jesus Christ *“is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Our Young People will leave after the service for the Backpacking retreat. We will meet at the parsonage to pack up. They plan to return Thursday evening.

Friday - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30.

The examination of Lylah and Luke for confirmation at 5:00.

Next Sunday- **Confirmation** Service at 10:00

There will be a cake and coffee reception for our confirmands after the service.

February Birthdays and Baptisms

Kylie Higgins

5th

CLC Convention

The Lord blessed us with a very smooth convention. In addition to the work that was accomplished we enjoyed a wonderful fellowship around God's Word and Sacraments. The Theme for the Convention was simply "The Word of God." A very simple theme, yet that is everything to us. Each day began with a devotion by Pastor Jonah Albrecht showing that the **The Word of God is our EVERYTHING.**

It is our **ROCK**, our **HOPE**, our **JOY** and our **PEACE.**

There were two excellent and inspiring essays urging us to "**Preach it**" and to "**Defend it.**" If you would like a copy of these essays, the pastor can get one for you.

The Presidents address was also very uplifting and directed our attention to some of the greater needs at this convention including the many

vacancies and a prayer of thanks for the increased interest in the pastoral ministry by 17 young men who are preparing for the ministry.

A memorial service remembered and gave thanks for 20 faithful pastors and lay servants who have passed away in the past biennium.

In the weeks to come we will review some of the important decisions made at the convention. May we thank the Lord for the privilege of working in His Kingdom and pray for His blessings upon our joint work.

Domestic Missions Presentation

Two members of the Board of Missions gave an update on stateside mission efforts. The Traveling Vacation Bible School (TVBS) program is being modified to better serve the situations of various CLC churches. At least nine separate VBS locations will be aided through this program during this summer alone. The CLC Diaspora Program seeks to unite isolated CLC members to meet and support each other in their given locality. Preaching stations in Des Moines, IA; Brainerd, MN; Pittsboro, NC; and Lincoln, NE have all arisen, in part, through these efforts. With an increase in contact information, the Board of Missions hopes to grow existing stations as well as form new ones.

CLC Call News

Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace, Hecla, Zion, Aberdeen, and Redeemer in Bowdle, SD, has **returned** the call to St. Paul's, Austin, MN.

Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Berea in Inver Grove Heights, MN, has **returned** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights, MI.

Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND, has **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI.

Mr. Steve Sydow has **returned** the call to Living Hope, Appleton, WI.

Lori Ruthenbeck and **Jill Liepold** have both **accepted** a one-year teaching call to St. John's Lutheran School in Okabena, MN.

Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel in Mankato, MN has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ

2026 CLC Mission Helpers to Africa –

Nine CLC Mission Helpers along with team leaders (Pastor Tom Naumann and Missionary Todd Ohlmann) are traveling this week to the East African nations of Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia. The Tanzania team will be welcomed and joined in their work by Missionary Bruce and Paula Naumann. The Mission Helpers will spend the next few weeks proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to an estimated 6,000 children. They will focus their efforts in some of the towns and villages where the Kenya-CLC, Tanzania-CLC, and Zambia-CLC have or are working to establish congregations and preaching stations. You can follow along with the Mission Helpers through the trip blog at www.2026clcmissionhelpertripeastafrica.blogspot.com. Your prayers are requested and much appreciated.