

Trinity Sunday

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

Please note that we wish to practice social distancing as recommended by our government. Please do not use any of the pews where the seat cushions have been turned on edge, and reserve socializing to the outdoors. Thank you.

Prelude Mrs. Kathy Lueck

Hymn 243 *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*

Liturgy Please follow the projection on the wall.

Epistle Lesson Romans 11:33-36 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out! “*For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?*” “*Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?*” For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.

Gospel Lesson John 3:1-15 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 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.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 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?” Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Hymn 246 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

Sermon Psalm 8 **A Psalm of David.**

O Lord, our Lord, How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth,
Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants
You have ordained strength,
Because of Your enemies,
That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,
What is man that You are mindful of him,
And the son of man that You visit him?
For You have made him a little lower than the angels,
And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all *things* under his feet,
All sheep and oxen— Even the beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea
That pass through the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth!

The Greatness of God & The Smallness of Mankind...

Hymn *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 39 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LADIES AID The annual Ladies Luncheon will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:30. All women of the congregation are invited.

SECOND SERVICE We are currently looking into holding a second worship service, specifically for those who are at high risk (or are caregivers for those at high risk). We're still working out the details. Please contact the pastor for more information or with any concerns you might have.

On June 10, the 50% capacity for churches will go into effect.

GRADUATION Two 8th Graders from our CDS, Hannah Kazemba and David Ruthenbeck, will receive their diplomas at the end of today's service. We'd also like to congratulate all of our 8th graders who will be moving on to High School this Fall.

MISSION SOCIETY Due to the fact that none of us knows when the COVID restrictions will be lifted, our anniversary celebration has been postponed until the weekend of July 4, 2021.

FAMILY BIBLE CLASS Family Bible Class will follow the service this morning in either the sanctuary or basement.

COOKBOOKS The Anniversary cookbooks are available for purchase at the cost of \$10 each. There is a sheet to sign. Please indicate how many copies you take and whether they have been paid for.

TRAVEL CUPS AND ORNAMENTS These are available in the entryway. The cost is \$15 and \$5 respectively. Please give the money to the Sumeys.

SPOKESMAN June is the month when subscriptions are due for the Lutheran Spokesman and Meditations. The cost for the Spokesman is \$14 per year. Please see the list in the entryway and indicate if you would like to renew/cancel, or add a subscription to the list. The Treasurer will send one check to cover the full amount.

CLC NEWS Pastor Chad Seybt, Cheyenne, WY has the call to Morris. Teacher Quinn Sprengeler, Lynnwood, WA has returned the call to W. Columbia, SC.

KINSHIP Disaster Relief The COVID-19 epidemic has affected many of us in a variety of ways. We've also been learning of the suffering our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world have been facing in the current epidemic. Between COVID-19 Aid and cyclone relief, monetary aid has been sent overseas from KINSHIP. There remain additional needs among our various sister synods. The CLC Board of Missions is requesting that you consider offering your financial support to replenish the KINSHIP funds, so we can be ready to respond when the next need comes along. You may send your offerings to CLC KINSHIP, 501 Grover Rd., Eau Claire, WI, 54701, or through your local congregation. Please mark your donation "KINSHIP."