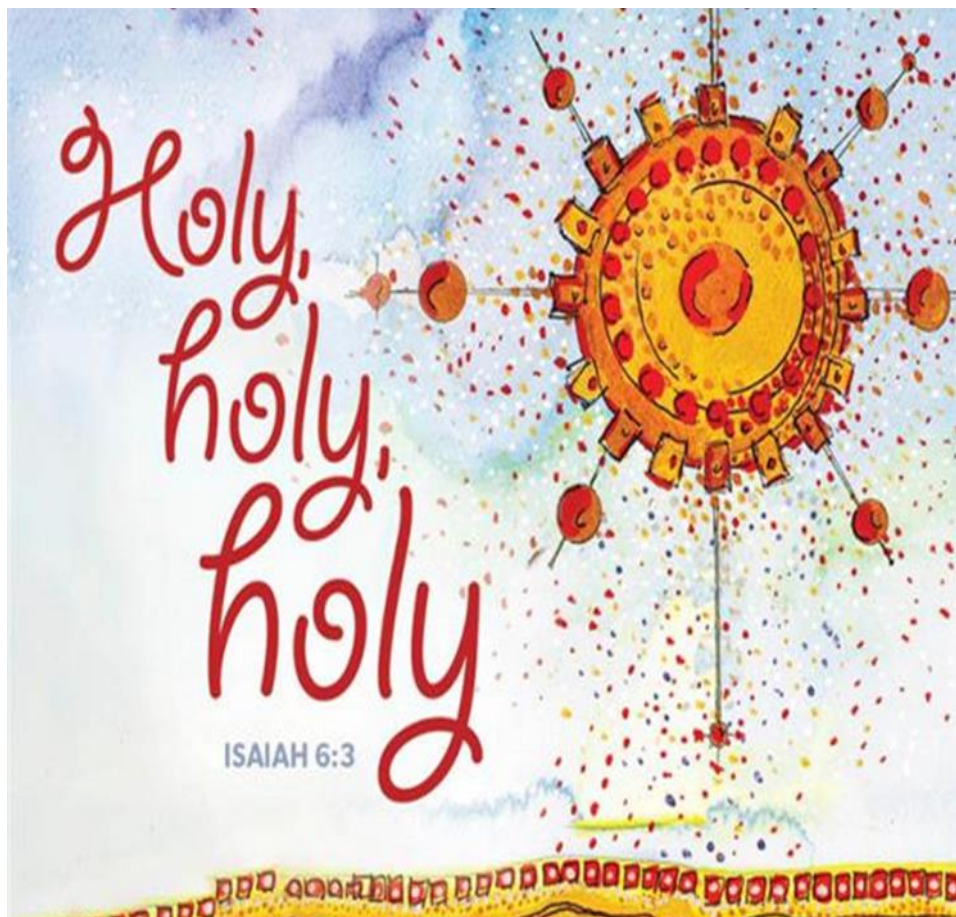


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THE HOLY TRINITY, YEAR B

9:30 am Worship Service

May 26, 2024

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship at First United Lutheran Church today. On your way in you may have received a “Welcome Card” to place in the offering plate. If not, you can find those, along with our guest book, on the left in the hallway exiting the sanctuary.

REMINDERS

Your children are welcome in our worship! At the entrance to the sanctuary, we have tool kits with age-appropriate items to help children participate in worship. Please help your child take a drawer, with supplies and instructions, to your pew and return it to the drawer unit after the service. At the front of the sanctuary there is a quiet play space for younger children. If needed, we also have an unstaffed nursery room located in the hallway to the sanctuary.

As we prepare for worship: Please respect those who are in the sanctuary for meditation and the prelude with silence.

Online worship: To view the service online visit fulc.org and select the worship button on the homepage.

PRELUDE “*Third Impromptu*” by F. Chopin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C: Glory to you forever!

P: Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:

C: Glory to you forever!

P: Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River::

C: Glory to you forever!

P: Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, Life-Giving Womb:

C: Glory to you forever!

P: Sun, Light, and Burning Ray:

C: Glory to you forever!

P: Giver, Gift, and Giving:

C: Glory to you forever!

P: Lover, Beloved, and Love itself:

C: Glory to you forever!

P: Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple:

C: Glory to you forever!

P: Consuming Fire, Dividing Sword, Overpowering Storm:

C: Glory to you forever!

P: Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace:

C: Glory to you forever!

P: God who was, God who is, God who is to come:

C: Glory to you forever!

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by our confession of faith, to acknowledge and worship your triune name in the majesty of your unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN *“Come Thou Almighty King”* (ELW 408)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

P: Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace: Lord have mercy.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, you are the Son of God and Son of Mary: Christ have mercy.

C: Christ have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father: Lord have mercy.

C: Lord have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMS Psalm 29

R: *Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)*

C:¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes. ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!” ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore. ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (page 142)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL TEXT John 3:1-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished,

that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

After the reading of the Gospel:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SERMON HYMN *"Come Join the Dance of Trinity"* (ELW 412)

CREED *Nicene Creed*

A: God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered

death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: and also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING (Mr. Gillette)

(Please place your offering in the offering plate as you enter the nave)

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the true presence of Jesus Christ.

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name, in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

OUR FATHER

P: And now we are bold to pray.

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our
daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against
us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

P: Behold the Lamb of God who bears away the sin of the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE *"Lamb of God"* (ELW page 135)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

The Communion follows. Come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you are visiting us today, please know that as baptized members of the body of Christ, you are welcome at the Eucharistic Feast.

COMMUNION HYMN “Mothering God You Gave Me Birth” (ELW 735)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace to eternal life.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Let All Things Now Living” (ELW 881)

SENDING

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Now Thank We All Our God” by S. Karg-Elert

May 19, 2023 Attendance and Giving

Attendance: 69

Offering: \$3385

Simply Giving & E giving: 05/13/24 – 05/17/24 = \$2368

<u>Month of April 2024</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>75K Capital Campaign</u>	
Actual Expenses	\$23,387	Pledged	\$81,457
Actual Giving	\$18,522	Received	\$92,508
Variance	- \$4,864		

Pastor: Randy Jones
Vicar: Kat Folk
Sunday Servants
Serving Today May 26th

Head Counter: David Gustafson

Counters: Helen Gustafson

Assisting Minister: Rose Werner

Reader: Jerry Arends

Acolyte: TBA

Musician: Ben Wadsworth

Altar Guild: Brenda Hextell, Pat Warner

Ushers: Ed Einert, Dave Gustafson, Peder Fagerholm, Frank Hull (as available)

Serving Next Service June 2nd

Head Counter: TBA

Counters: TBA

Assisting Minister: TBA

Reader: TBA

Acolyte: TBA

Musician: Ben Wadsworth

Altar Guild: Rose Werner, Lois Gilbert

Ushers: Ed Einert, Dave Gustafson, Peder Fagerholm, Frank Hull (as available)

Birthdays for the Month of May

Jackie Smith, Diane Moulton, Pastor Randy Jones, Joe Burgess, Ed Einert Jr., RoseMary Matemba, Mike Metcalf, Ann Stiber, Lisa Byrn, Julie Bryan, Traci Green, Ben Harris, Dennis Strudthoff, Bev Thewlis, Nancy Boccadoro, Alec Mahan, John Norman, Dorothy Meyer, Aaron Engels

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SUNDAY: May 26th

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

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2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Kenyan Baraka Church (FH)

MONDAY: May 27th

TUESDAY: May 28th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Levites Group (TC)

WEDNESDAY: May 29th

THURSDAY: May 30th

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Life South Blood Drive

FRIDAY: May 31st

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Depot AA Meeting (FH)

SATURDAY: June 1st

SUNDAY: June 2nd

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WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF FIRST UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Those in need of healing, comfort and strength:

Pour out your Spirit of comfort, gracious God. Heal your children in need. We pray especially for K Werner's sister, **Judy**; B Kennell's extended family, **Alan; Kay & Harry Grubb; Pat Warner; Ron Emberg; Anthony** & his twin brother, **Timothy; Janet Stover & neighbor, Chris;** D Ellsworth & D Moulton's parents, **Roy & Ruth & friends Ken & Cindy;** Vicar Kat's friends, **Jim & Joselyn, Annie, Bob & Becky; John Beyer; Hunter Smith; Elsie Howard, 99;** B Woods grandson, **Arthit Grodek 9,** & friends **Marsha & her son, David; Sharon Moe & Sherry Quitter;** N Boccadoro's friend, **Brian;** K Moran's friend, **Jamie; Lisa Byrn; Gene Douglass; Steve Hoge; Mark Brandau-Shirley; Lou & Ardy Boyer;** B Newton's family & friends **Terry & Lee, Betty, Brian, Tom & Billie; Molly Werner; Megan Mosholder; Jim & Janet Rooks; Joanne Einert;** E Tennis' daughter, **Diane.**

Those serving in our military:

Pour out your Spirit of love, glorious God. We pray for your blessings upon the **students, staff & faculty of KSU** and for those bravely serving our country at home and around the world especially Bock Lyke son-in-law in Washington D.C., **Officer Huck Sarin;** Hextell nephew, Illinois **K9 Officer Tyler Post, Brian Uncapher,** Navy; Great grandson of Evelyn Tennis, **Casey Peterson,** Army; & Brandau-Shirley family, **Marshall Wish** currently stationed with his family in South Korea.

Thanksgiving for those who have gone before us:

Pour out your Spirit of peace, resurrecting God. Bring all who grieve into a community rooted in you. We pray especially for **VI Tatz; Mac Morrison; Dot McDonough;** B Newton's friend, **Charleen;** D Fischer's mother, **Anne.** Uphold their families with your grace and keep us all grounded in your promise of life eternal.

Those in Mission for Christ Overseas:

JULIA & VINCENT Leiyoole & their Church among the Samburu in Kenya. Pray, also, for **AK & his ministry,** established by and for, a nomadic people group of shepherd/warriors. **ILAG** The Augustinian Lutheran Church in Guatemala & for their pastor, **Karen Castillo,** & her son, **Diego Gil.**