



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

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PRESERVICE PRAYER Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN 541 O Blessed Holy Trinity

- 1. O blessed holy Trinity,
Divine, eternal Unity,
God Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Be Thou this day my Guide and Host.**

- 2. My soul and body keep from harm,
O'er all I have extend Thine arm,
That Satan may not cause distress
Nor bring me shame and wretchedness.**

- 3. The Father's love shield me this day,
The son's pure wisdom cheer my way,
The Holy Spirit's light divine
Illume my heart's benighted shrine.**

- 4. My Maker, strengthen Thou my heart,
O my Redeemer, help impart,
Blest Comforter, keep at my side
That faith and love in me abide.**

- 5. Lord, bless and keep Thou me as then;
Lord, make Thy face upon me shine;
Lord, lift Thy countenance on me
And give me peace, sweet peace, from Thee.**

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

C: Amen.

P: God is light and Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss.

¹³ All the saints greet you.

¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen. . . (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 549:1,5,6, God, Who Madest Earth and Heaven

**1. God, who madest earth and Heaven,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Who the day and night hast given,
Sun and moon and starry host;
Whose almighty hand sustains
Earth and all that it contains.**

**5. Lead me, and forsake me never,
Guide my wanderings by Thy Word;
As Thou has been, be Thou ever
My defense, my Refuge, Lord.
Never safe except with Thee,
Thou my faithful Guardian be.**

**6. O my God, I now commend me
Wholly to Thy mighty hand;
All the powers that Thou dost lend me
Let me use at Thy command.
Lord, my Shield, my Strength divine,
Keep me with Thee – I am Thine.**

THE SERMON: Genesis 1:1-2:3

Theme: The Majesty of the Triune God Revealed in His Creation

I. In His Power and Wisdom

II. In His Goodness

SERMON TEXT: Genesis 1:1-2:3

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

⁶Then God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.” ⁷Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so. ⁸And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

⁹Then God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry *land* appear”; and it was so. ¹⁰And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it was* good.

¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. ¹²And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. ¹³So the evening and the morning were the third day.

¹⁴Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; ¹⁵and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. ¹⁶Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. *He made* the stars also. ¹⁷God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that *it was* good. ¹⁹So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

²⁰Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.” ²¹So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

²⁴Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each*

according to its kind"; and it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

²⁹ And God said, "See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. ³⁰ Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for food"; and it was so.

³¹ Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.

² And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn 246: 1, 3 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

3. Holy, holy, holy! Tho' the darkness hide Thee,

Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn 644: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**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.**

CALENDAR

TODAY: Please exit the building as efficiently and quickly as possible. Remember to take bulletins home, or dispose of them in wastebasket at the entrance to the nave. You may visit outside but please remember to maintain social distancing of 6 feet. May the Lord keep us all safe! Church council meeting in the parking lot following the service. Sunday school and Bible class are in summer recess.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class is in summer recess.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Text: Romans 3:21-25, 27-28.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 31 worship – 16 (Sunday school & Bible class are in summer recess)

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other Offerings: Memorial
Offerings Received	\$ 1,235.00	Samantha Barthels for
Needed for Year:	\$27,500.00	Missions \$50.00
Received for Year:	\$26,203.00	

May/June church lawn mowing: Kate and Valerie Barthels.

July lawn mowing – Leon Hellickson.

(We need volunteers for the rest of the mowing season.)

CLC NEWS: Pastor Paul Tiefel of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to the joint parish in Bowdle and Ipswich South Dakota. Pastor Chad Seybt, Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN.

THE 34th CONVENTION OF THE CLC has been **postponed** until June of 2021.

The Physical Welfare of Our Brothers and Sisters Around the World – Leaders from our sister church bodies in Liberia, Togo, Nigeria, D.R. Congo, Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, India, Nepal, Myanmar, and Bangladesh, along with contacts in several other countries, have reported that much of the population in these developing nations is struggling to provide the basic necessities of life. Most of the pastors and those they serve in these nations provide for their families through day-labor. For this type of laborer, you are paid for your work each day. If you do not work, you do not get paid. The coronavirus lockdowns have caused much physical suffering. **Pray** that the Lord will provide and that He will bless the CLC Project Kinship aid that has been sent that it will go much further than expected in providing for the sheep of His flock who are suffering.

KINSHIP DISASTER RELIEF! Because of the ravages of the COVID – 19 pandemic, a desperate need exists among our Christian brethren around the world. How should we respond? *“And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. ²⁹ Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. ³⁰ This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.”* (Acts 11:27-30) Why special aid for Jerusalem? Because they suffered severe, persistent persecution along with ravages of famine. The love of Christ opened hearts of Christians throughout Galatian and Asia Minor, and Macedonia, and Greece. And they sent aid to brothers and sisters in Christ, people they had never met, time and again!

Now the suffering of our Christian brethren has been brought to our attention. How shall we respond? Christ loved us and saved us, and has bestowed great gifts upon us both spiritual and material. Shall we close our hearts? God forbid! Our brothers and sisters in Christ in so many countries are suffering great hardship and persecution. We can help and help quickly by supporting **Kinship Disaster Relief**. May we be determined to send relief, and also DO IT at the hands of those we have called to administer relief. Again, please designate **Kinship Disaster Relief** on your gift.

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