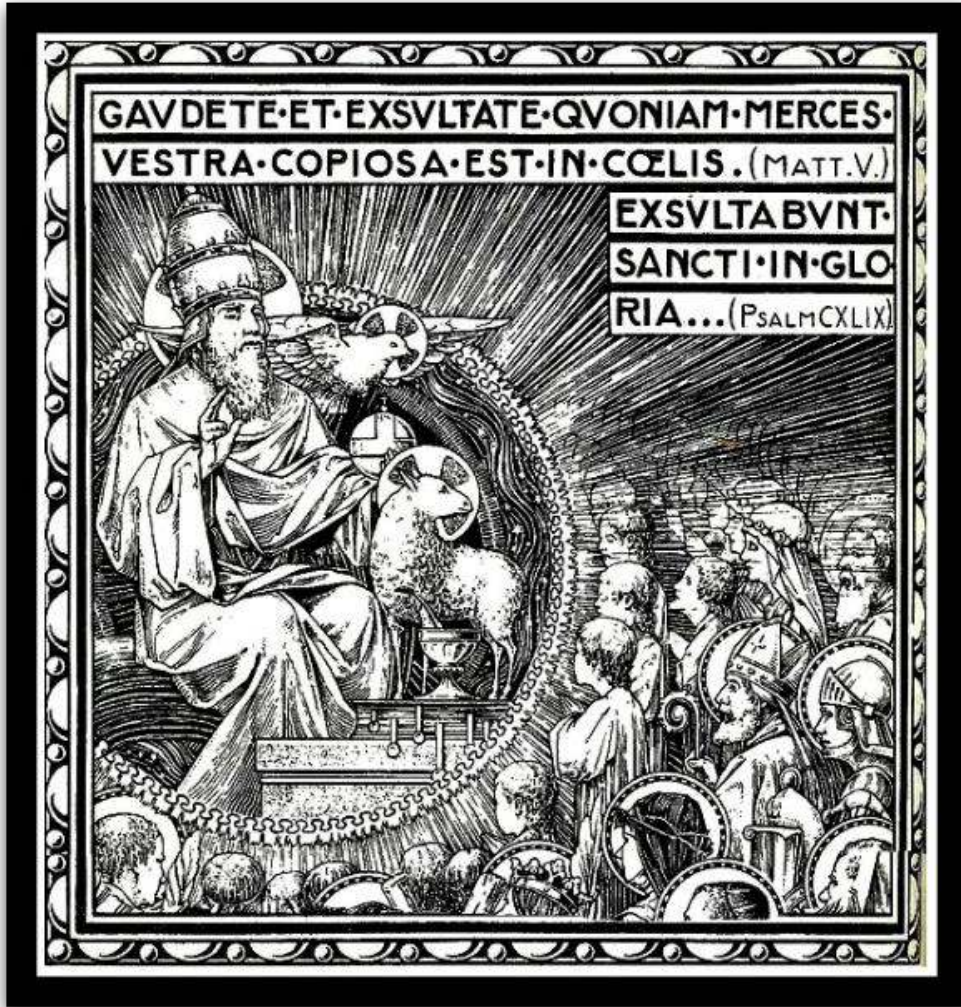


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The Feast of the Holy Trinity



Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Service Guidelines

- Follow the directions of greeters, hosts, Pastor, and elders about how and when to enter, where to sit, how to receive communion, when to exit, and so forth
- Don't come if you are sick, have symptoms, or have potentially been exposed
- No handshakes, hugs, or touches. Keep 6 feet apart unless you are a joint household
- Masks are to be worn at all times (if possible), especially entering, exiting, and moving about
- Movement into & out of the sanctuary should be kept to a minimum
- Be gracious & considerate of your neighbors
- Don't overcrowd – cars, conversations/groups in walkways or doorways, etc.
- Extended conversations are encouraged, but outdoors & after service

Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Visitors may come forward with arms crossed for a blessing. Our pastor would be glad to instruct you so that you can confess Jesus Christ with us and receive His holy body and blood for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

The body of Christ will be placed into the hand. The blood of Christ will be received from individual glass cups. Distribution will be in a continuous line rather than at the altar rail.

Spiritual Care

Individual confession and absolution, spiritual care, and pastoral counsel are available by phone, by appointment at church, or by home visit. Please contact the church office to schedule a time.

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Rev. Peter Gregory
Assisting (9:00 am)	Ed Shaffer
(11:00 am)	Patrick Jackson
(7:00 pm)	Vicar Ed Schneeflock
Organist	Anne Bennet

Prayer for Worship

At the beginning of the day: Most glorious Trinity, in Your mercy we commit to You this day our bodies and souls, all our ways and goings, all our deeds and purposes. We pray You, so open our hearts and mouths that we may praise Your name, which above all names is holy. And since You have created us for the praise of Your holy name, grant that our lives may be for Your honor and that we may serve You in love and fear; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are one God, now and forever. Amen.

Of praise and supplication: Lord God, creator of heaven and earth, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise You for the abundant mercy that You this day so richly have provided for us, blessing us not only with daily bread for our bodies but also with heavenly food for our souls. Grant that Your living and powerful Word may abide in our hearts and work in us to Your glory and for our salvation. We commit ourselves to Your divine protection and fatherly care. Let Your holy angels be with us that the evil foe may have no power over us. Look in mercy on Your Church and deliver it from all danger and adversities. By Your Holy Spirit comfort and strengthen all who are in affliction or distress, and grant Your abiding peace to us all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN—TUNE: TLH 246—TEXT: LSB 507

- 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!
- 2 **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,**
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,**
Though 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.
- 4 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,**
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

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THE INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with sincere hearts to confess our sins to God, our Father, and to plead in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for His forgiveness.

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 124:8

*I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,
and You forgave the guilt of my sin.*

Psalm 32:5

All-Powerful God, merciful Father, I, a poor, pitiful sinner, confess to You all my sins and unrighteousness. By them I have continually offended You and fairly deserved Your punishment, both now and eternally. But from my heart I am sorry for them, and I sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, in Your limitless mercy for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

The Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

Amen.

THE INTROIT

Liturgical Text; Psalm 16:8–11

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

my flesh also dwells secure.

For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let Your Holy One see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

THE GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory to God on high:

and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,
we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.**

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.

For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.

**You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray. 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. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

the First Reading: Genesis 1:1–2:4a

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

the Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22–36

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

the Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16–20

Glory be to You, O Lord!

After the reading:

Praise be to You, O Christ!

THE ATHANASIAN CREED: THE CHURCH'S CONFESSION OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
Cong: **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
Pastor: And the catholic faith is this,
Cong: **That we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
Pastor: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
Cong: **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
Pastor: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
Cong: **The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

Pastor: The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
Cong: **The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

Pastor: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

Cong: **Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

Pastor: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

Cong: **And yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.**

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

Cong: **And yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

Pastor: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

Cong: **And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

Pastor: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,

Cong: **So also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.**

Pastor: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

Men: *The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.*

Women: *The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.*

Pastor: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

Men: *And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;*

Women: *But the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.*

All: **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

Pastor: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cong: **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**

Men: *He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;*

Women: *And He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:*

All: **Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

Pastor: Equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Men: *Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:*

Women: One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

All: One altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

Pastor: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

Cong: Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

Pastor: Ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Cong: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

Pastor: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

Cong: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

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HYMN OF THE DAY—TEXT & TUNE: LSB 578

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| <p>1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!</p> <p>2 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!</p> | <p>3 From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!</p> <p>△ 4 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!</p> |
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The Sermon

THE OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Do not cast me out of Your presence,
nor take Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and sustain me with a free spirit. Amen.

Note: The offering of tithes and gifts will take place as you come forward for Holy Communion

The Litany Prayer

O Lord, **have mercy.**

O Christ, **have mercy.**

O Lord, **have mercy.**

O Christ, **hear us.**

God the Father in heaven, **have mercy.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy.**

God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy.**

Be gracious to us. **Spare us, good Lord.**

Be gracious to us. **Help us, good Lord.**

From all sin: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all heresy: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From drought and famine: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From war, plague, and pestilence: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From treason and rebellion: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From disaster by fire or flood: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

And from everlasting death: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of Your incarnation: **Help us, good Lord.**

By Your holy nativity: **Help us, good Lord.**

By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation: **Help us, good Lord.**

By Your agony, prayer, and bloody sweat: **Help us, good Lord.**

By Your holy cross and bitter pain: **Help us, good Lord.**

By Your precious death and burial: **Help us, good Lord.**

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension: **Help us, good Lord.**

And by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter: **Help us good Lord.**

In our trials: **Help us good Lord.**

In our prosperity: **Help us good Lord.**

At the hour of our death: **Help us good Lord.**

And on the day of judgment: **Help us good Lord.**

To rule and govern Your holy Church: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

To raise up those who fall and uphold those who stand: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

To send faithful laborers into Your harvest: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

To send Your Spirit and grace with Your Word: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

To beat down Satan under our feet: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

To preserve our land from discord and strife; to give wisdom and integrity to all who lead and protect us, that truth and justice might prevail: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

To give joy to our high school graduates Jordan, Abby, and Allie, that their talents, abilities, and interests may bring You glory and bless others: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

To bless and keep the union of Adam and Sneidman: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

To grant all women with child, especially Cara, Tiffany, and Kelsy, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

To give comfort and relief to Jesse, Buddy, Paul, and Ari, to our homebound, to those who mourn, and to all who have asked for our prayers: **We implore You to hear us, Good Lord.**

O Christ, **hear us.**

O Lord, **have mercy.**

O Christ, **have mercy.**

O Lord, **have mercy. Amen.**

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts!

[Colossians 3:1]

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

It is good and right that we do.

THE PROPER PREFACE

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth!
 Heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
 Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

The Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

THE PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

**O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us!
 O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us!
 O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
 grant us Your peace! Amen.**

Holy Communion

All who receive Holy Communion here must first be instructed. Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the office for an appointment. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.

For those who will be receiving Holy Communion, please follow the directions of the hosts and pastor. Distribution will be in a continuous line, not at the altar rail. The body of Christ will be given into the hand. The blood of Christ will be received from individual glass cups.

During the distribution, silently pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ present and absent, for those in need, for your own family and friends, and for yourselves.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29–32

**Now, Lord, You dismiss Your servant in peace, as You have promised,
 for my eyes have seen the Salvation You prepared before the face of all people,
 a Light to enlighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Your people Israel!**

(Continued on the next page.)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
And His mercy endures forever.*

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

*The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.*

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

*Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

*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 peace.
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

HYMN TO DEPART—TUNE: TLH 250—TEXT: LSB 940

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| <p>1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.</p> <p>2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!</p> | <p>3 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.</p> <p>△ 4 Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit,
Three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.</p> |
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God's People at Prayer

For Home Devotions

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Readings from Holy Scripture

*These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested
here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.*

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	Numbers 35:9–30	Luke 24:28–53
M	Proverbs 5:1–23	John 12:20–36a
Tu	Proverbs 8:1–21	John 12:36b–50
W	Proverbs 8:22–36	John 13:1–20
Th	Proverbs 9:1–18	John 13:21–38
F	Proverbs 10:1–23	John 14:1–17
Sa	Proverbs 13:1–25	John 14:18–31

Christian Questions & Answers

*Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther
for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.*

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, Christians may ask themselves these questions:

20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in 1 John 2 and 5.

Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 3.

Hymn

The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.

Holy, holy, holy! Though 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.

LSB 507:3

Daily Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The following topics may guide your prayer each day.

- Su For the joy of the resurrection among us
- M For one's calling and daily work, coworkers, and the unemployed
- Tu For deliverance against temptation and evil; for all who suffer and are afflicted
- W For immediate, extended, and church family; for our schools, communities, and neighborhoods
- Th For the Church and her pastors, all who serve in the congregation, and missionaries
- F For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for the sick and dying
- Sa For faithfulness to the end; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word

The Lord's Prayer

Collect of the Week

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. Amen.

Readings for the Second Sun. after Pentecost, June 14

Exodus 19:2–8; Romans 5:6–15; Matthew 9:35–10:20