



**St. John's Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
**Sunday, June 15, 2025-9:30a.m.**  
**The Holy Trinity**

**† Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**All: Amen.**

L: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**All: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

L: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**All: Amen.**

## Song- Sunday 9:30a.m. *“Let Your Kingdom Come”*

Your glorious cause O God  
Engages our hearts  
May Jesus Christ be known  
Wherever we are  
We ask not for ourselves  
But for Your renown  
The cross has  
saved us so we pray  
Your kingdom come

Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your will be done  
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name  
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth  
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done  
Let Your kingdom come

Give us Your strength O God  
And courage to speak  
Perform Your wondrous deeds  
Through those who are weak  
Lord use us as You want  
Whatever the test  
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till  
Our dying breath

Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your will be done  
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name  
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth  
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done  
(repeat)

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## **Prayer of the Day**

L: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## **First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live." The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

R: Word of God, word of life


**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

R: Word of God, word of life

**All: Thanks be to God.**

 L: The Holy Gospel according to John the sixteenth chapter beginning at verse twelve.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: John 16:12-15**

[Jesus said,] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children's Message**

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**Song- Sunday 9:30a.m. *"Hear Our Praises"***

May our homes  
be filled with dancing  
May our streets  
be filled with joy  
May injustice  
bow to Jesus  
As the people  
turn to pray

From the mountain  
to the valley  
Hear our praises  
rise to You  
From the heavens  
to the nations  
Hear our singing  
fill the air

May a light  
shine in the darkness  
As we walk  
before the cross  
May Your glory  
fill the whole earth  
As the water  
o'er the seas

From the mountain  
to the valley  
Hear our praises  
rise to You  
From the heavens  
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## **✠Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

L: God of Grace,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**With everlasting thanks and joy for your love and forgiveness we ask you to be with us till we meet again. This week help us to take every opportunity to be thankful for the blessings of each day. Help us to pay attention to how best we can be a gift to others. May we approach each day with SOUL – serving others, uplifting lives! We ask all in the name of Your Dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

## **✠Offering**

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L: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

## **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.

## **Announcements**

### **Song- Sunday 9:30a.m. *"Hope Of The Nations"***

Jesus hope of the nations

Jesus comfort for all who mourn

You are the source of heaven's hope on earth

Jesus light in the darkness

Jesus truth in each circumstance

You are the source of heaven's light on earth

In history You lived and died

You broke the chains You rose to life



You are the hope living in us  
You are the Rock in whom we trust  
You are the light shining for all the world to see  
You rose from the dead  
conquering fear  
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near  
Jesus our hope living for all  
who will receive  
Lord we believe

Jesus hope of the nations  
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Lord we believe  
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## **Blessing**

L: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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## ***Reflections***

### **Three Minutes at a Time -Part II**

Nearing the front of the line one day, I decided to thank this kind man for what he did each day and for the way he welcomed strangers like me each morning. When I got to the front of the line, I reached out my right hand as I handed my ID to him with my left. “Hi, I’m Bob,” I said. “I’ve passed by you a dozen times and I just wanted to thank you for the way you treat each person in line. It’s amazing. The way you treat people reminds me a lot of the way Jesus loved.”

The small man looked up slowly from my driver’s license and handed it back to me as if it were his. He didn’t say a word, but I could see his eyes well up. He took a couple of small steps toward me, then he wrapped his arms around me and put his head on my chest. “I’m Adrian,” he said into my sweater. I’ll admit, it was more than a little awkward. But there we stood, just the two of us, slow dancing at the front of the TSA line while 150 business travelers who were late for their flights watched. This was the beginning of my friendship with Adrian, three minutes at a time. We said our goodbyes and I was already looking forward to my next trip to the airport and the next chance to learn a little bit more about him.

A few days later, I got my chance. During our next three minutes together, I found out about Adrian’s wife, Patricia. On subsequent trips, I found out about his son, a daughter, a grandchild, a brother, and a previous career he had with Aero Mexico as an electrician.

What I liked about Adrian the most was he knew who he was. I also was struck by how authentic he was with his growing faith. Humble people don’t fall for the lies pride tries to entice us with to fake it. After a particularly bad day, God’s first words in the garden to Adam and eve were simple ones: “Where are you?”

It's the first post-screwup conversation between God and the first family. God, of course, wasn't talking about geography when He asked the question, and He's not asking us about it now either. He hadn't lost track of the ones He had created, and He hasn't lost track of you and me. Instead, I think God wanted Adam and Eve to figure out where they were with Him after they'd failed. He's never stopped asking us the very same question. "Where are you?" To figure out where we are we need to understand who we are, It's the question Adrian asked thousands of people every day: "Who are you?"

A few of us pretend we're at a different place in our faith than we really are. We pretend to be someone we're not, hoping we'll find more love, respect, or popularity or get more attention. There usually isn't a bad motive underlying this; we do it because we're insecure or we're looking for approval or we're reaching for a way to connect with the people around us. Yet when what our faith looks like becomes more important than what it is, it's evident we've forgotten who we really are. God constantly allows things to happen in our lives that help us understand where we are with Him and who we really are in the context of our circumstances. It's like He's checking our IDs every day, not unlike what Adrian did at the airport.

The thing about Adrian is he was never confused about his identity. He didn't have a Facebook page where he projected who he wished he were. I never saw him take a selfie. These aren't bad things, of course, but they can lead us away from ourselves. Adrian was just a guy who loved God, loved his family, and loved the next person who was standing in front of him.

A story by Bob Goff as part of his book "Everybody Always"