

Call Day at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

On May 4th the congregation voted to call a second pastor from the graduating class of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. On **Thursday, May 22nd at 11:00 A.M. EDT** Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be having Call Service, the church service where the pastoral candidates are assigned to congregations. Pastor Guse will likely inform us by Wednesday evening as to whether or not we will have a graduate assigned to our congregation. Either way, if you wish to watch the service it will be available live on the internet at

<http://streams.wels.net/site/live>

Follow the links on this page to watch the call service live. For a test run, go to this website Tuesday, May 20th for the Vicar Assignment Service. Please keep in your prayers the District Presidents and all those involved as they assign future pastors and teachers around the synod.



SOLA FIDE LUTHERAN

Proclaim His Salvation Day after Day

Welcome to God's house! Thank you for joining us for worship today. Christian worship involves God speaking to people and people responding to God. On the basis of Jesus' sacrifice, a gracious God promises us that he will not treat us as our sins deserve. Our response of praise is to proclaim to God and to each other the great things the Lord has done.

- ❖ Ushers are available to assist you with whatever you may need.
- ❖ Friendship registers are passed down each row during the gathering of the offering. All are encouraged to register.
- ❖ Staffed nursery is available during the Sunday School hour and the 11:00 A.M. service. The nursery is upstairs, last door on the left just past the women's restroom.
- ❖ As a courtesy to other worshippers and to avoid interference with our church organ electronics, we appreciate your powering off all cell phones and pagers during the worship time.

MAY 18, 2008

HOLY TRINITY

WORSHIP THEME:

BLESSINGS FROM THE TRIUNE GOD

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THE FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

OPENING HYMN: #195 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
stand 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to
Cast - ing down their gol - den crowns a - round the glass - y
Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and



thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and
sea; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be -
see, On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be -
sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and



might - y, God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
fore thee, Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.
side thee, Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
might - y, God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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The Apostolic Benediction

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Confession and Absolution

M: We confess our sins.

C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

M: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

The Word

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Be seated

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

Although he did not write it, this creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith. Note: The second last sentence about doing good and doing evil is in line with Jesus' statement about separating the sheep and the goats on the last day. Entrance into heaven is only through faith in Jesus, and God regards both believers and their works as good for the sake of Christ. Consignment to hell is only because of an absence of faith in Jesus, and God regards unbelievers and their works only as being evil.

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith: We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person--the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit--is distinct, but the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit. The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal; yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty; yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

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

The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;

and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person; for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.

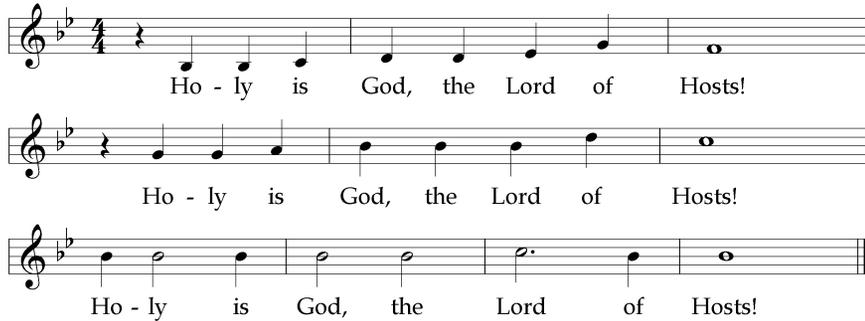
He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

PSALM 150

Refrain



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Hosts!

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Psalm Tone



Praise God in his sanctuary;*
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power; *
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Refrain

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, *
praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and dancing, *
praise him with strings and flute,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,*
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. *
Praise the LORD.

**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.**

Refrain

MESSAGE

Gifts from God for Wherever You Go

2 Corinthians 13:14

REMAIN SEATED AFTER THE MESSAGE

HYMN: #466 *Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose*



1 Though thought-less thou-sands choose the road That leads the
2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live, From him my
3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all. To him I
4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap-pear; Soon shall I
5 Soon will the saints in glo - ry meet, Soon walk through



soul a - way from God, This hap - pi - ness, dear
life, my all, re - ceive, To him de - vote my
look; on him I call. He will my ev - 'ry
end my tri - als here, Leave sin and sor - row,
ev - 'ry gold - en street And sing on ev - 'ry



Lord, be mine: To live and die en - tire - ly thine.
fleet - ing hours, Serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.
want sup - ply In time and through e - ter - ni - ty.
death and pain. To live is Christ; to die is gain.
bliss - ful plain, "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

THE OFFERING

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: How Firm a Foundation

1 *How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

2 *"Fear not! I am with you; Oh, be not dismayed;
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

3 *"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.*

4 *"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!"
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I will never, no never, no never, forsake!"*

RITE OF CONFIRMATION — No Flash Photography Please

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ADULT CHOIR: God Chose Us to Be His Children

*Before the foundation of the world was laid
Before the planets and the stars were made
Before God spoke and all creation obeyed
God chose us to be his children*

*Before the Lord had named the darkness night
Before the galaxies adorned the height,
Before the Lord commanded, "Let there be light."
God chose us to be his children, God chose us.*

Refrain: *God chose us to be his children
To be his family for all eternity
God chose us to be his children, God chose us.*

*Before the lightning blazed a trail on high
Before the thunder echoed its reply
Before God placed the rainbow in the sky
God chose us to be his children.*

*Before all time, redemption was God's plan
Before the law had made its first demand
Before the Son of God became a man
God chose us to be his children. God chose us. **Refrain***

PRAYERS AND 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.**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

THE DISTRIBUTION

Sola Fide Lutheran Church practices member communion. We ask that only WELS members partake of the sacrament. 11:00 A.M. — The confirmands will form the first table for receiving Holy Communion. The choir will commune at the close of the distribution.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Take and Eat

Refrain



Take and eat; take and eat: this is my bod - y
giv - en up for you. Take and drink; take and drink:
this is my blood giv - en up for you.

The choir sings the stanzas

1 *I am the Word that spoke and light was made; I am the seed that died to be reborn;*

I am the bread that comes from heaven above; I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. Refrain

2 *I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free;*

I am the life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. Refrain

3 *I am the Lamb that takes away your sin; I am the gate that guards you night and day.*

You are my flock; you know the shepherd's voice. You are my own; your ransom is my blood. Refrain

4 *I am the cornerstone that God has laid, A chosen stone and precious in his eyes.*

You are God's dwelling place; on me you rest, Like living stones, a temple for God's praise. Refrain

5 *I am the light that came into the world; I am the light that darkness cannot hide;*

I am the Morning Star that never sets. Lift up your face, in you my light will shine. Refrain

6 *I am the First and Last, the Living One; I am the Lord who died that you might live;*

I am the Bridegroom, this my wedding song. You are my bride, come to the marriage feast. Refrain

BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

The time has come, O Lord, for
us to leave this place; Guide us and pro- tect us and
lead us in thy grace. Wher- ev - er life may take us
as we go our sep'-rate ways, Help us share with
oth - ers the things we've shared to - day. May the
peace of God the Fa - ther, and the love of
Christ, His Son Guide us in the days a - head and
strength - en us, each one. May the bless - ings of
the Spir - it fill us from with-in; God bless us and re - turn
us to this fel - low - ship once a - gain.

