

**ST. JOHANNES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

CHARLESTON, SC



HOLY TRINITY

MAY 30, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE SERVICE OF WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION

We strive to provide meaningful worship, sacred music, commitment to tolerance, open-mindedness, and inclusive love so that people who come through our doors may discover the spirit and compassion of God in the heart of the Holy City.

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP TODAY!

✚ WE ARE THRILLED THAT YOU ARE HERE TODAY.

All worshippers, please take a moment and fill out the information sheet located on the the pews. We also welcome any prayer requests, there is a place to put this on the attendance forms as well. If you are looking for a church home, please contact the church office at 843-722-8906.

✚ ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD’S TABLE

We welcome all people to our worship here at St. Johannes and all baptized are invited to join us for Holy Communion. It is not “our” table, it is the **Lord’s Table**, and you are invited to join us for this special meal. Children who commune should be assisted by an adult near them. Those who are unable to partake of wheaten bread or wine are assured that the Church affirms our Lord’s presence in, with, and under each element alone.

✚ THE WATER IN THE FONT

The water in the font reminds us of our baptism into Christ.

✚ RESTROOMS AND QUIET ROOM

These facilities are located in the Parish Building behind the sanctuary. For security reasons, the building may be locked, but a key is in the narthex to unlock the building. The key is hanging by the thermostat. **[Directions to the restroom:** exit the church, turn to the right, and go down the handicap ramp toward the rear of the church. Go up the ramp, and enter the door to the left into the parish building. As you enter, the Quiet Room/Nursery is to the left, and restrooms are to the right. Directional signs are posted for the restrooms. A changing table is located in the women’s restroom.]

✚ ABOUT THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA:

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the US, with more than 3.5 million members in 65 synods and nearly 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and Caribbean region. Known as the church of “God’s Work, Our Hands,” the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians, and service in the world. The ELCA’s roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 6

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

The congregation's responses are printed in boldface.

**Indicates to please stand.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The congregation is asked to maintain a reverent quiet during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation. Kindly silence cell phones and electronic devices.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** [*Please stand, as you are able.*]

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[Please remain standing, or kneel, as you are able.]

Silence is kept for self-reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***ABSOLUTION**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

[Please stand, as you are able.]

***ENTRANCE HYMN #413:** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

See Insert.

***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.

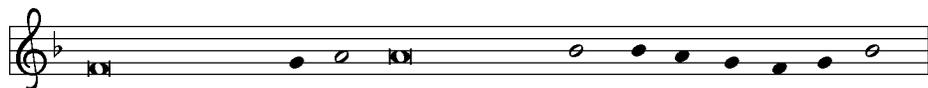
***KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



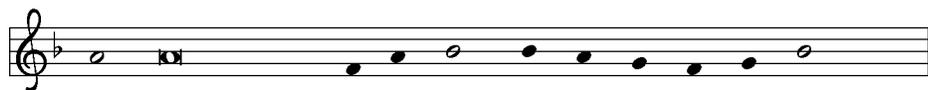
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



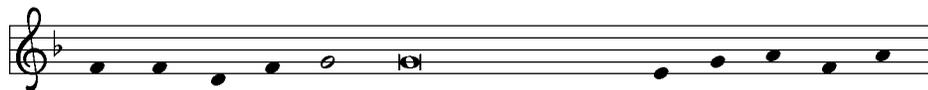
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



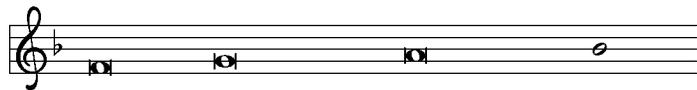
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: 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.

[Please be seated.]

✠ WORD ✠

Old and New Testament scriptures are proclaimed.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

Lector: A reading from Isaiah

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!”

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty 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 pow- | erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce- | dars 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 wilder- | ness of Kadesh. **R**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people; give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

Lector says: A reading from Romans

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.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

[Please stand, as you are able.]

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***THE GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

[Please be seated.]

SERMON

Pastor Rich Donoghue

Silence for reflection may follow the sermon.

***HYMN OF THE DAY #410 :** *All Glory be to God on High*

See Insert.

***NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

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.

NICENE CREED, *continued*

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 INTERCESSION** *[Please stand or kneel, as you are able.]*

A: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. We pray especially for *nations currently experiencing war or turmoil may be named*. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD or any other mental health concerns. We lift up those who are sick or suffering especially **George Kornahrens, Diane Hogue, Betty Ann Heinsohn, Julie Riel, Bob Oswald, Betty Addison, Victor Thompson, Sharon Masso, Monte Mims, Tammy Tanner, Marcy Floyd, Connie Morgan, Charles Long III, Anne Foster, Marie Mood, Barbara Lyerly, Mary Sweat, Elmore Marlow, Bill Cornwell, Marilyn Stehmeier, Bryan Steele**, and those we name aloud and in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for this worshiping community, that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith *especially*. We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

***THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Christ be with you always. C: ***And also with you.***

[Please be seated after the peace.]

✠ MEAL ✠

The elements of bread and wine are blessed and prepared for the people of God.

OFFERTORY *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Fred Bock

*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**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** *The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*PREFACE

The minister continues with the preface appointed for the day.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Please be seated]

HOLY COMMUNION

Please bring your cup with you. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms. After communing, place the cup in the receptacle by the side aisle.

LAMB OF GOD

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

COMMUNION:

Please come by center aisle and leave by side aisle. People with mobility problems will commune after your side has communed, or pastor will come to your pew.

[When all persons have communed, we stand.]

*COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. 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 ✠

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE.

*BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN #841: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

See Insert.

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Ushers will dismiss by rows beginning with the back rows.

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

Worship Assistant: Lucas Murley

Usher: Sharon Pruitt

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of George Hiatt's birthday by Shirley Danner.

NEXT WEEK

10:00 a.m. - The Service with Holy Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick and/or Recovering: Kay Winnett, George Kornahrens, Diane Hogue, Dwight Jenkinson, Betty Ann Heinsohn, Julie Riel, Bob Oswald, Betty Addison, Victor Thompson, Sharon Masso, Monte Mims, Tammy Tanner, Marcy Floyd, Connie Morgan, Charles Long III, Anne Foster, Marie Mood, Barbara Lyerly, Mary Sweat, Elmore Marlow, Bill Cornwell, Marilyn Stehmeier, and Bryan Steele

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please contact Diane McDanel at ddmcdanel@aol.com or 843-532-3161 if you would like to purchase the altar flowers during the year. The cost is \$54.50 payable to the church. You may also sign up on the flower chart located in the narthex. We currently have 5/23 & 5/30 available. Thanks for signing up and helping make our altar beautiful.

TRICOUNTY FAMILY MINISTRIES OUTREACH

Each month we will collect a designated item or group of items to meet the needs of the clients of TFM, and during the month of **June**, we will be collecting **unexpired canned vegetables and meat!!** . . . any brand . . . any size!! Please help us donate lots of canned goods to TFM in June!!! Donations may be placed in the wagon located in the narthex. For questions contact Mary Lou Waitschies at waycheese@att.net or (843)224-3854.

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