

See what great love the Father has
lavished on us, that we should be
called children of God!



And that is what we are!

(1 John 3:1)



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Trinity/Confirmation

Good morning! We appreciate your joining our worship family, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you are looking for an altar at which to commune, please speak to the pastor beforehand. He will be happy to provide you with the information you would want and need.

**Choir: 8:00 a.m. Worship service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday school/Bible class: 10:15 a.m.**

Children of the Heavenly Father

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps. 119:105).

Greeting and prayer:

Hymn 507: Holy, Holy, Holy



Invocation:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: David writes in Psalm 16:

“I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;

C: even at night my heart instructs me.

P: I have set the LORD always before me.

C: Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

P: You have made known to me the path of life;

C: you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”

Confession and Absolution

P: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

P: If God were to mark our iniquities and sins, we would be left without hope. Since the time of the first sin of Adam and Eve, we are, by nature, sinful and unclean. We sin continually. But our loving Lord does not leave us without hope. He has given us redemption through His Son. With this confidence, we seek our heavenly Father’s grace for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: “O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.” Receive this plentiful redemption through faith in Christ. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn: 506:1

*Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit:
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory
While eternal ages run!*



Prayer

P: Almighty God, You are three persons yet one God. This is a mystery that is beyond our understanding. You ask us not to understand but simply believe. Give us the faith of a child, that what You have said in Your Word about Yourself we may believe in our hearts and live out by faith in our lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, who is, and who is coming, the Almighty.

C: Amen.

The Athanasian Creed

P: Throughout our service this morning, we will responsively confess the Athanasian Creed. The Athanasian Creed was written to refute false teachings regarding the identity and work of the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Athanasian Creed refers to “catholic” as the Holy Christian Church, the true Church of all times and places, the body of all believers.

Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

People: **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled, will without doubt perish eternally.**

Pastor: And the catholic faith is this,

People: **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.

People: **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:

People: **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

Pastor: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, and the Holy Spirit infinite;

People: **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal.**

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

People: **just as there are not three Uncreated nor three Infinites but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

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

People: **and yet they are not three Almightyies but one Almighty.**

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

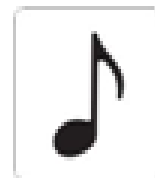
People: **and yet there are not three Gods but one God.**

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

People: **and yet there are not three Lords but one Lord.**

Hymn: 506:4

*Glory blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!
Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings!*



Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

The holy God is the gracious Lord who cleanses us from our sin that we may approach him without fear.

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Athanasian Creed (part 2)

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

People: **so also we are 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. The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

People: **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created not begotten but proceeding.**

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

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

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

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

Lord Jesus, Be Near Me (children)

*Lord Jesus, be near me by night and by day;
Thy spirit surround me and light Thou my way;
Lord Jesus, restore me, that filled with Thy love,
My heart may know clearly Thy Father above.
Lord Jesus, forgive me for needful I be,
Send comfort to heal me, from sin set me free.
Lord Jesus, renew me, that forth I may go,
Thy bountiful goodness and wisdom to show.*

*Lord Jesus, prepare me to serve Thee full well;
To all men Good News of Thy Kingdom to tell;
Lord Jesus, inspire me with others to share
The joys of Thy mercy, the depths of Thy care.
Lord Jesus, protect me, preserve me from harm,
Uphold me with strength from Thine Almighty arm.
Lord Jesus, direct me, that all of my days
Thy paths I may follow in infinite praise,
Thy paths I may follow forever in infinite praise.*

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

By Baptism we are born again into the family of God.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

We Are Not Alone (Choir)

We are not alone, God is with us.

We are never alone for God is with us.

Now, through all our days, always

Forever and ever, we are never alone.

And God will make us strong, for God is with us.

We, we will press on, for God is with us.

Now, through all our days, always.

Forever and ever, we are never alone.

Our God is with us now.

Athanasian Creed (part 3):

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

People: **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.**

Pastor: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man born of the substance of His mother in this age:

People: **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.

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

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

People: **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,

People: **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again from the dead,**

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

People: **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.

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

Hymn 568: If Your Beloved Son, O God

Sermon: Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Remember, You Are a Child of God

I. Led by the Holy Spirit

II. Loved by the Father

III. Living with Jesus



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C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn 594: *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

Offering

Hymn 582: *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

*God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.*



Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(Minute of silence)

P: Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for planning and creating this world for our home. You have given us the responsibility of caring for it. Where we have failed, forgive us. Give us wisdom to use all of our earthly gifts to Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You lived the perfect life we could not and suffered the death we deserved. We can never repay You—all we can do is thank You, as we do now. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Holy Spirit, through Your inspiration we have the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make us wise for salvation in Jesus Christ. Yet without the faith freely given by You, we would not be able to believe. You graciously keep us in that faith during our entire

journey this side of eternity. Rule our hearts and minds, and bring to our remembrance what the Scriptures say at just the right time. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We lift up those facing health challenges at this moment, especially our sister in Christ Erika Braun who is suffering from bronchitis and recovering from a fall. Use the care of doctors and the proper medication to heal her body. Comfort her heart with the knowledge that she is Your child whom no one can snatch from Your hand. We remember also the homebound members of our church family. Give them a special measure of Your presence and peace this hour. Remind them You are with them always. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, You have commanded us to pray for all in authority. We pray for the leaders of all nations, that they govern justly for the wellbeing of all citizens. We pray for those in our own country who direct local, state, and national affairs. We thank You for the active role we have in voting for those who will serve. May the Spirit grant us wisdom in the choices we make. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: On this Memorial Day weekend we honor all those who gave their lives in the defense of our country. We ask that You would comfort their families with Your Word and care for them with Your grace and power. Watch over those who serve in our armed forces at present. Protect them, and by the Holy Spirit lead them to trust in You for everything they need for body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For Christians persecuted around the world, such as our fellow believers in Myanmar, we ask that You keep them faithful and protect them from harm. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your gracious and loving hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; in the name of Jesus, with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, who was, who is, and who is coming, the Almighty.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn 922: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*



Announcements

Summer schedule

The summer service schedule starts next week. Service time remains at 9 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class will be in recess until September. Wednesday Bible class, in-person and via Zoom, will continue through the summer.

Deadly Desires and the New Testament

This Wednesday's Bible class will look at what God says in the New Testament regarding homosexuality and the Christian's response. Everyone is welcome either in person or via Zoom: Meeting ID: 840 1698 2597 Passcode: 873828.

Remember in prayer

Prayers are requested in behalf of Erika Braun, who is recovering from bronchitis and a fall on the stairs at home.

Freebies

The "free shelf" in the copy room has been replenished. Books include: Luther's sermons, a Bible atlas, Children's devotions, a Bible handbook, and others. Help yourself.

Save the dates!

VBS is scheduled for July 15-19. Signup sheets for students and teachers/helpers are on the bulletin board. Flyers to hand out to neighbors and friends will be available soon. Friendship Sunday, installation of Mr. Levi Schaller, and the church picnic will be held on July 21.

Messiah youth group organizing

The Messiah Youth Group is intended as an opportunity for middle school (entering 6th Grade and up) and high school children of the congregation to gather for fun and fellowship. Events will be planned and supervised by Mr. Tiefel, Sam and Emily Lisak, and Alex and Hannah Saunders. Those interested are asked to complete the survey found at the QR code to help with planning. Event details will be shared once dates are finalized.

Looking Ahead...

Tuesday:

11:00 A.M: New Perspective, Franklin, service.

Wednesday:

10 A.M: Villa of Greenfield service.

6:30 P.M: Bible class.

Thursday:

7:00 A.M: Adult class.

Saturday:

9:00 A.M: Adult class.

10:00 A.M: Adult class.

Next Sunday:

Summer schedule begins. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

June 3rd-4th:

Great Lakes Delegate Conference at Faith, Markesan.

June 6th:

6:00 P.M: Bd. of Property.

June 9th:

10:15 A.M: Voters meeting to call a pastor.



The following was received recently from Missionary Todd Ohlmann...

Good Afternoon,

Our brothers and sisters in Christ in Myanmar have been included in the CLC World Missions Prayer Lists for the past few years...I get weekly updates from Pastor Kham and each one breaks my heart. Please continue to pray for them!

I thought this week I would share his email with you to give a better idea of what you and those you are serving are praying for...

Dear Brother Todd,

Greetings in Jesus' Name!

We, the CLCM, are in need of your continued support and prayers. I thought that the civil war would normally happen on May 17, 2024, in Chin State. However, it is getting worse day by day, and the revolution civil war has not ended yet, mostly due to the Combined PDF and Military. The Military has been bombing villages and towns with jet fighters. The areas where CLCM members are living, such as Tedim Township, Tonzang Township, and Cikha town, are being greatly affected by this civil war, involving 7 villages and 3 townships. Many people have had to leave their houses and flee to safe places. I just received a phone call from one of our Pastors, who said that approximately 37 CLCM members have left their houses and taken shelter with their relatives and friends, sharing food, shelter, and daily necessities.

We don't know what will happen next, but we are trying our best to survive as families. Sometimes, we ask God why this condition is happening to us and we rely on our faith in Him to overcome.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

*Blessings,
Pastor Kham
CLCM*

Thank you for praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ!

In Christ,
Todd

Bible Readings:	
5/26	1 Chronicles 20-22; John 10:22-42
5/27	1 Chronicles 23-25; John 11:1-17
5/28	1 Chronicles 26-27; John 11:18-46
5/29	1 Chronicles 28-29; John 11:47-57
5/30	2 Chronicles 1-3; John 12:1-19
5/31	2 Chronicles 4-6; John 12:20-50
6/1	2 Chronicles 7-9; John 13:1-17



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June Ushers	Cleaning Team 5/31-6/7
John Mueller Richard Davis Vaughn Morris	Eichstadt Ackerman C. Reim A. Albrecht Bailey
June Slideshow Dave Albrecht	

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$3,997.00	\$369,014.28
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$400,229.86
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$4,383.21)	(\$31,215.58)
MDF:	\$60.00	\$1,925.00
Kinship:	\$130.00	\$2,177.56
ILC Building Fund:	\$50.00	\$1,145.00
CDSIF:	\$300.00	\$890.00
MSAF*:	\$25.00	\$1,699.75

*Offerings in memory of E. Bernthal
Attendance Last Sunday: 121

Opening:

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heavenly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made. Amen.

