

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN:** LBW Pg. 165, “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

***GREETING:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***DIALOG:** WOV pg. 46 Read responsively

The word is near you, **on your lips and in your heart.**

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, **and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

Faith comes from what is heard, **and what is heard comes through the work of Christ.**

***SCRIPTURE SONG:** WOV (blue) pg. 47

***THE SALUTATION:** The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Pray together

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. AMEN

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 6:1-8

This reading narrates Isaiah’s vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing “Holy, holy, holy,” a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God’s glory. That glory is God’s mercy toward sinners.

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!”

TODAY, MAY 27, 2018 BETHANY NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 3, 2018

Organist	Tim Nielsen	
Ushers	David Sidles, *Joe Neary, Hannah & Olivia Sanders	Phil Andreasen, *Doug Ort, Amelia & Quinton Ort
Altar Guild for May	Elaine Sidles	
Altar Guild for June	Pat Vician	
Greeters: Willard & Glenyce Schmeling		Lucille & Garwin Anderson
	*Pat Vician	*Jim & Bonnie Anderson
Reader: Heidi Malm		Gabrielle Janssen
Communion Asst:		Linda & Danny Umbrell Dianne Hough
Acolytes: Tianna Murray. Kelsey Petersen		None for summer

LOST ISLAND

Organist:	Tim Nielsen
Altar Guild for May:	Punky Kropf, Alaire Nielsen
Altar Guild for June:	Shirley Knutson, Connie Swan
Reader: Tom Mason	Madison Norris
Communion Asst:	Craig Thu
Acolytes: None Listed	

OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, May 28th

MEMORIAL DAY
THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Tuesday, May 29th

10:00 am Assemble the Newsletter

Wednesday, May 30th

12:00 Noon—Final Men’s Bible Study

Friday, June 1st

Office Secretary will be gone Friday

Sunday, June 3rd

8:45 am Lost Island Worship, Communion
10:15 am Lost Island Sunday School
10:30 am Bethany Worship, Communion

THE LORD'S PRAYER: WOV Pg. 52

***BLESSING:** Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN:** LBW: Pg. 535, "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

***DISMISSAL:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
ORGAN POSTLUDE



IN OUR PRAYERS: We remember those in special need of God's love and care including: RoxAnn Hanson (Verna's daughter-in-law), Phyllis Schroeder, Linda Umbrell, Vicki Ellis, Orville Stephas, Janis Campbell, Marilyn Eglund, Debra Zanfes, Curt Ackerman, Fern Schmidt, Heide Rienhardt, Garwin

Anderson, Lois Quam, Jim and Bonnie Anderson, Rod Snavely, Nancy Zeigler, Bob & Janet Mortensen, Lucille Anderson, Norma Larson, Richard Omundson and those we name in our hearts.

*Our missionary: Courtney Davis in Papua New Guinea

*Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish, companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile.

ATTENTION!! CALLING FOR ALL HANDS ON DECK...

~From the Internship Committee

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are in the position that we need to:

- 1) Find housing for Vicar Sarah and her family
- 2) Help them move to new housing and then also help them pack to move at the end of her internship in August.

Sarah is also asking for large boxes to pack their things in in preparation for these moves.



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FIRST READING: ISAIAH 6:1-8 (Cont'd.)

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!"

PSALM 29

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the 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.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:12-17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.

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,¹⁷ and 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.

Here ends the reading. Please stand for the Alleluia response.

***RESPONSE:** Pg. 62 **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL ANNOUNCED AND RESPONSE: Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-17**

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born *of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.*

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

***GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-17 (Cont'd.)**

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."

HERE ENDS THE READING OF THE GOSPEL

GOSPEL RESPONSE: Praise to you, O Christ.

***CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

***SERMON**

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW Pg. 412, Please See Insert

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: APOSTLES' CREED: WOV Pg. 49

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

Keep yourselves in the love of God; **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

***THE PRAYERS-respond with "your mercy is great."**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Please be seated while the offering is received

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** LBW #567, "God of Our Fathers"

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Gracious God, **in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**