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# Trinity Sunday - May 26, 2024

# 921 Come, Thou Almighty King

CW 921

#### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# **First Reading**

Isaiah 6:1–8

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup>And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

5"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

<sup>8</sup>Then 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!"

#### 29A Ascribe to the LORD

Psalm 29A

Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly / beings, ascribe to the LORD glory / and strength.

The voice of the LORD is / powerful; the voice of the LORD is ma- / jestic.

The voice of the LORD breaks the / cedars.

And in his temple all cry, / "Glory!" Refrain

The LORD sits enthroned o- / ver the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king for- / ever. The LORD gives strength to his / people; the LORD blesses his peo- / ple with peace.

# **Second Reading**

Romans 8:12-17

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Gospel John 3:1–17

'Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

4"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup>You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

9"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

10"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? "Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

483 Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

CW 483

Sermon: Isaiah 6:1-8 Have You Seen the Glory of the Triune God?

484 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

CW 484

880 For All the Saints

CW 880 sts. 1-3, 7-8

A biweekly and breaking e-newsletter from WELS

# **TOGETHER**



# **WELS Synodical Council spring 2024 meeting**

The Synodical Council (SC) held its spring meeting on April 26-27. In my president's report, I noted that:

- Synod finances remain strong, with another year of record Congregation Mission Offerings and special fund balances all at a healthy status.
- The newly established Capital Projects Fund will provide planning support for needed building projects at the synodical schools and will potentially provide support for servicing capital debt if needed.
- Two missionaries have been deployed from Thailand to Australia. WELS World
  Missions will also be working with a new Chinese congregation in New Zealand.
- A special committee is working on plans to celebrate the synod's 175th anniversary in 2025.

Rev. Paul Prange provided an update on the work being done by the Ministry Recruitment Task Force. The task force will provide detailed information to the district conventions this summer.

Rev. Jonathan Hein presented an overview of the draft of the synod's new long-range plan, which is entitled "Christ through us."

Several new office spaces will be created in the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry, providing offices to administrators who need them.

The Administration Committee received reports from the synod's subsidiaries (WELS Foundation, WELS Church Extension Fund, WELS Investment Funds, Northwestern Publishing House) and from various synodical departments (Human Resources, Technology, Communications, Ministry of Christian Giving, WELS Benefit Plans). Appointments to various board positions were approved by the SC.

The committee also received a report from the Compensation Review Committee, which reminds congregations that paying "synod code" includes full health insurance premiums, cash housing allowance, cost of living increases, and reimbursement for the self-employment aspect of social security. Before making any major changes to the compensation code, the committee will survey congregations and other calling bodies to determine how actual compensation compares to the synod code.

The SC reviewed the summary of FY24 financial results, noting that total unrestricted support is trending better than planned, while overall expenses are trending lower than planned through the first nine months of FY24.

Save the date: Plans are being put into place for a Buffalo Lutheran School Reunion to be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, here at Christ Lutheran Church. If you have been part of the BLS family as a student, parent, pastor, teacher, volunteer, BLSA member, or supporter, you are invited to attend.

So that the planning committee can reach out with more details as plans are finalized, please send your contact information to Rebecca Wolfe (dblwolfe@outlook.com) or Kristi Krause (kjkrause1991@yahoo.com).



# BUFFALO LUTHERAN SCHOOL REUNION

Saturday, June 22, 2024

Christ Lutheran Church
401 South Main Street, Cochrane, WI 54622

12:00pm Worship Service followed by a potluck meal and fellowship (please bring a dish to pass)

If you have been part of the BLS family as a student, parent, pastor, teacher, volunteer, BLSA member, or supporter, you are invited to attend!

If you have questions or for more information, please contact Rebecca Wolfe (<a href="mailto:dblwolfe@outlook.com">dblwolfe@outlook.com</a> | 507-205-1548) or Kristi Krause (<a href="mailto:kjkrause1991@yahoo.com">kjkrause1991@yahoo.com</a>).

#### **RECOVERY IN CHRIST** offers hope in Jesus.

A symptom of addiction of any kind is hopelessness. The focus of Recovery in Christ is to bring the hope of Jesus. RIC meets most Sundays at 4:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Onalaska, Wisconsin (school library) and Wednesdays, 1:15 pm at La Crosse's Coulee Recovery Center, 933 Ferry Street. To confirm meeting days/times call 608-567-3038 for Sundays, 608-784-4177 for Wednesdays.

Recovery in Christ is not meant to replace other groups or therapists. It is an additional group that offers Christian fellowship and direction to those in recovery from alcohol and/or drugs.

**NEED A CARD?** Why go to a big box store and spend more than you have to? Please browse our wide selection of cards in the former library room at Christ. Cards are exceptionally priced at \$0.50 each.

**Diane Schultz** is our new sunshine lady. If anyone knows of someone who would like a card of encouragement, please let her know. Her cellphone is 608-738-9934 and her home phone is 608-685-3861.

# Church Offerings

Wednesday, May 15: 8 (no report)

General: \$ Missions: \$ Cap Imp.: \$

Sunday, May 19: 30

General: \$837 Missions: \$25 Cap Imp: \$35 (General includes a memorial for Myrna Boettcher) (Cap Imp includes a gift for Luther High School)

Total: \$897

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# Our Weekly Walk with Jesus

## Sunday, May 26

8:30 am Sunday School/ Confirmation Class9:30 am Worship Service10:30 am Coffee hour

#### Monday, May 27

Happy Memorial Day!

#### Tuesday, May 28

10:00 am Bible Class 6:30 pm Bible Class

#### Wednesday, May 29

6:30 pm Evening Service

## Thursday, May 30

#### Friday, May 31

#### Saturday, June 1

#### Sunday, June 2

9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee hour