



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday May 30th, 2021-The Holy Trinity

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P God, our provider,

C help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

P Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C Amen

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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

GATHERING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

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VERSE 1

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

VERSE 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Words: Reginald Heber, Public Domain; Music: John B. Dykes, Public Domain.

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!"

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.

Please stand

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.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:30 AM worship only.)

SERMON

ANTHEM

***Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Worship Team***

VERSE 1

O sov'reign God, O matchless King- the saints adore, the angels sing,
And fall before the throne of grace- to You belongs the highest praise.

VERSE 2

These sufferings, this passing tide under Your wings I will abide,
And ev'ry enemy shall flee; You are my hope and victory.

CHORUS

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One;
Clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.

VERSE 3

To the valley, for my soul; Thy great descent has made me whole!
Your word my heart has welcomed home; Now peace like water ever flows.

CHORUS (Repeat)

BRIDGE (Repeat)

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power, Yours is the glory forever!

CHORUS

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Please stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Members of Our Congregation: Jeff Cecco, Tammy Ditch, Ellen Hess, Harry Morningstar Sr., Mark Reed and Vicki Sprenkle and Family.

Friends of the Congregation: Charles & Mary Jo Bedsworth, William Boyer, Tyler Kreiter, Patty Meyer and Susan Sees.

PEACE *Please refrain from shaking hands during sharing of the peace.*

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER

P Let us pray. Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.

C **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Come!

Please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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 HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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VERSE 1

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite, your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

VERSE 4

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,
Though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you
And adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

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BENEDICTION - *Please remain seated for the benediction.*

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Organist - Debbie Zacher

8 AM Sound System – Jacob Robinson

9:30 AM Sound System – Jacob Robinson & Rich Luquette

Altar Guild – Cathy & Jacob Robinson

Cleaners – David Hollinger

8 AM Greeter – Harold & Rachel Moritz

9:30 AM Greeter – Linda & Bob Zimmerman

8 AM Ushers – Team A

9:30am Ushers – Team C

ALTAR FLOWERS – The flowers are presented to the glory of God in memory of Bill & Evie Musey’s wedding anniversary from the Curtis & Helen Hartge/ Bill & Evie Musey flower fund

