

June 4, 2023 Holy Trinity Sunday

*An asterisk * invites you to stand in body or in spirit, and you are invited to read aloud responses found in **bold**.*

We welcome you to First Lutheran Church!

we GATHER

*We will sing the trinitarian hymn set to this **prelude** tune during our communion time this morning.*

Prelude — “Grosser Gott”

Setting by Emma Lou Diemer

***Words of Welcome**

***Gathering Hymn** — no. 673

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

*In our **Gathering Hymn**, we sing a prayer to each member of the Trinity, named “Wisdom, Love, Might.” Each stanza concludes with the same petition: “let there be light.”*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God’s mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Amen.

We invite you into the next stage of our Time After Pentecost by beginning a new liturgical setting. This one uses familiar hymn tunes throughout!

***Kyrie** — page 203, front of hymnal, from ELW Setting Ten

***Canticle of Praise** — page 204, front of hymnal, from ELW Setting Ten

***Prayer of the Day**

May God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

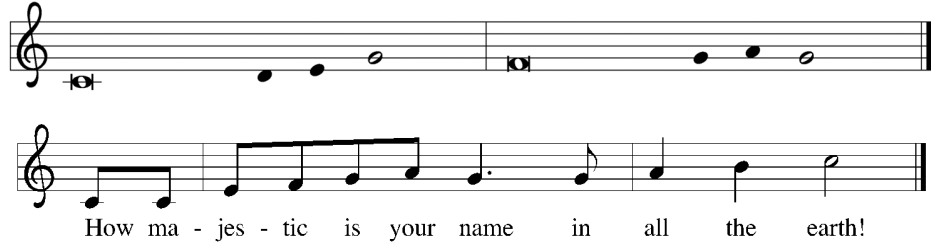
we LISTEN and RESPOND

A Reading from Genesis — Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

The psalm will begin with the choir introducing the refrain and then singing it with the congregation. The choir and congregation are invited to sing responsively by verse and the refrain as indicated.



O | Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them? Refrain
Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:
all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.
O | Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **Refrain**

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians — 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation — from ELW Setting Ten

“Alleluia”



***Gospel — Matthew 28:16-20**

The Gospel of Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We see a play of the Trinity in this hymn: the "Maker" and "Singer," the "Song Incarnate" of Christ, and the many harmonies of the Spirit at work. What aspects of God do you identify with?

Sermon

Gordon Long

***Hymn — no. 861**

"When Long before Time"

Stanza 1: Choir Stanza 2: All Stanza 3: Low Voices
Stanza 4: Choir Stanza 5: High Voices Stanza 6: All

***The Nicene Creed**

P: Let us confess our faith together:

**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.
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**

A: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect lands and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain living creatures of every kind: wild animals, birds, fish, and every creeping thing. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth. Raise up leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal divisions between nations, that we might agree with one another and live in peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age. Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who are grieving, and those who are sick. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you set the earth on its axis, and we experience the seasons. Strengthen those enduring challenges this summer: those who suffer in the heat, parents overwhelmed by childcare responsibilities, and children experiencing food insecurity outside of school. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you give rest when our work is done. We give thanks for all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the age to come. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We see yet another example of the Trinity at play in this song about a God who creates, feeds, and nurtures us in our faith.

Offering

Music During Offering

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

Setting by Zebulon Highben
Sanctuary Choir

***Offering Prayer**

A: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

we SHARE the meal

***Great Thanksgiving & Preface** — *page 206, front of hymnal, from ELW Setting Ten*

***“Holy, Holy, Holy”** — *page 207, front of hymnal, from ELW Setting Ten*

***Words of Institution and The Lord’s Prayer**

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.

God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Invitation to the Table

P: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

Distribution of Communion

"Lamb of God" — page 208, front of hymnal, from ELW Setting Ten

Hymn — no. 413

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

Hymn — no. 414

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Prayer After Communion

P: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

We will receive communion at the rail this morning. While we partake, we sing these two joyous hymns, which both lift up our Triune God.

we DEPART to serve the world

Holy Trinity Sunday is a celebration, a blessed mystery, a day to lift up our God as One in Three and Three in One. We are now sent out to "tell" about our freedom in Christ and our calling to every nation!

Announcements

***Sending Hymn** — no. 665

"Rise, Shine, You People!"

*Blessing & Dismissal

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God!**

***Postlude** — "Grosser Gott"

Setting by Emma Lou Diemer

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Announcements

- Flowers for the altar are given in honor of the SPHS graduates by the Roemhildts and the Sebrings.
- Fellowship refreshments after worship are in honor of Jan Jensen's 85th birthday.
- Pastor Chris is away through June 5th. Should an emergency arise, please call the church office.
- Our Southwestern Minnesota Synod will be gathering for our Synod Assembly at GAC on June 9 & 10. Please pray for David & Judy Fienen, Mary Spear, Pastor Chris and all who gather for this important meeting.
- Our first "Monday Funday" for this summer will be on June 12th. We will gather at 6:30pm for kickball and snacks. These "Monday Funday" are open for people of all ages, so come and enjoy time together!

Prayers

- We lift up prayers for those on our long-term list: Elgene Lund, Chuck Petry, Bob Cady, Joan Williams, Betty Gustafson, Erika Schuldt, Ursula McRostie, Karen Wendroth, Allen Storkson, Gene Roemhildt, Karen Smithers, Paul Aasen, Shirley Storkson, Claire Cardwell, and Ella Twaddle.