



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
 Holy Trinity Sunday  
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 9:30am

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The **worship folders** are given by Michael Fetzer in memory of Elizabeth Fetzer.



**Today's prayer chain: Write or draw a prayer for something that is growing.**

## Gathering Music

### Adagio (Sonata 1)

W.A. Mozart

## Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

- 1 Come, join the dance of Trinity,  
before all worlds begun—  
the interweaving of the Three,  
the Father, Spirit, Son.  
The universe of space and time  
did not arise by chance,  
but as the Three, in love and hope,  
made room within their dance.
- 2 Come, see the face of Trinity,  
newborn in Bethlehem;  
then bloodied by a crown of thorns  
outside Jerusalem.  
The dance of Trinity is meant  
for human flesh and bone;  
when fear confines the dance in death,  
God rolls away the stone.
- 3 Come, speak aloud of Trinity,  
as wind and tongues of flame  
set people free at Pentecost  
to tell the Savior's name.  
We know the yoke of sin and death,

our necks have worn it smooth;  
go tell the world of weight and woe  
that we are free to move!

- 4 Within the dance of Trinity,  
before all worlds begun,  
we sing the praises of the Three,  
the Father, Spirit, Son.  
Let voices rise and interweave,  
by love and hope set free,  
to shape in song this joy, this life:  
the dance of Trinity.

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## Call to Worship

P God, who flung the stars into the night sky,

**C rejoices over all creation.**

P Christ, the Word of joy and life,

**C fills all creation with hope.**

P The Spirit, who breathes life into emptiness,

**C gives all creation the gift of peace.**

## Invocation

P We gather for worship in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

## Confession

P Let us confess together.

**C In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we  
may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and  
glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

**P** With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God forgives us all our sins.  
Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us, and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy.      Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.*  
*2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy.      Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.*

*Lord, . . . have mer - cy.*  
*Christ, . . . have mer - cy.*

## 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 together.

**C** **God of the heavens,  
keeper of the stars,  
the one who hovered and breathed life,  
and the Creator of every living thing:  
Be our salvation, our comfort and our hope.  
Amen**

## Welcome and Announcements

## Sharing of the Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## Handbell Anthem

**A Jubilant Peal**

Michael Helman

## Reading: **Isaiah 6:1-8**

In 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. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs 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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

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

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And 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!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The 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." <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!"

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel: **John 3:1-17**

**P** The Good News according to Saint John, the third chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He 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." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus 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?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The 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."

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

<sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>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 Good News of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

**Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell**

Holy, Holy, Holy

**with Handbell Choir**

- 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!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

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!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

## The Apostles' Creed

P We confess our faith.

**C 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**

## Offering Music

**Gott Will's Machen**

German Hymn, arr. M. Fetzer

## Offering Response

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with our presence, Lord,  
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## Prayers of the People

*The assisting minister will end each prayer petition with:*

**A** Lord in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers will end with:*

**P** All these things we ask of you in the name of  
Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forevermore.

**C** **Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving

**P** Holy God,  
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals,  
the seas and stars  
were whole and well in your praise.  
When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.

## The Words of Institution

**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, broken 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.

## The Lord's Supper

**P** We lift our voices,  
with those who worship you  
in every time and place,  
telling of your glory forever and ever:  
**C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C** **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**

## Communion

- *Our table is open to all who wish to share in the sacrament.*
- *Non-communicating children and adults are invited to receive a blessing.*
- *Please kneel if you are able or stand at the communion rail.*
- *If you would rather have grape juice, a wheat wafer or a gluten-free wafer, please let the communion assistant know.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Music

### **O Light of Blessed Trinity**

Michael Praetorius

## Blessing after Communion

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us  
in his grace.

**C** **Amen**

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.
- 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.  
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter and Brother.  
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

## Benediction

**P** Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

## Sending Forth the People of God

**P** Go out to share the story of faith,  
the story of life, with the world around you.  
Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Sending Music

**All Glory Be to God On High**

Johann Pachelbel