

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

“Knowing, Loving and Sharing Christ”



The Feast of the Holy Trinity
Sunday, May 26th, 2024 | 11:00 am

WELCOME

Welcome in the Name of our Lord Jesus! We are glad to have you here today to share in God's gifts to us in Word and Sacrament. If you are a visitor and would like more information about our community, please see an usher or one of our clergy. We will be delighted to talk to you!

Holy Communion is offered to all the baptized who believe in Christ's real presence in the Sacrament. **Hearing assistance devices** are available ~ please see an usher.

Parents of Young Children:

- We offer a staffed nursery for infants through children 3 years old, if you desire. Please see an usher for more information.
- "Worship Bags" are available for younger children to use during worship. Please ask an usher for more information

PRELUDES

Matthew Noonan, Organist

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! (NICAEA), setting by David Maxwell (b.1944)

NICAEA, by Harold Rutz (1930-2020)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

~ Please kneel as you are able ~

~ Silence for self-examination and reflection~

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.**

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare all those who confess their faults.

**Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to
all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen**

~ The officiant, kneeling, prays ~

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be
cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. Through Jesus Christ,
our Lord.

Amen.

Entrance Hymn:

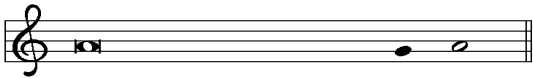
<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>

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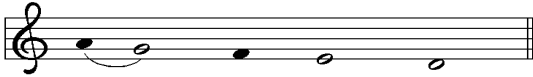
APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

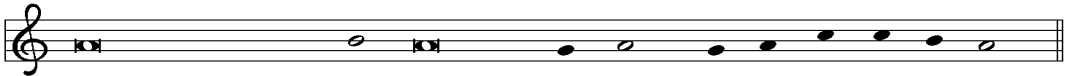
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



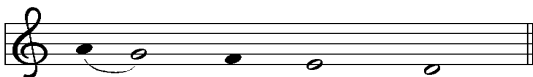
Lord, have mer - cy.



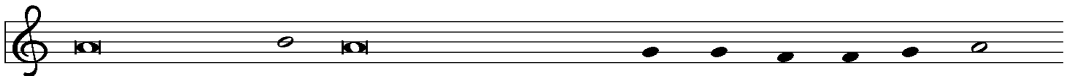
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(HYMN PARAPHRASE)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high and thanks to him for -
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



ev - er! What - ev - er Sa - tan's host may try, God
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



foils their dark en - deav - or. He bends his ear to
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
 source of all true plea - sure: O Lamb of God, O
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



ev - 'ry call, and of - fers peace, good - will to all, and
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



calms the trou - bled spir - it.
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.
 on us all have mer - cy.
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - - - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us grace to make the confession of a true faith. We acknowledge your glorious eternal Trinity, and we adore the unity of your majestic work. Defend us by this faith from all adversity and opposition to your way; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

~ Please be seated ~

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 6:1-8

A reading from Isaiah the 6th chapter.

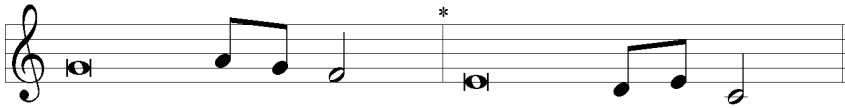
¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." ⁸And I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM:

Psalm 29



- ¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,*
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his Name;*
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;*
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;*
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;*
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶He makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,*
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD | shakes the
wilderness;*
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
- ⁸The voice of the LORD makes the | oak trees writhe*
and strips the | forests bare.
- ⁹And in the temple | of the LORD *
all are | crying, “Glory!”
- ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;*
the LORD sits enthroned as | King forevermore.
- ¹¹The LORD shall give strength | to his people;*
the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace.

THE SECOND LESSON:**Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

A reading from Acts, the second chapter.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’ ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

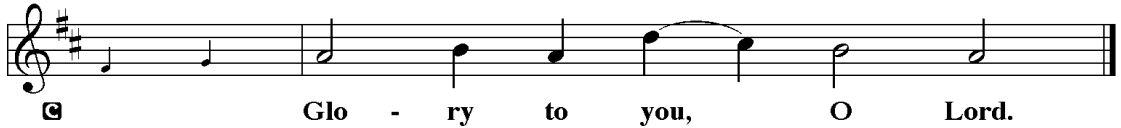
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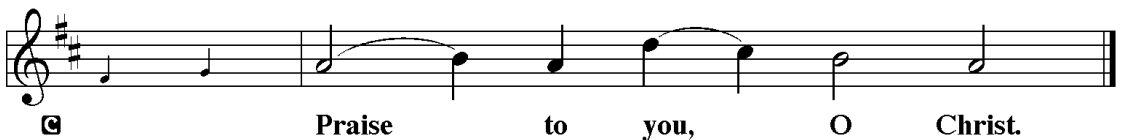
~ Please stand as able ~

*Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts
The whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.*

The holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.



1There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” 3Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” 5Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, 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 the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14And 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. 16For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”



THE ATHANASIAN CREED

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The text of the Athanasian Creed, traditionally said on Trinity Sunday, can appear to be problematic for some Lutherans. It need not be so; this confession of faith, authored in the 5th century, sets forth what the church has always believed, taught, and confessed about the Holy Trinity, and the person of Jesus Christ.

The language can appear harsh, but it is a tension with which the church must always wrestle: the faith which we proclaim is the only way to life.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

~Please stand as able~

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

~Please be seated~

Disciples of Holy Trinity give generously and sacrificially of their first fruits to support the work of God in the world. Your offerings here allow the life-changing ministries of Holy Trinity to continue and grow. If you are a first-time guest today, you are not expected to contribute but you may do so if you desire.

OFFERTORY

Schmücke Dich, O Liebe Seele (Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness), by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1749)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

~Please stand as able ~



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, almighty God, for you provide the true Bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood may live in him, and he in us, that we may be filled with his love and the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen.**

When our congregation gathers for the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we hear again and again the story of God's mighty acts and of God's love for us shown in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving we remember that,

“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.”

We are given assurance of our Lord's presence through the holy Sacrament and through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Here we shall receive this same bread of life, that we may be strengthened through our participation in the Body of Christ.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

So now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: *SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS* LBW 224

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us, and keep us in His grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May the Lord almighty bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in peace. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* **LBW 535**

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE **Matthew Noonan, Organist**

Toccata in C major, by Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

ALTAR FLOWERS

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of Ben Jones and Jennifer Craven
who will be married on June 1st in Cary, NC
by Rick and Pepie Jones*

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- **Baby Colter**, grandson of Bob & LaVada Barnhill and son to Erin, as he has been born, but has a mass on his back which is attached to the spinal cord, and will need surgery soon.
- **Murphy Clark**, teenage neighbor of Bruce and Judy Zander, going into the hospital to await heart transplant
- **Dottie Stevens, Emily Martin, and the rest of the family of John Stevens**, uncle of Lori DeFreitas, at his death on 5/15
- **Samantha Bushu**, a friend of Frankie Lewis, praise for improving health and a return to work (part-time)

- **Pastor Ryan Henkel and family**, for their transition as they relocate to Gastonia
- **Jann Green-Webb**, daughter of James & Janet Green, healing from surgery to fuse a portion of her lower vertebrae on 5/14/24
- **Lavonne**, sister of Norman Radermacher, healing from toe amputation
- **Nicole Mote**, protection and provision while facing homelessness
- **The father of Karen Leonard**, who has recently been placed in hospice care
- **Robert Hess**, friend of Norman Radermacher, healing and recovery from several strokes
- **For friends and family dealing with cancer:** Ed Bridges, Dean Lawson, Melanie Henry, Beth Rudin, Julie Hill, Chad Barnes, Jim Higgins, Marilyn Lateulade, Lee Allen, Jackie Lybrand, Jim Siedel, Teresa Hartman, Kelly Powell, Octavia Glenn, Margo Schopper, LeaAnn Buckwell, Bob Burleson, Tina Heracklis, Artie McGlohon, Braxton Morris, Pastor Bill White
- **Homebound:** Caroline Banker, Pinkney Froneberger, Paul Kaiser, Janie Norton, Kathy Wallace, Iris Work
- **Family and friends actively serving in the military:** Brett Boyd, Logan Cape, Mae Dodd, Josh Holland, Andrew Lambert, Luke Saylor, Liam Overby, Ryan Wallace, Jacob Lawing
- **For healthcare workers and first responders:** William Niemeyer, Chuck and Bridget Niemeyer, Beth Michaels, Melodie Garrison, Kailey Hinds, Cindy Isenhour, Lynn Ledbetter, Anna Murphy, Reggie Parlier, Jennifer Sutley, Jon Michael Brackett
- **Robin Simmons**, for her health
- **Belinda Chrzanowski**, cousin of Elizabeth & Harriet Lethermon, grieving the loss of husband, Alan Chrzanowski
- **All the persecuted**, including Leah Sharibu
- **All missionaries**, including the Thorstad family and the Voice of the Martyrs
- **For those outside the Church**, that they may be brought to faith in Christ Jesus
- **For the youth and children of Holy Trinity**, for the Holy Spirit to guide them
- **For all families in distress**

- **For our ministry partner, Displaced Roses**, and for the Holy Spirit to stir us up to serve our neighbors in need
- **For the North American Lutheran Seminary System and for an increase in vocations to the ministry**
- **For our Bishop, Dan, our dean, Steven, and for all clergy and people of the Carolinas Mission Region**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veterans Soup & Sandwich Join us on 5/28/24 at 11:30am!

Circle of Patience meeting will be held on Sunday, June 2, following the 11:00 service in the Walker Lounge. Remember to bring your lunch.

Installation Service for Pastor Ryan Henkel Please mark your calendars for the Installation Service for Pastor Ryan Henkel as Holy Trinity's Lead Pastor on Sunday, June 9th at 4:00pm. This will be a special service as many local pastors will be worshipping with us. A reception will follow the service.

Ladies Bible Study We will be working through Kelly Minter's study on 2nd Corinthians, All Things New. Please see the Herald for more details about the study. This is an in-person study; however, we will have Zoom available for those who need to attend remotely. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Lingle classroom (left of the elevator in the PLC). Please let Anna Houser (704-813-6560 / annaplus2girls@gmail.com) know if you plan to participate. The church will provide the books and a love offering will be collected to defray the cost.

Holy Trinity Blood Drive Holy Trinity will hold its next blood drive on Monday, June 24th from 2:00pm-6:30pm. You can sign up before and after each church service by calling Charlotte Sautner at 704-860-3399 or you can sign up online.

Upcoming birthdays to celebrate: Marie Ferguson (5/29), Katie Peak, (5/29), and Pepie Jones (5/31). **Happy birthday to you all!**

Study the Catechism at home each week!

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not betray, slander, lie, or gossip about our neighbors, but defend them, speak well of them, and put the most charitable construction on all that they do.

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not plot to take our neighbors' possessions, inheritance, or home, or obtain them through deceptive means, but assist and serve our neighbors in keeping what is theirs.

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his workers, or his livestock, or anything that is your neighbor's.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not ruin our neighbors' relationships with their husband or wife, workers, or livestock, or try to lure them away, but encourage them to remain and serve each other faithfully.

The Conclusion

What does God declare concerning all these commandments?

He says: *"I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."* (Exodus 20:5b-6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who violate these commandments. We should, therefore, fear his anger and in no way disobey them. But God promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. We should, therefore, love him, trust in him, and gladly keep his commandments.

SERMON NOTES

Where did you hear the Law?

Where did you hear the Gospel?

What were the key takeaways?

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters:	Steve & Marsha McLamb
Ushers:	Dale Christman, Dennis Christman
Lector:	Mick McMahan
Prayer Leader:	Richard DeFreitas
Communion Assistants:	Betty Blalock, Carla McMahan
Church Offering:	Ray Sparks, Rick Jones
Altar Flower Delivery:	Ray & Nancy Sparks

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