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Holy Trinity Sunday
ELW Setting 1

Prelude We All Believe in One True God (Credo) J.S. Bach

Call and Response:

God, who flung the stars into the night sky, rejoices over all creation, especially us!

Come to us, Laughing God, and gladden our hearts with your goodness and grace.

Christ, the Word of joy and life, fills all creation with hope, especially us!

Come to us, Brother and Savior, and reclaim our hearts as your own.

The Spirit, who breathes life into emptiness, gives all creation the gift of peace, especially us!

Come to us, Spirit of Gentleness, and refresh us with the dew of delight.

Let us worship this intriguing and amazing God!

Let us worship the Three-in-One.

Entrance Hymn Come, Join the Dance of Trinity # 412

Kyrie p. 98

This is the Feast

(Congregation sings the refrain, Liturgist sings the verses)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. *refrain*

2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *refrain*

3. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. *refrain*

Prayer of the Day

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. Amen.**

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!"

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: Psalm 29

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty 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 powerful voice;

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

8The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

9The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

10The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

11O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

12Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—**13**for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14**For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. **15**For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" **16**it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17**and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation:

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Gospel: John 3:1-17 Glory to you O Lord!

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.

1Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. **2**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." **3**Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." **4**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?" **5**Jesus 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."

The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day:

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

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Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, if you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"

Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing, who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
 you can tell the love of Je - sus; you can say he died for all.
 point - ing out the path to heav - en, of - f'ring life and peace to all,
 while the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing and the mas - ter calls for you.

Loud and long the mas - ter calls you; rich re - ward he of - fers free.
 If you can - not rouse the wick - ed with the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
 with your prayers and with your boun - ties you can do what God de - mands;
 Take the task he gives you glad - ly; let his work your plea - sure be.

Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I. Send me, send me"?"
 you can lead the lit - tle chil - dren to the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
 you can be like faith - ful Aar - on, hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
 An - swer quick - ly when he calls you, "Here am I. Send me, send me!"

Athanasian Creed

Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith.

Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.

Now this is the catholic faith:

We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity,

neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.

The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.

Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:

And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;

as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:

And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God:

And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord:

And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, **so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.**

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;

the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father;

the Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other;

but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;

and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus became flesh.

For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:

That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father,

and he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother—

existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body;

equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.

Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ.

He is united because God has taken humanity into himself;

he does not transform deity into humanity.

He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.

For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

He suffered death for our salvation.

He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.

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.

At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life,

those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith. One cannot be saved

without believing this firmly and faithfully.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations and all leaders, that led by your Spirit, they will all work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. We pray especially for nations in conflict. May Spirit lead us to a world where all are equally loved, cared for, and acknowledged. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD or any other mental health concerns. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this worshipping community, we especially pray for our members Rolland, Donna, Walli, Betty, Gloria and Gene, Pastor Amy, and Merl. We pray for our friends Donna, Denise, Bill, Dawn, Dorothy, Stephani, Karla, Orin, Danielle, Krista, Betty, Meghan, Robert, and Matt. We pray for those serving in the military, Alex, Vicki, Ben, Jeremy, T.J, Luke, Daniel, and Miranda. We pray for Kaylie as she awaits a call to ordained ministry. Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. We pray that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith. We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you all: **And also with you!**

MEAL

Offertory

From God I Will Not Turn

Dietrich Buxtehude

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Congregation sings

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Eucharistic Prayer

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Lord’s Prayer

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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.

Distribution of Communion

Prayer after Communion

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. **Amen.**

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

O Day Full of Grace

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Postlude

Postlude on "Grosser Gott"

Flor Peeters

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Worship Leaders today:

Steve Gustafson Organist
Pari Ford Liturgist
Sherry Peterson Lector

Worship Leaders next week:

Steve Gustafson Organist
Jeanne Lucas Liturgist
Marc Anderson Lector

Messiah Lutheran Church

4/30/2021

| | Actual | Actual | Budget |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | 4/21 | 1/21-4/21 | 1/21-4/21 |
| Revenue | 12,166.68 | 62,802.74 | 48,386.64 |
| Expenses | 9,999.46 | 47,766.86 | 53,494.94 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | <u>2,167.22</u> | <u>15,035.88</u> | <u>(5,108.30)</u> |
| Reserve Balance | <u>95,702.51</u> | | |

Members, Friends, and Family for Whom We Pray

Members of Messiah:

Rolland Christenson, Donna Forsberg, Walli Ellis, Betty Peterson, Gloria and Gene Holdsworth, Pastor Amy Truhe, Merl Hilt

Friends of Messiah

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|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Donna Stejksal | Daniels' friend | Karla Goewert | Friend of Kirsten Bruce |
| Denise | Pari Ford's mother | Orin Shogren | Har's brother |
| Bill Stephenson | Joy Janis's brother | Danielle | Robbie Peterson's |
| Dawn | Sharon Hoffman's Daughter | VanDeVyvere | granddaughter |
| Stephani White | Betty Holcombe's daughter | Krista Bahler | Betty Peterson's Niece |
| Robert Ahlstedt | Earl Ahlstedt's brother | Betty Finney | Sharon Hoffman's friend |
| | | Meghan | John & Margaret Presley's Daughter |
| | | Presley | |
| | | Matt Forrester | Pastor Amy's brother |

Serving the U.S.A.

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| Alex Klapp | Betty Russin's grandson | Vicki Charboneau | Elaine Eller's granddaughter |
| Ben Youngquist | S Hoffman's nephew | Jeremy Guy | Hensley's son-in-law |
| T.J. Paulsen | Barb Malm's child | | |
| Daniel & Miranda Norland | Randy/Gretchen's son & wife | | |

Serving the U.S.A. Overseas

Luke Hammontree Daniel's grandson

Seminary

Kaylie Ines

Announcements

Pastor Amy had a surgery on May 18th. Please pray for her during this time as she recovers. President Ingrid Pohl, along with Pastors Chris Deines and Phil Hett are covering pastoral needs. Please call the office or Ingrid to share what is needed. Pastor Rachael Pryor is leading worship today and May 30th. Please welcome her and thank you for coming to hear the messages she shares!

Pastor Phillip Hett, Chaplain at Bethany Village is offering a **grief support group** at Bethany Village Sunflower Terrace every Thursday morning at 10:30 for about an hour from May 20th through June 24th. Losses can include losing loved through death, separation, estrangement. Losses can include job losses, illnesses, divorce, the grief of surviving the pandemic. This will be a non-judging environment and all are welcome.

The **Dala Pantry Weekend Meal Summer Program** is collecting used grocery bags and/or canvas bags. Weekend Bags started on May 28th.

Bethany and Messiah Lutheran Churches will be having a modified **VBS on June 1-3** ages 3 years to 6th grade from 9 am to 11 am at Swensson Park. We will keep group size between

12-15 kids, everyone will wear masks, and kids will be asked to bring their own water bottles. You can sign up online on Messiah's Facebook page, just follow the link to the form or pick up a form in the office and return them by May 28th. If you have any questions please call Joyce Peterson at 785-227-2201 or Pari Ford at 785-227-7114.

The **Church Treasure Sale** will be held on Sat. June 26th from 7:30am-12:30pm. We are needing volunteers to set up on Friday evening, to help with the sale on Saturday morning and for clean up on Saturday afternoon. If you are interested in helping please contact Andrea Ring. Donations can be brought to the church between now and the sale during office hours. We will also have a drop off time on Friday, June 25th from 5-7pm. If you have large items to donate you are encouraged to bring them on this date. We can not accept donations of TVs, microwaves, mattresses, large appliances, cribs or infant seats.

Reconciling in Christ is the name for the ELCA's ministries around intentional inclusion of the LGBTQIA+ community in congregations. As Messiah begins to envision what is "next" for us in ministry, this might be a path we could converse about and seek to embrace. If you are interested in this conversation, please contact Pastor Amy. You can check out resources here: <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/resources/ric/>

KICK will be hosting a family series this summer. June 13th there will be a family tailgate from 5 to 7:30 pm at Swensson Park with Bible lessons and camp songs, hotdogs, burgers and more, and tailgate games. July 11th is pool night at Riverside Park from 5:30 to 9:30 pm with lessons and camp songs, Stuga subs and more. Private swim for the first 100. August 15th is a back to school bash with inflatables at Swensson Park from 5 to 7:30 pm. There will be Bible lessons, camp songs, pulled pork bbq and more. Tailgate games are needed, if you have a tailgate game we could borrow for the June 13th gathering please let Rachel Ann know (785) 212-0113.

Thank you to all who provided donations and financial support for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits--we will be able to send 30 kits! Our school kit collections will not begin until sometime in July, as Lindsborg Recreation will be using our facilities. Some of the money already received will be applied to school kits. Monetary gifts can still be sent to Chris Reinert.

More information on plans for Messiah Church Women will appear in next month's newsletter. As always, we welcome ideas and input from all women.

MAY 30, 2021 TRINITY SUNDAY



God is holy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

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| Sunday | John 3:1-17 | Born of the Spirit |
| Monday | Isaiah 6:1-8 | A vision of God |
| Tuesday | Romans 8:12-17 | Life in the Spirit |
| Wednesday | Luke 1:46-56 | Mary's song of praise |
| Thursday | Psalm 103:1-14 | Thanksgiving for God's goodness |
| Friday | John 15:12-15 | Jesus calls us friends |
| Saturday | Psalm 29 | The voice of God |
| Sunday | Mark 3:20-35 | Doing the work of God |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And one [angelic figure known as a seraph] called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." Isaiah 6:3 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of power and might, give us courage and hope to live each day through Jesus Christ born in us through your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Creator God, for the beauty of the earth and for this food, the fruit of the earth that we are able to eat this day, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you strength and bless you with peace. (Psalm 29:11)

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God Almighty*

WEEKLY MILESTONES CARING CONVERSATIONS

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When you hear the word, “holy,” what do you think of?
- How is God more than a “good buddy” who gets me through tough times?
- How does God’s holiness strengthen you in your daily life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Isaiah 6:1-8.

We live in an age when we can often envision God for us as a close and warm friend. That image is reinforced for us in John 15:15 when Jesus describes his followers as “friends.” However, even in the John passage, there is an expectation of obedience, not just coziness. In Isaiah, the sense of reverence, awe—even deep fear—is present as Isaiah accepts his call as a prophet of God. In this dramatic moment in the temple with God and Isaiah present together, there are angels that have appearances that look like snakes and lions that can fly around with wings. It is a scene in which Isaiah responds with the words, “Woe is me” (v. 5). Trinity Sunday reminds us of God in three persons. A danger in such language is to assume that with such words we can really grasp the totality of who God is. Isaiah reminds us of the total otherness of God that is filled with power, might, judgment, and holiness. Jesus makes God accessible and personal. Trinity Sunday can remind us that our intimate relationship with God remains filled with awe and wonder. God is filled with glory, strength, majesty, and holy splendor (Psalm 29). Describe what this means to you and your faith.

Pray: **Awesome God, you who are far beyond what I can imagine, I thank you for reaching out to me and to all people through the power of the Holy Spirit and saving grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE

Psalm 29 gives many images of the power and awesomeness of God. As followers of such a mighty God, you are entrusted with divine powers of love to serve your neighbor near and far. How can you use God’s divine power of love to serve others this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Begin your devotion times this week by saying the *Prayer for the Week* and marking yourselves with the sign of the cross. You may also wish to light three candles during devotions to represent the Trinity.

Say: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to:

www.milestonesministry