



# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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## **HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**

### **Introduction**

*TODAY'S THEME:* Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP**

**Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.**

*Announcements are televised or found on our website*

**Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.**

*Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.  
We hope all people find it easy to follow along.*

*We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.*

## **GOD GATHERS US**

### **PRELUDE**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Announcements are found on our website*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENES**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate God,

**C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray,**

**C: Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**C: Amen.**

### **OPENING SONG**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty**

**ELW 413 v. 1-3/Red Hymnal**

# Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray... Almighty Creator and ever-living God,

**C:** 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.

## SHARING OF PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

C: **And you also.**

*Depending on your comfort level, please share the peace with each other with a handshake and a smile.*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**FIRST READING:**                    2 Corinthians 13: 11-14

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.*

[Paul writes:]

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All God's people here send their greetings.

<sup>14</sup> May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



## Children's Message

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

**GOSPEL:**                    **Matthew 28:16-20**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

All: **Glory to you O Lord**

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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 <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**ALL: Praise to You O Christ!**

## MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

### SONG OF DAY

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

ELW 414 v. 1-3/Red Hymnal



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
set of sun through the church the song goes on.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900

Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 power of 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.**

## **OFFERING IS WELCOMED**

**P:** Loving God,

**C:** we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)*

**Offertory Music**

**Come, Join the Dance of Trinity**

## **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.*

*Please respond accordingly.*

**P:** Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.



*A brief silence.*

P: Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them in the Spirit's love.**

P: Let us give thanks to our Triune God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

## P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**ALL: 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

**P:** These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

*Communion hymn*

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW 412/Red Hymnal



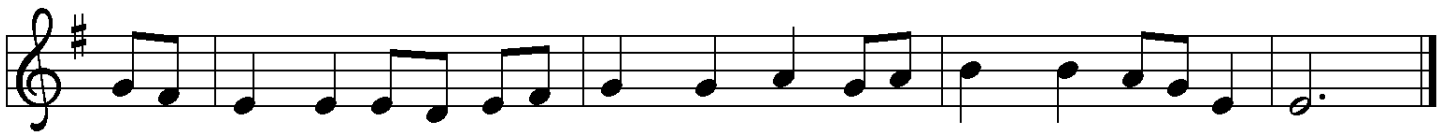
1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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**All Glory be to God on High**

**ELW 410/Red Hymnal**



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -  
 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 -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the  
 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 -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good - will 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



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank  
 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



God for grace and mer - cy!  
 lord - ship is our bless - ing,  
 on us all have mer - cy.  
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite  
 Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** Compassionate God,

**C:** through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

## CLOSING SONG

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

ELW 414, v. 4/Red Hymnal

4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff begins with a '4' indicating a four-measure rest. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases connected by slurs. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

## GOD SENDS US

### BLESSING

**P:** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**C:** Amen.

### DISMISSAL

**P:** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

**O Lord, our God, Thy Sacred Word**

**Bach**

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## **ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON**

### **Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

*The creation of the heavens and the earth*

### **Psalm 8**

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (*Ps. 8:1*)

## **5/27/26 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated today by Travis and Lissa Brown in praise to God.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Sunday school is over for this school year and will resume in September. We will have 2 summer meet-ups for children ages 3 – 13. More info on days and times to come.

**RUMMAGE SALE** Just noting again, we were generously blessed from our community with the rummage sale proceeds of \$5,136 in our sale 2 weeks ago. We are so thankful for the many volunteers who dedicated their time and talents in preparation and helping at the sale. Also, this past Tuesday, Pastor David drove a van-ful of clothing, toys, games, small furniture to the Lutheran church in Logan Square that we have supported for many years. Thank you Pastor for your extra time afforded to this mission.

**DIRECTORY FAMILY PICTURE** Cara Turner is available for your family picture taking on Sundays at 9am, downstairs in first SS room/office on the left, and after church service until 11am. Please contact her if you have further questions or need to schedule

a picture taking at your home – her cell #: 630-291-6896. We would like to get this project complete within the next month.

**LINE DANCING** has concluded for the spring and will resume in the fall. Big thank you to Nancy Corbige for organizing and leading this well attended church activity! Call or text Nancy Corbige 847-212-0237 if you have any questions about the fall schedule.

**LECTORS ARE NEEDED** for readings during our service. Please look for the clipboard. Thank you for your assistance in our service.

**BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS** The Bridge to Life Group continues to collect donations for the Elgin homeless. For details see the newsletter or Cathy Whiteside. ***Thank you for your generous donations!***

**MAY NEWSLETTER** is available on-line at [www.graceoflilylake.org](http://www.graceoflilylake.org). If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter, please email the information to Marty Bradley by the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month: [masbradley50@gmail.com](mailto:masbradley50@gmail.com)

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Nancy Corbige continues to collect email addresses for the Pottawatomie Partnership email distribution list. We currently have a house in-build in St. Charles. (Questions, you may call or text Nancy at 847-212-0237.)

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** Are you looking for ways to be a little more involved in our church each week? We have a variety of tasks that take place before and during each Sunday worship service, such as preparing communion and altar, reading our announcements and Bible reading, ushering, running the PowerPoint during the service. A variety of ways to be a part of our worship behind the scenes or up front. Please see Pastor for more information.

**SHOE BOX COLLECTION** in lower level outside of Fellowship Hall. Please help!

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL** Summer break has begun! We will be adding a 2-Year-Old class on Tuesdays from 8:45am – 10:45am in the fall of 2026. We are full for the Monday/Wednesday mixed-age class with one on the waiting list!! Many blessings to God! We have 4 signed up for the 2-year-old class. Our maximum for the 2-year-old class is 8 students.

**NOISY OFFERING** We gratefully accept your "noisy offering" after each service. These funds add up and go towards our capital improvement projects.

**OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE** We are thankful and blessed with your offerings and donations to Grace. Offerings received as of May 25: \$ 2,847 (our weekly goal is ~\$4,000).

~ Blessings upon Grace in our 132<sup>nd</sup> year of ministry ~

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- \* God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- \* As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- \* Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- \* Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

### FOR THE WORLD

- \* For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus – it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- \* For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

### FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- \* For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- \* As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

### FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- \* Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- \* William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- \* David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

### FOR ALL

- \* The continued support of our members
- \* For all members of healthcare around the world
- \* For those serving as first responders and in the military
- \* For our Nation, to extend peace in all things.

### FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT... For our "Grace Family" members:

Betty Boor, Craig Bradley, Dan Burtnette, Lillian Carlson, Nancy Corbige, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, Jan Docherty, Rich Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul Kinsel, Katie

Kozeva, Pastor Dave & Carol Langseth, Tom and Lois Larkin, Ray Larsen, Larry Linden, Pat & Chili Lindgren, Steve Lindquist, Joan Mortensen, Jan Myers, Carol Nelson, Ed Nordwind, Mary Lindquist Rose, Nancy & John Schaefer, Bud and Marilyn Wise, Norm Turner, Wayne Whiteside, **For our Families and Friends:** Howard, Jim, Scott, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Kathy Barton (mother of Tom Barton), Howard and Christine Baumert, Viola Bradshaw, Cindy Carlson, Joanie Chernick, David Diehl, Rebecca Eagen, Ted Ellingsen, Pat Eineke, Rachel Glancy (friend of the Lindgren family), Joyce Helander, Andrew Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Sally Kruthoff (daughter of Nancy Schnaitman), Karl Kruthoff, Gay Leslie, Janelle McDonald, Linda Mowers, Ray Navarro, Oksana & Maria, Donald Overby, Emily Peters, Marc Pluskowski (dear friend of Heidi Anderson), Marion Schlindwein (Dan and Nancy Burtnette's mom/mother-in-law), John Schnaitman, Kelly Wilken, Ron Wilken, Greg & Val Williams, and Barbara Zegiel.

*If you have requested that anyone (including yourself) be put on Grace's prayer list, thank you for your faith in our work of prayer! In order to keep our list current and accurate, we would like to hear from you regarding the need for continued prayer, praises and new requests. You may place these in a note in the offering plate, send them on-line via our prayer card on our website, leave them on the answering machine at church (630-365-6751) or speak with Pastor or Kathy Hooey. Aren't we blessed to have a God who listens and cares!*

**ALSO** - Do you know someone who could use a reminder of our prayers and God's constant love? We have lovely **prayer shawls** all ready for delivery. Just call or see Twyla Strom for prayer.