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**The Holy Trinity**

## **WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

### **YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!**

At Christ Lutheran people of all backgrounds and experiences gather to worship because we all share a common hope: the life, death, and resurrection of Christ makes all things new, even us.

You will find everything that happens in worship printed in this bulletin. If you have a prayer request, the yellow cards in the seatback holders have a place for them; the other side is for any information you would like about Christ Lutheran. Please feel welcome to remain seated as necessary during the service.

### **CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN CHURCH!**

God's people come in all shapes and sizes – it is a gift to the whole community when the smallest of us are present! Sitting with parents and learning to treasure times of worship is the foundation for helping build a growing faith in a child's life. There's some noise and movement that we expect from little ones - feel free to make use of the **activity bags, doodle pads, bookshelf in the overflow area and cry room at the back of the sanctuary** as needed. Whatever sacrifice of energy and effort you make to include your children in worship is multiplied as the good news of God's love takes root in their lives!

### **WHEN NURSERY CARE IS NEEDED DURING WORSHIP**

A fully equipped and staffed Nursery is available for both infants and toddlers during all services. The Nursery is located west of our gathering area in **Room 110**.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Holy Communion** is the family meal of God's people, to which we come at Jesus' invitation. The body and blood of Christ, in the bread and wine, are his real presence with us and offer the gift of forgiveness because of his death and resurrection. Drawn together and strengthened by this meal, we are given a taste of the fullness of God's coming kingdom, and are equipped to be the hands and feet of God's love in the world. All baptized Christians are always welcome at the Lord's table.

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### **COVID Procedure Update**

**Masks are encouraged but optional during worship.** Naturally if you prefer to stay masked throughout the service, you are of course welcome to do so. Masks are not required for singing but suggested.

Our services are on video, and occasional photographs are taken for our website and e-mail news. If you have concerns, please speak to a church staff member.

*Hearing assistance devices are available to those who need help with listening to the service and are located at the entrance to the sanctuary, or please see an Usher for assistance.*

**A Reminder: Please turn off all cell phones during worship services.**

## INTRODUCTION

*“O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God’s love and hope to our neighbors.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### PRELUDE

*All Glory Be to God on High*

Böhm

### WELCOME

*If you are joining us for the first time, welcome! We’d love to meet you, or if there’s anything you’d like to know about the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church, please consider [filling out a Connection Card online](#) (you can point your phone at the graphic to the right) or using a yellow Connection Card in the pew holders.*



***Prayer requests** can be posted to the livechat or use a yellow Prayer Request (backside of the Connection Card) and give them to an usher.*

*If you are worshipping with us via livestream, consider **preparing your space for Communion**: light a candle (if appropriate and safe), and have a plate with bread/cracker/tortilla and a cup for wine or grape juice (or an empty cup as a sign Jesus is sufficient in one or both elements).*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity,† one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

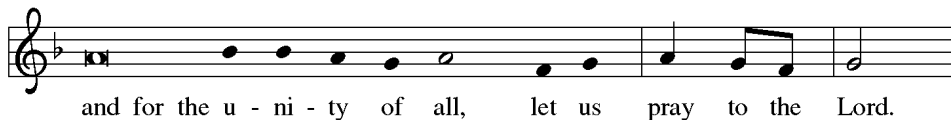
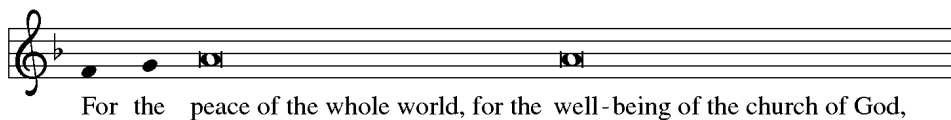
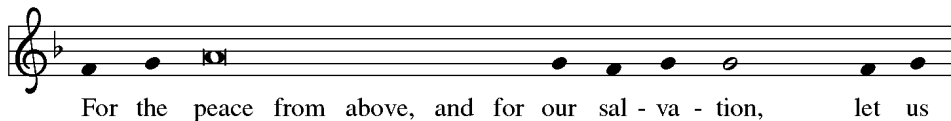
Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.  
**Amen.**

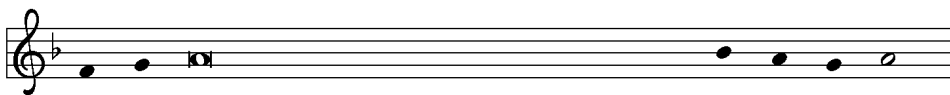
## GREETING

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.**

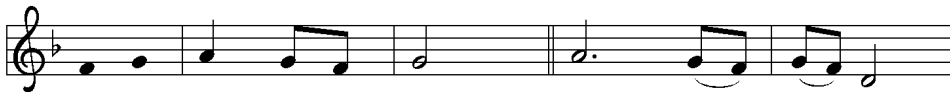
*Children: This is the day that the Lord has made.*  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## KYRIE





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



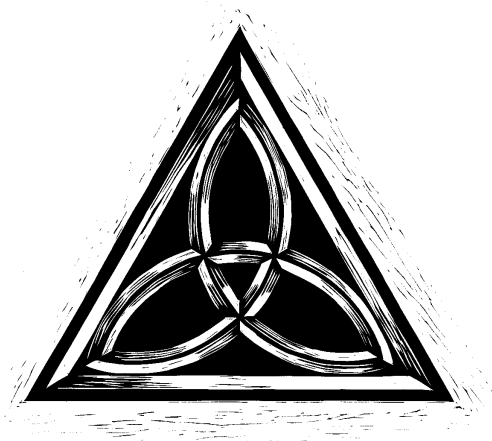
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men.



## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

### *Refrain*



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



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

### *Refrain*



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



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Holy Trinity,  
you are neither monarch nor monologue  
but an eternal harmony  
of gift and response:  
through the Uncreated Word  
and the Spirit of Truth  
include us and all creation  
in your extravagant love;  
through the Wisdom of God,  
who raises her voice  
to call us to life.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

*When children read, they may read a version that is appropriate to their reading level and voice, which may vary from the printed texts.*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

*The assembly is seated as children come forward for a time together.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Concerto in E minor  
(Adagio)*

Elgar

## READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

*In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

- <sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
<sup>2</sup>On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
<sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
<sup>4</sup>“To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.
- <sup>22</sup>The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
<sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
<sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
<sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
<sup>26</sup>when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
<sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
<sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



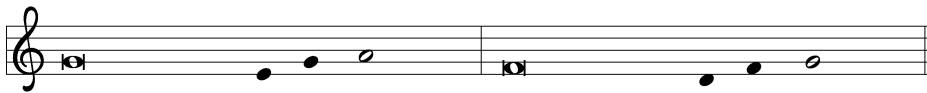
## RESPONSIVE PSALM 8

*The congregation is invited to sing the psalm refrain when indicated (R). Verses will be chanted alternately by the leader and the people.*

### Refrain



### Psalm Tone



<sup>1</sup>O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**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. R**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,  
human beings that you should | care for them? R**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **R**

## READING: Romans 5:1-5

*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*



## HOLY GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

*Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.*

The Holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*The assembly is seated. Time for reflection follows the sermon.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #845 *Voices Raised to You*

*The assembly stands to proclaim the Word of God in song.*

1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for  
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your  
3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with  
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -  
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the

songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,  
heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,  
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;  
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—

for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!  
gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!  
Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

## APOSTLES' CREED

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 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.

*\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

## PRAYERS

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

One God, giver of life, you established peace through your Son and gave your church the hope of sharing in your glory. Enliven us by your Spirit to speak and act in love for the sake of the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Creator of all, you rejoice in creation and have given humankind responsibility for the works of your hands. Instill in everyone your Spirit of care for the earth, and guide work to remediate the harm done nearby: lead in our neighbors' soil and toxic residue in our waterways. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Loving Redeemer, you delight in the human race. Move the hearts of world leaders to seek wisdom, speak truth, and care for all endangered by poverty, prejudice, or violence.

Further the work of international collaboration and peacemaking. Walk with the nations, churches, and people of Zimbabwe and Botswana; answer their prayers for good government, stability, health, and justice. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Abiding Comforter, you call out to all who live. Restore severed relationships and protect children who lack trustworthy caregivers. Grant hope to those who are experiencing fear, pain, or grief. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Holy Three, you are community and you create community. Build up ministries that support those who are isolated or lonely. Give endurance as we nurture vital relationships in our congregation and beyond. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Holy God, we remember your saints for their strong faith and witness, even unto death — especially the Emanuel Nine, whom we commemorate this week. Console grieving families. Stir up in us the resolve to end the sin of white supremacy and pursue the courageous path of justice. With them and with Basil, Gregory, Macrina, and Gregory, anchor us in your promises. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We invite those worshiping by livestream to share a sign of peace in the chat, and for those in person we turn to offer them our greeting of peace before sharing a sign of peace with one another: **Peace be with you!***

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## **OFFERING**

*Throughout this pandemic our congregation has never stopped serving our neighbors, our community, our world -- all because of your participation and support. This month we are sharing a portion of our offerings for the support of the **Food Bank of Northwest Indiana** <http://www.foodbanknwi.org> and **Project Neighbors** <https://projectneighbors.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/ProjectNeighbors>.*

*If you wish to give electronically, text 'CLCVALPO' to (833) 245-6029 or browse to our secure on-line portal at [clcvalpo.org/give](http://clcvalpo.org/give)*

## **OFFERTORY**

*Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre*

Handel

## OFFERING PRAYER

*The assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

God of abundance:

**you have set before us a plentiful harvest.**

**As we feast on your goodness,**

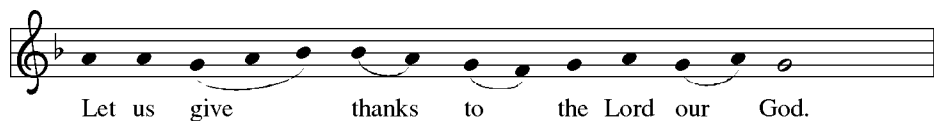
**strengthen us to labor in your field,**

**and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,**

**in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

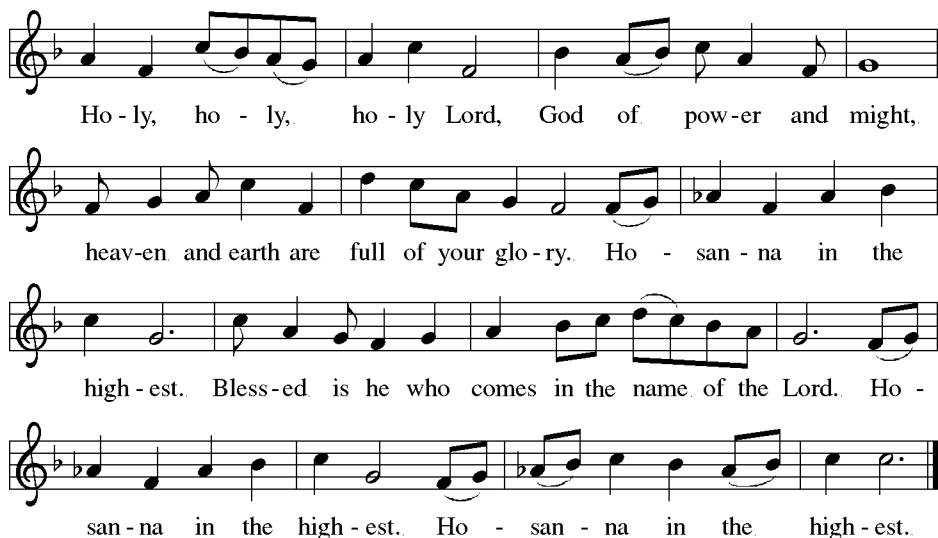
## GREAT THANKSGIVING



*The pastor begins the prayer and all join in singing:*

## SANCTUS

*(An ancient practice invites us to make the sign of the cross in honor of Jesus at the words "Blessed is he.")*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## TABLE PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

*Children: The Spirit makes us one. We pray as Jesus taught us:*

**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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.  
Come to the banquet.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## DISTRIBUTION

*The assembly is seated.*

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*The pastor invites those worshipping via **livestream** to commune:*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
**Amen (receive the bread)**

The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**Amen (receive the cup)**

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## LAMB OF GOD

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.

# COMMUNION HYMN ELW #ACS 1094 *Bring Many Names*



1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,  
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,  
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child,  
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,  
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,  
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in  
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -  
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -  
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -  
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for  
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than



glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and ho -  
 qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and ho -  
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and ho -  
 pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and ho -  
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and ho -  
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and ho -



san - na! Bring man - y names!  
 san - na, strong moth - er God!  
 san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
 san - na, old, ach - ing God!  
 san - na, young, grow - ing God!  
 san - na,

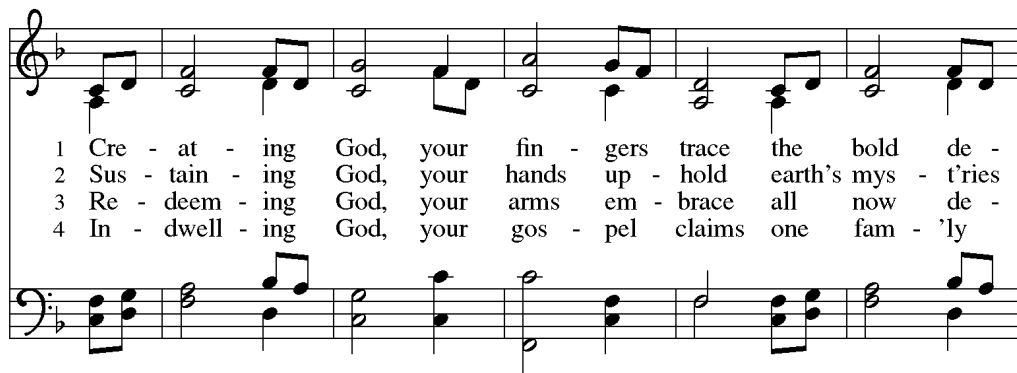
6 great, liv - ing God!

Text: Brian Wren, b. 1936

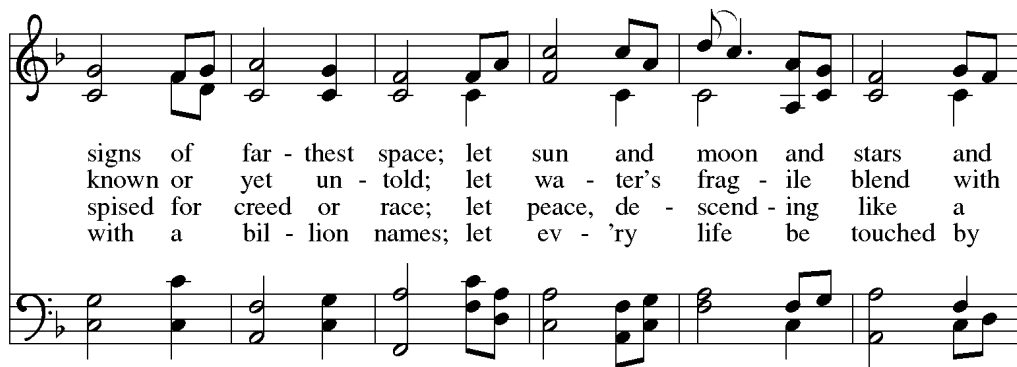
Music: WESTCHASE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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# ELW #684     *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace*



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -  
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries  
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -  
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and  
 known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with  
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a  
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.  
 air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.  
 dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.  
 grace un - til we praise you face to face.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands as the minister continues.*  
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life - giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

### **INVITATIONS**

*Brief invitations are shared, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.*

### **BLESSING**

The God of peace,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.  
**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN ELW #412

## *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*



- 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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*Children join the pastors to send us in mission.*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Allemande*

Holborne

*As worship concludes we move to the Gathering Place, where we are invited to greet one another and share in fellowship.*

<u>Worship Participants</u>		
<u>Worship Assistants</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Acolyte	Sara McDaniel	Magdalena Gibson-Even
Lector	Karl Reichardt	Becky Fry
Prayer Assistant	Betty Luckett	Becky Fry
Communion Assistants	Erin Schmidgall Chris Schmidgall	Amy Knauff Phil Hahn
Ushers	Luke Venstrom Ramona Krueger	Elizabeth Kosek
Sound/Light	Malcolm McGawn	Jeff Peiffer
Video/Livestream	_____	Adam Gibson-Even
Pastors:	Rev. Timothy Knauff, Jr. Rev. Erica Gibson-Even	
Director of Music Ministries:	Brian Bartusch	
Worship Participants:	Daniel Gibson-Even, cello	

## **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

This week we pray for the churches and people of **Botswana, and Zimbabwe.**

We are **thankful** for:

- the prophetic witness of churches to protest injustices and advocate good governance
- efforts that have been made to stem the spread of HIV and AIDS and to treat those affected
- economic progress that improves the lives of all the iconic animals and minerals in these lands and measures to protect them from being exploited.

We **pray** for:

- fair election of democratic governments to counter instability, violence and human rights abuses
- stable economies that enable all people to prosper and live in justice and peace
- effective measures to improve the health and life expectancy of all
- the biodiversity and animals present in these lands, and measures to preserve them
- the herders and farmers who continue to raise cattle and food, despite droughts and desertification.

### ***Stewardship Snippet***

**Psalm 8:3-4** – When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

*Cultivating a sense of wonder about God's amazing creation helps nurture a spirit of generosity. Look at the world around you; signs of God's lavish goodness abound. Now*

## COMMEMORATIONS

*Week of June 12, 2022*

### **June 14**

**Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, theologian, died around 379**

The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.

Macrina (muh-CREE-nuh) was the older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa. She received an excellent education centered on the Bible, and when her fiancé died she devoted herself to the pursuit of Christian perfection. She was a leader of a community, based at the family estate, dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer. Macrina's teaching was influential within the early church.

### **June 17**

**Emanuel Nine, martyrs, d. 2015**

On June 17, 2015, nine people gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019.





JUNE 12, 2022  
TRINITY SUNDAY



*We have an amazing God full of love and wisdom.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you
Monday	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	The gifts of wisdom
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-5	Experiencing God's peace
Wednesday	Luke 2:41-52	The boy Jesus in the temple
Thursday	Proverbs 19:20	Ways to gain wisdom
Friday	Romans 11:33-36	Praise to God
Saturday	Psalms 8	The wonderful name of the Lord
Sunday	Luke 8:26-39	Jesus casts out demons

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Triune God, you come to us to save us and to bless us with peace and wisdom. Give us the faith to trust your love that never fails. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Loving God, we are in awe of your goodness and mercy that blesses us with this food. How majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen. (Psalm 8:1, 9)

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the God who created you, redeems you, and sustains you give you peace.



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**JUNE 12, 2022**

### **HYMN OF THE WEEK**

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



# taking faith home

### **WEEKLY MILESTONES**

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

### **CARING CONVERSATIONS**



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

- When you think of your faith in God, what is most important to you?
- What questions do you have about God as Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)?

### **DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* John 16:12-15.

The Gospel of John speaks of God as Father, Jesus (*"the Word made flesh"* in 1:14), and the Spirit. John makes clear that God has come near to us, to be with us intimately and not far away as a God to fear or avoid. There is an intimacy in the use of the word *"Father"* (John 16:15). There is an intimacy shown in the God who becomes flesh and dwells among us. There is an intimacy in the work of the Spirit that reveals all we need to know about Jesus. The Orthodox tradition speaks of a dance of love in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The language of dance points to a mystery we will never fully grasp. What we are to understand is that the God of the dance shares a glory, a power of love that is intended for us all. Through faith we have a God who embraces us in a dance of love, of mercy, and of peace forever.

*Discuss:* How does using the language of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit help you in your relationship to God? How is using that language difficult for you?

*Pray:* **God of glory and love, help us to receive what we need so that we may trust you and love the world you love through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### **SERVICE**



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what is something you could do to show the great love of our Triune God?

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



In honor of the Trinity make the sign of the cross. Bring the thumb, index and middle finger together (representing the Trinity), touch your forehead while saying: **In the name of the Father**, then touch your lower chest while saying: **and of the Son**, then touch the one shoulder (left first for western Christian traditions, right first for eastern Christian traditions) while saying: **and of the Holy Spirit**, and then cross to the other shoulder. Finish by saying: **Amen**. Making the sign of the cross reminds us of our baptism and the grace we have received through the cross of Jesus. Do this when you wake, eat meals, or during devotions this week.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

### No Need for Proof

However diligent and determined, thoughtful and thorough the many sermons, Sunday school lessons, Bible studies, and systematic theologies may be as they claim to make sense of the Three-in-One and One-in-Three, they are, in the end, fruitless follies. The holy Trinity is not sensible. Dare, if you will, to call it non-sense: a holy non-sense. But then call it holy truth, for that is what it is. Holiness dares to defy sense.

Holy Trinity Sunday celebrates our own humble human experience of the divine, not a supernatural equation. The Trinity is suited for the sanctuary where truth is sacred mystery, where we sing, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee” (ELW 413) and “O Trinity, O blessed Light, O Unity of sovereign might: as now the fiery sun departs, shed holy light within our hearts” (ELW 571), and where we profess the convictions of creeds, opaque and obscure. The holy Trinity is not for laboratories where calculations and algorithms are deciphered.

Behold: Molecules and atoms, glaciers on a crawl, cosmic explosions, photosynthesis and fertilization, the making of mountains, the carving of seas, the sparkling of stars, the opening of a peony, the birth of a gosling or cub or child. Holy, holy, holy God is a wonder to profess and celebrate. No need for proof.

Behold: Outside the walls of the universe and portals of time, the Word opened the gate and became the one who was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, imprisoned, here to give food and drink, to welcome, to clothe, to heal, and to free. Holy, holy, holy God is a wonder to profess and celebrate. No need for proof.

Behold: Doves and flames and winds and languages; in baptismal water, a promise; in wilderness dust, a companion; a guide breathed in at birth, breathed out at death. Holy, holy, holy God is a wonder to profess and celebrate. No need for proof.

Blessed Trinity.

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