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Holy Trinity

The Power of Plurality

June 12, 2022

Divine Service 4



As We Gather

Holy Trinity, a time we commemorate and celebrate, is different than any other recognized time in the Church Year. Unlike Christmas, Easter, or last week's Pentecost, where we rejoice in and reflect upon an action of God for our salvation, Holy Trinity is a time to rejoice in and reflect upon a *doctrine*. We gather around our shared confession of God as we know Him to be in the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Even in the mystery of things we cannot fully understand or comprehend by our own reason, we trust God's revelation through His Word made known to us of who He is and what He has done, that apart from Him there is no other.

Confession and Absolution

940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name *sts. 1–5*



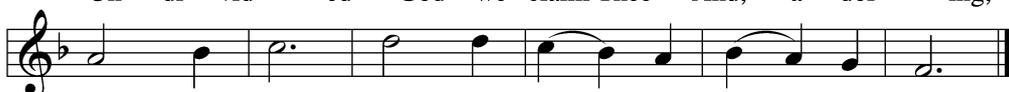
1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
 4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
 △ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy 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,
 born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
 three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
 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
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version Katholisches
 Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–
 1900, alt.

Tune: Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the
 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O
 Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness;
 therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's
 Word, call upon Him in prayer and
 praise, let us first consider our
 unworthiness and confess before God
 and one another that we have sinned

in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.
You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has
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Kyrie

LSB 204

**☩ Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

**☩ 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;**

**You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray

C **Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31*

The Blessings of Wisdom

¹Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

⁴"To you, O men, I call,
and my cry is to the children of man.

...

²²"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.

²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was

brought forth,

when there were no springs
abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been
shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth,
²⁶before he had made the earth with
its fields,

or the first of the dust of the world.
²⁷When he established the heavens, I
was there;

when he drew a circle on the face
of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of
the deep,

²⁹when 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,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master
workman,

and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of
man."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Romans 10:8b, 10

The word is near you, in your mouth and in
your heart,

the word of faith that we proclaim.
For with the heart one believes and is
justified,

and with the mouth one confesses and
is saved.

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

¹⁴Peter, 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.’

²⁹“Brothers, 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

C **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 8:48–59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

Before Abraham Was, I Am

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is

One who seeks it, and he is the judge.

⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’” ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’” ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Athanasian Creed Part 1

P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

C **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

P And the catholic faith is this,

C **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

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

C But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

P Pastor: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

C the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

P Pastor: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

P And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

C just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

P In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

C and yet there are not three Almightyes, but one Almighty.

P So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

C and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

P So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

C and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Sit

813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;

Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your king. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks,
and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong
As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
The psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,
With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Yet on and onward still,
With hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and
columned aisle
The hallowed pathways throng.
Refrain

5 Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend
Till dawns the golden day. Refrain

6 At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore. Refrain

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Sermon: We is better than ME

John 9:58

Offering

Offertory

LSB 192



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Stand

Recognition of Graduates

Sending of the Mission Team

Prayer of the Church

P ...Lord in your mercy...

C Hear our prayer

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

507 Holy, Holy, Holy *sts. 1–4*

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall
rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore
Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down
before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore
shalt be.

- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness
hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy
glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none
beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in
earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826

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Announcements

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING - Sunday, June 26, at 11:15 am The primary items on the agenda for this important (and fast-moving) meeting include: Election of Officers, Officer and Board Reports, and Reflection on our Church Vision and Mission. All Voting Members (communicant members who have reached the age of eighteen years of age) are encouraged to 'be about the Father's business' (Luke 2:41-52) and have the privilege of voting at the Voters' Assembly.

WEBSITE

Trinity is experiencing some website problems and is working to getting them resolved. For the time being, the "In Service to the Lord" and "Posse" sections will not update. The rest of the site appears to be in working order. Please excuse our "construction" while we work with our provider to find a solution.

BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class (9:00 am) today completed a second study of the Lord's Supper including the Lutheran practice of CLOSE (not closed) COMMUNION - and what the Bible teaches about an 'unworthy' communicant. Starting next Sunday, June 19, the group will take an adult look at each of the Ten Commandments.

Adult Confirmation Class (9:00 am) studied Holy Baptism.

Tuesday Morning Bible Class (10:00 am) will begin a comparative study of the teachings of five theological systems:

Calvinism, Eastern Orthodox, Popular Evangelicalism, Roman Catholicism, and Lutheranism.

HONORING OF OUR GRADUATES

Today, Trinity is blessed to recognize and honor three maturing members of our congregation who have graduated from their respective institutions of learning: Elisabeth Corcoran (Stockbridge High School), Jonah Frazinni (Stockbridge High School), and Karl Swanson (Grand Valley State University). We praise the Lord for His guidance and strength in all of these significant academic achievements.

SENDING THE TRINITY MISSION TEAM

Today we are blessed to commission and send 15 Trinity members of a special Mission Team who will staff an outreach booth at the Day in the Village event in Stockbridge on Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 19. We ask the Lord to bless the witness of Pam Fix, Barb Yek, Penny and Jim Myers, Deb Dugan, Janice Lasko, Lynda Minger, Joanna Krueger, Kristin Myher, and Marilyn and Rob Brumm, Kathryn Brumm, Bob and Lois Brumm and Pastor Snider. Since additional mission workers are needed for this community outreach event, please speak with Lois Brumm or Pastor Merelyn Snider if you are interested in serving on this Mission Team.

ONGOING MISSION

One of our ongoing missions is the Stockbridge Community Outreach. The greatest need has been paper products, paper towels, Kleenex, and toilet paper. Any time that you can pick up some for donation, please put it on the table in the Narthex.

AMERICAN FLAGS

Did you notice the 9 beautiful American flags flying in front of Trinity along M-36 for Memorial Day? Those flags are part of a "Flags Across America" program that is run by BSA troop 395. For a subscription fee of \$35 a year, flags are put up for 4 holidays; Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day & Labor Day. The boys in Troop 395 would like to thank Deb Dugan, the Groeller family, the Ruhl family, The Minger family, Shirley Opp, the Ray Eppler family, the Greg Eppler family, and the Woolace family for supporting their Boy Scout troop and also for beautifying the church on these holidays. If you would like to renew your subscription or purchase a new subscription, please see one of your local Boy Scouts! Sincerely, Luke, Daniel, Andrew, or Ben

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT The Bible indicates that the Holy Spirit distributes approximately 19 (+ or -) different spiritual gifts to Christians - and that each Christian has been given at least one or more of these spiritual gifts for the purpose of glorifying the LORD and building up the Body of Christ (Church). This will be the topic of study at the next Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class that meets in our air-conditioned sanctuary from 9:00 - 9:45 am - starting on Sunday, August 7, 2022.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The kids have finished up their school year Sunday School. Thanks so much to our faithful teachers...Quinn Erisman, Lynda Minger, and Marilyn Brumm. We will be taking a two-week break (6/12 and 6/19) and will start our summer kids program on 6/26. Join us on the 26th for some fun together before church.

Adult Bible Study and Adult Education will continue uninterrupted.

CHARTING OUR COURSE – Attendance last week ... June 5, 2022

10:00 am Worship / Online Views: 63	In Person: 39
9:00 am Adult Info Class	In Person: 0
9:00 am Kids Sunday school	In Person: 5
9:00 am Adult Bible Class Online Views: 35	In Person: 8/

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Amanda Churches	6/17
Lee Clacher	6/17

WORSHIP SERVANTS

June 12, 2022

Divine service

Elder: Mike Myher

Acolyte: Ben Ratliff

Usher: Barb Yek and Marilyn Brumm

Counting: Greg and Elizabeth Eppler

Altar: Deb Dugan and Barb Yek

June 19, 2022

Divine service

Elder: Ray Swanson

Acolyte: Luke Eppler

Usher: Joanna and Dan Krueger

Counting: Dan and Joanna Krueger

Altar: Deb Dugan and Barb Yek

PRAY FOR WORKERS (Matthew 9:38). These Ministry Leader Positions will soon be vacant due to term limitations:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Financial Secretary
4. Treasurer

5. 2 Elder positions
6. 2 trustee positions
7. 2 Stewardship
8. 1 Evangelism
9. 2 Board of Christian Ed

Please pray that the Holy Spirit raises up energetic workers (maybe even you or me!) to serve the LORD in these important service areas. The election of Officers will take place at the **June 26** meeting of the Voters' Assembly.

This Week

Sun June 12,

- 9 am No Children's Sunday School
- Life with God: Lord's supper Part 2* Adult study
- Adult Confirmation
- 10 am Holy Trinity Sunday

Mon June 13

Tues June 14

- 10 am Bible Study

Wed June 15

- 5:30 pm Prayer Warriors
- 6:30 Choir TBD

Thu June 16

- 7 pm Council

Fri June 17

Sat June 18

Sun June 19

- 9 am No Children's Sunday School
- Life with God; Ten Commandments* Adult study
- Adult Confirmation
- 10 am Worship

VBS PLANNING MEETING

June 21 7pm!!

**Come and help us make this VBS
spectacular!**

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