

THE HOLY TRINITY

Bethel Lutheran Church

May 30, 2021



The festival of the Holy Trinity celebrates the mystery of God, both transcendent and inherent. When we say God is triune, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Christians are born of water and the Spirit, and when we make the sign of the cross, we remember our baptism in the name of the triune God. Born anew in baptism, and nourished at the Lord's table, we now live as witnesses to God's love for us and all the world.

✠ GATHERING ✠

OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy



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,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



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 made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



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,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



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.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as we begin.

- P. We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen.
P. Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another..

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

- P. Loving God,
C. we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to worship you with our whole being and to share the abundance of grace you give us. We have acted out of selfish ambition rather than the interests of others; we have nursed grudges rather than seeking reconciliation and peace. Forgive us and renew in us the mind of Christ Jesus, that we may live according to your will. Amen.
P. Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of Almighty God, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us; and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin, in the name of the Father, and the † Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 5:1a, 5b, 8b)
C. Amen.

GREETING

- P. The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C. And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Father Most Holy

1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en; good - ness un -

Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, light of the an - gels,

ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, light nev - er wan - ing.
joy of those for - sak - en, hope of all liv - ing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time You are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by Your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory He shares with us. Glory and praise to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

This first reading narrates the prophet's vision of the Lord surrounded by the angelic company. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. In the liturgy, this text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. This glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

In 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 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His 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

Splits the flames of fire;

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.

¹¹The LORD shall give strength to His people;

the LORD, shall give His people 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 sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁵For 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!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.

HOLY GOSPEL: St. John 3:1–17

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.

C. Glory to You, O Christ.

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

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

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.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 He came down from heaven;
 by the power of the Holy Spirit

He became incarnate from the virgin
 Mary, and was made man.
 For our sake He was crucified under
 Pontius Pilate;
 He suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day He rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 He ascended into heaven and is seated
 at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the
 living and the dead,
 and His kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
 the giver of life,
 Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son He is
 worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

✠ PRAYER ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY



Re - mem - ber and re - jice, re - newed by floods of grace.
God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - ase.
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P. Blessed are you,

C. O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered into the mystery of the Trinity, let us join with one another to pray for the Church and the world and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Abba, when we cry to You, your Spirit bears witness with our spirit. Give to Your church the confidence of the children of God, so that we boldly share with everyone Your world-saving love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

The whole earth is full of Your glory: cities teem, fields flourish, mountains soar, and waters abound. Send us to go for You, mending what is torn and tattered in Your world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son. In these days, when nation condemns nation, save us. Give us strength and fill us with Your justice and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
C. hear our prayer.

Your people cry out to You, seeking the goodness and hope of Your holiness. Let the wind of Your Spirit blow into the lives of all who suffer from injustice, want, or anguish of any kind, especially Emily, Angie, Shirlee, Bill and Karen, Bill Ningen, Carol, Sylvia, and Norma. Lord, in Your mercy,
C. hear our prayer.

In our living and in our dying, we belong to You. In loving remembrance, we honor those who live with scars or have died defending our nation. Beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, and teach us Your ways. Lord in Your mercy,
C. hear our prayer.

We pray for our congregation, 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,
C. hear our prayer.

With affection we remember the saints now departed and rejoice in their faithful witness. Through their example, provoke us to holy lives of loving service in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
C. hear our prayer.

By the sure guidance of Your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift our prayers in trust and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

P. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. May you be rooted and grounded in His love.
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

Holy God We Praise Your Name



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
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 above are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



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
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



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.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

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Plan Ahead

VBS Planning Meeting: June 8, 6:30 pm at the church

Thanks to the anonymous ladies who pulled the weeds around the church.



Grief Support Group

June 8, 15, 22, 29th, 10-11:30 am, Christ Lutheran Church, Hendricks, free.

To register for this event, contact Good Shepherd Hospice Social Worker, Colleen Petersen, 507 275-2210. Additional information is on the bulletin board.

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