

# The Holy Trinity

June 15, 2025; 9 a.m.



**St John's**  
Lutheran Church

*(An usher rings the church bell at 8:55 a.m.; prelude begins)*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Temple Talk

Jean Jirovec, Stewardship

### Prelude

*(Acolytes light the candles)*

Menuet by Petzold; Ned Ernster, piano

## Thanksgiving for Baptism *(please stand)*

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

In the name of ✠ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*(water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving)*

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers

and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

ELW #819; *Come, All You People*

- 1     Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
      come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
      come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
      come now and worship the Lord.
- 2     Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;  
      come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;  
      come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;  
      come now and worship the Lord.
- 3     Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;  
      come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;  
      come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;  
      come now and worship the Lord.

## Apostolic 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.**

## Kyrie

ACS Setting 12

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Canticle of Praise

ACS Setting 12

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: **we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 *(please sit)*

- <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.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Reading: Romans 5:1-5

<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.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## Children’s Time

### Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)

ACS Setting 12

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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*Repeat alleluia*

## Gospel: John 16:12-15

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**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 *(please sit)*

*“Boasting in the Triune God”* -- Pastor Christine Emerson

## Hymn of the Day *(please stand)*

ACS #1015; *As a Mother*

As a mother comforts her child,  
so God will comfort you.

As a hen gathers her brood,  
so Christ will gather you.

As a wise one counsels her friend,  
so the Spirit will counsel you.

The Trinity of love will be with you. *(repeat) ?*

## 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.

## Prayers of the People

Petition:  
God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

## The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you.**

## Offering

*(Ushers take up the collection)*

*Be Thou My Vision* arr. (?)  
Frank Larrabee, recorder & Linda Ranney, organ

## Offertory *(please stand)*

*(Ushers bring collection forward for acolytes to receive)*

ELW #401; *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* vs. 1, 5

- 1     Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,  
      fashion us all anew.  
      It's your leading that we're needing,  
      help us to follow you.

*Refrain*

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

- 5     Keep us fervent in our witness;  
      unswayed by earth's allure.

Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Creator God, **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

### Holy, Holy, Holy

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



## Eucharistic Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

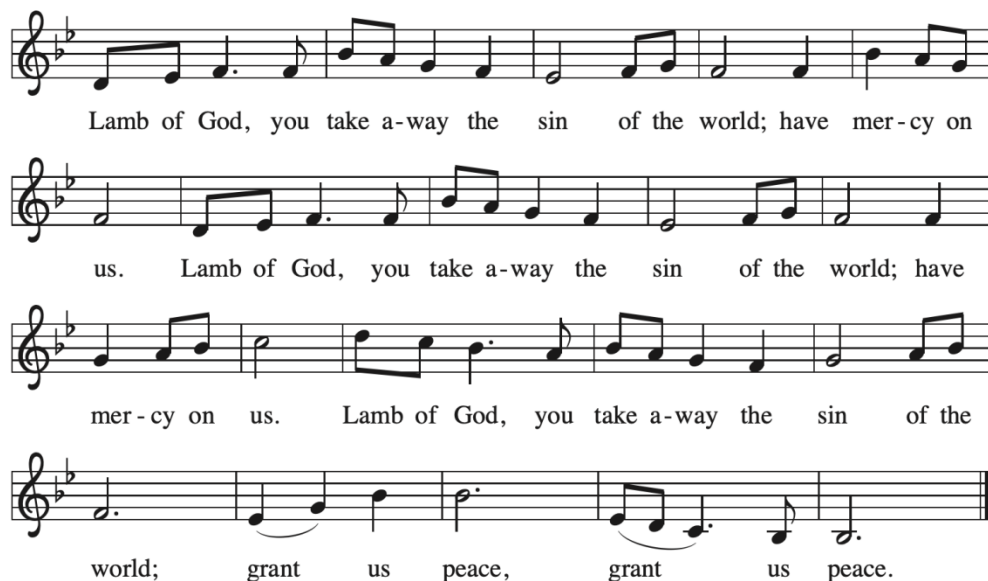
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### Invitation to the Table

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

*(acolytes prepare for communion distribution; ushers come forward to invite assembly by pew)*

### 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, grant us peace.

### Communion Hymn

ELW #414; *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

- 1 Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.

- All on earth your scepter claim,  
all in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
everlasting is your reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
- 3 Lo, the apostolic train  
join your sacred name to hallow;  
prophets swell the glad refrain,  
and the white-robed martyrs follow;  
and from morn to set of sun  
through the church the song goes on.
- 4 Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name you,  
though in essence only one;  
undivided God we claim you  
and, adoring, bend the knee  
while we own the mystery.

### **Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer** *(please stand)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Mothering God,  
**you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

## Benediction

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*(Acolytes extinguish the candles)*

ELW #412; *Come Join the Dance of Trinity*, vs. 1, 3, 4

- 1      Come, join the dance of Trinity,  
         before all worlds begun—  
         the interweaving of the Three,  
         the Father, Spirit, Son.  
         The universe of space and time  
         did not arise by chance,  
         but as the Three, in love and hope,  
         made room within their dance.
- 3      Come, speak aloud of Trinity,  
         as wind and tongues of flame  
         set people free at Pentecost  
         to tell the Savior's name.  
         We know the yoke of sin and death,  
         our necks have worn it smooth;  
         go tell the world of weight and woe  
         that we are free to move!
- 4      Within the dance of Trinity,  
         before all worlds begun,  
         we sing the praises of the Three,  
         the Father, Spirit, Son.  
         Let voices rise and interweave,  
         by love and hope set free,  
         to shape in song this joy, this life:  
         the dance of Trinity.

## Sending

Go In Peace, Live by the spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Linda Ranney

## Altar Flowers

In memory of my wife, Joyce Ritsch, by Jim Ritsch

## Chancel Flowers

In memory of my mother, Joyce Ritsch, by Julie Postlewaite

## Serving at Worship Today

Presider	Pr. Christine Emerson
Assistant	Jean Jirovec
Lector	Pam Sorebo
Acolytes	Eric Dahl, Vincent Dahl
Ushers	Mike Torud, Lynn Yolitz
Greeters	Julie Kersten, Gary Kersten
Communion Servers	Ruth Lundblad, Randy Lundblad, Anna Mayer, Margaret Kinderman
Media & Streaming	Lydia Elko
Screen Operator	Lois Mai
Musicians	Linda Ranney, piano/organ; Frank Larrabee, instrumentalist; Mark Lundin, vocalist

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