



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

THE HOLY TRINITY

May 30, 2021 - 10:00 AM



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her Mom, Dad, and Mother-in-law by Carol Elliott.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister & Preaching

Susan Crowell

Pianist

Jim Parham

Cantors

Valerie Hollinger
Wayne Hollinger

Lectors

Campbell Balck
Helen Birdsong

Video Direction and Production

Henry Wilcox

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Fugue in Eb Major (St. Anne) by J.S. Bach
(premiered on June 21, 2020)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy.

You are forgiven. You are loved into abundant life.

Amen.

**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, blessed Trinity!**

**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.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

**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, blessed Trinity!**

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

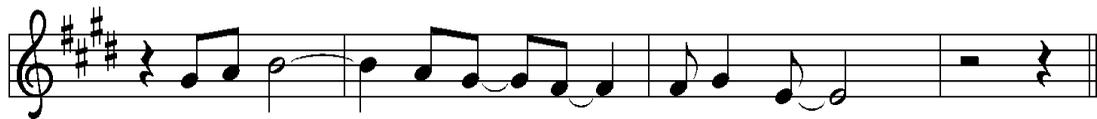
And also with you.

KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

WORD

FIRST READING

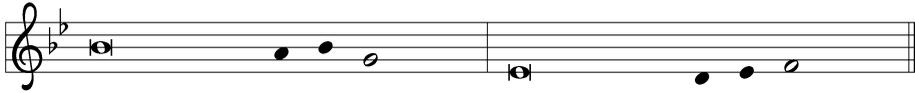
Isiah 6:1-8

A reading from Isiah.

¹In the year of the death of Uzziah, ruler of Judah, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty judgement seat, in a robe whose train filled the Temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above; 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; All the earth is filled with God's 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 have unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the ruler, 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.

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.*Psalm
RefrainPsalm
Tone

- ¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R**
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- ⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- ⁸**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R**
- 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!"
- ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**
- ¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. **R**

A reading from Romans

¹²Siblings, 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!” 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 Christ so that we may also be glorified with Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Spirit of the Living God - Daniel Iverson
Youth and Children’s Choir

CHILDRENS’ SERMON

Working Together

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now 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 Chosen One. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Chosen One be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes in the Chosen One might have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that God gave the Only Begotten One, so that everyone who believes may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Only Begotten into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through the Only Begotten.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

A Community of Self-Giving Love

**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.**

**Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.**

**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!**

**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.**

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 INTERCESSION

Gathered in our homes on this festival of The Holy Trinity, let us pray to the triune God.

That all leaders of the church be strengthened for their ministries; that theologians manifest the triune mystery for our time; and that all the baptized be renewed in faith:

O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the church we pray:

Holy God, we praise your name.

That the earth's mighty waters be cleansed; that cedars and oak trees be nurtured; and that wildernesses be protected: O God, creator, gardener, and keeper, for the earth we pray:

Holy God, we praise your name.

That the leaders of nations enact justice for all their people; that prejudice against those of different nationality or color or language or sexual orientation cease; and that democracy flourish around the globe: O God, fortress, monarch, and protector, for the nations we pray:

Holy God, we praise your name.

That all people shun the use of violence; and that, in remembrance of all the soldiers and civilians who have died in warfare, humankind maintain peace between nations, on our streets, and in our homes: O God, judge, peacemaker, and shield, for peace we pray:

Holy God, we praise your name.

That the pandemic end; that vaccines be fairly distributed; that the suffering be comforted; that those who are ill be made whole; and that you visit those we here name:

O God, healer, mother, and nurse, for the sick we pray:

Holy God, we praise your name.

That summertime offer refreshment to everyone; that relatives and friends find joy with one another; that travelers be kept safe; and that refugees receive refuge:

O God, friend, companion, and homeland, for summertime we pray:

Holy God, we praise your name.

That each of us rest securely in divine love; and that our private prayers be heard:

O God, wisdom, lover, and treasure, for ourselves we pray:

Holy God, we praise your name.

In remembrance of all who have died in the faith, (especially. . .), we join with Mary to sing a magnificat of praise. That with all the saints, at the end of all things, we receive your eternal life;

Holy God, we praise your name.

Into your endless love we commend all for whom we pray, trusting as did Jesus in your grace and might, now and forever.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Peace be with you.

☒ **Peace be with you.**

*Worshippers are invited to use their phones to text now or make a call later today
to extend a message of peace to someone you love and care about.*

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

*Online giving is available by texting TLCGIVE to 73256,
or by following the link on the homepage of the website, www.trinitylutheran.ws.
Offering may also be mailed to the Church Office at 421 North Main St., Greenville, SC*

The Church's One Foundation

Text: Samuel S. Stone; Music by Samuel S. Wesley, Arr. Jim Parham
(Patrick Preacher, oboe and Adult Choir)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Baptized in Water

#456

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the
blood of Christ our king: heirs of salvation, trusting his
promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the
tomb with Christ our king: one with his rising, freed and
forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spirit, we are God's
children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,
**you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score consists of five lines of music. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est." The music ends with a double bar line.

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

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Amen.

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 deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

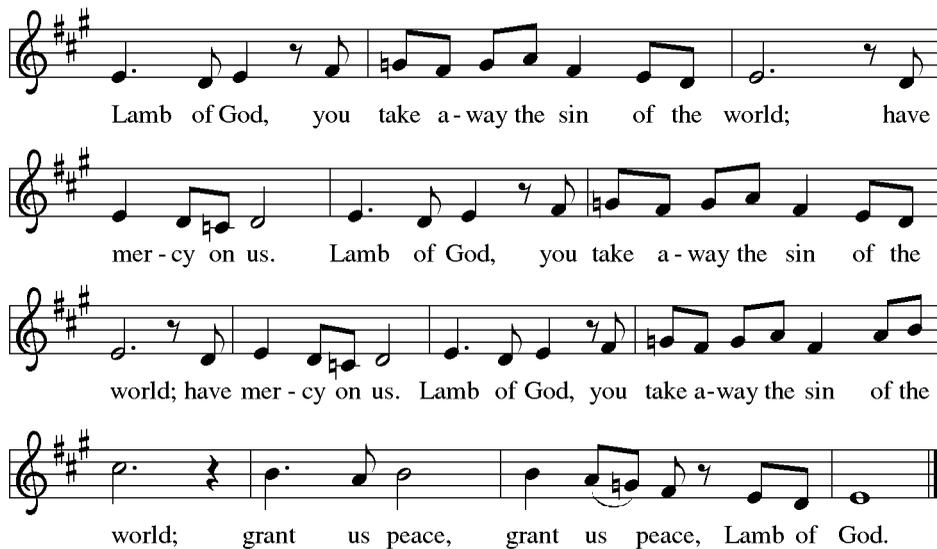
COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

Worshippers who gather with family at home are invited to share the bread and wine with each other using these words spoken directly to each person, "The body of Christ given for you," and "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Worshippers who are gathering with the community from their individual homes are invited to receive the bread and wine while saying these words, "The body of Christ given for me," and "The blood of Christ shed for me."

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION



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, Lamb of God.

**Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright
morning of this world. Creator, source of ev'ry
breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**

**Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering
me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of
love, your very body for my peace.**

**Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of
patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and
grow until I flow'r, until I know.**

ANTHEM

Veni Sancte Spiritus (Holy Spirit, Come to Us)
ELW 406

Adult Choir

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God is not a person.
God is not a being.
God is Being itself.
This God who is Being itself,
is not the father of life,
this God is life, life that lives and breathes,
in, with, and through us
and this community of self-giving love.
May the Triune God✝ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

All Glory Be to God on High

#410

(Verse 1)

**All glory be to God on high, who has the world
befriended; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
strife at last is ended. God shows goodwill to
one and all, and peace when troubled sinners call. Thank
God for grace and mercy!**

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

All Glory Be to God on High
setting by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

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