The Holy Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Prelude and Fugue in F Major"

J. S. Bach

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

If we say we have no sins, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us - from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

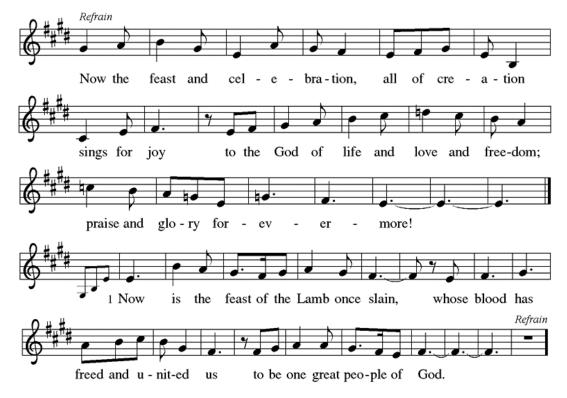
GATHERING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy" [See back of bulletin]

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

A READING FROM ISAIAH

¹In 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 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!" (Isaiah 6:18)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 (Read responsively)

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon:

the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The 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!"

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

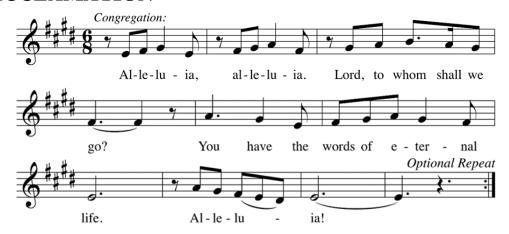
A READING FROM ROMANS

¹²Brothers 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. (Romans 8:12-17)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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.' ®The 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?" ¹¹0</sup>Jesus 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." (John 3:1-17)

The Gospel of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Come, Thou Almighty King" [See back of bulletin]

NICENE CREED (Read in Unison)

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

Bless your people with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all people of faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We see your love and power in every part of your great and wonderful creation. Sustain habitats and ecosystems, that they flourish for generations to come. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Shelter all who risk life to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we especially remember those who have honorably served their country and now rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks and celebrate all the saints through whom the Holy Spirit has done great and wonderful things. Teach us to recognize your presence at work in our lives and comfort us with your promise of eternal life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

(*The Pastor concludes*): Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERING

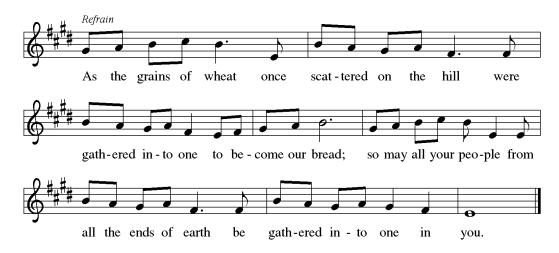
OFFERTORY (8:00 AM)

"Trumpet Tune"

A. Giamanco

ANTHEM (10:30 AM) "Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones"* K. Christopher

OFFERTORY HYMN



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Eternal God, you make a great banquet out the simple things which we have brought to this celebration. Feed us again at this table of peace and mercy, that we might go forth to serve our neighbors in the power of your abiding Spirit. **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

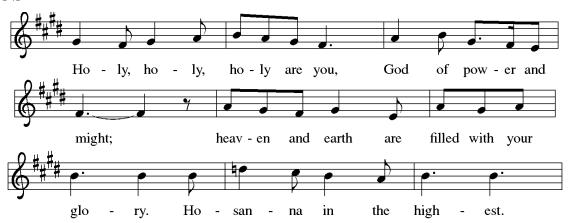
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

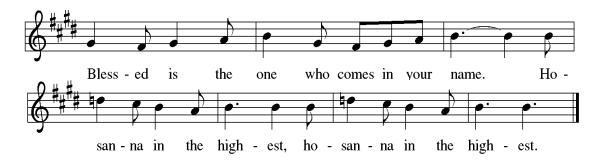
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord, who rose beyond the bounds of death and, on this day, as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole world exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

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 deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS

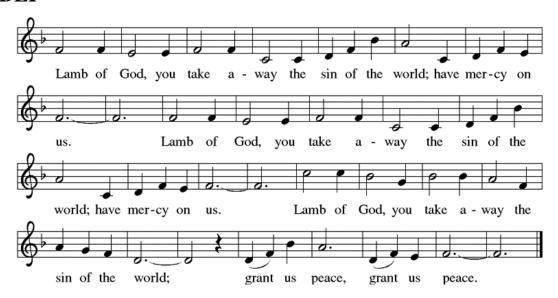
All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction. Communicants may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. After you have received the Sacrament, you may choose to briefly stand at the chancel rail before returning to your seat.

If you or your child would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.

Those who are unable to come forward should indicate that they wish to receive the Sacrament and they will receive it as they sit in their pew.

Communion is shared with those seated on the pulpit side and then with those seated on the lectern side.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION HYMN "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity" [See back of bulletin]

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "Holy God We Praise Your Name" [See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

- **Altar flowers** are presented in memory of William and Lottie Lengel by grandson, James Lengel and the Lengel Family.
- **Chancel flowers** are presented in memory of Tom's dad, Leighton, and brothers, Frank, Bobby, Jimmy, Donny & Johnny, who served in the Army, Air Force, and Marines by Tom and Gwen Wehr.
- **Bulletins** are presented in honor of my wife, Gwen's birthday by her loving husband, Tom Wehr.
- **Anthem** "Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones"* was presented in honor of those who have served or are presently serving in our Armed Forces by Joe Reihman and in loving memory of Dave Sterner by Doug and Karen Travor. (2009)

Introduction to the day: When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his *Abba* (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

CRAFTERS' GUILD

Please stop by the Crafters' Guild table at the Patriotic Concert and see the patriotic-themed items created by our talented members!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S					
Sunday, May 26		THE HOLY TRINITY			
	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion			
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum			
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion			
	7:00 PM	Patriotic Concert			
		Refreshments following the concert			
Monday, May 27		MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY			
		Our Church Office is closed.			
Friday, May 31	10:00 AM	STiC walk at Tumbling Run			
Saturday, June 1	5:30 PM	Worship with Holy Communion			
Sunday, June 2		GRADUATE RECOGNITION			
	9:30 AM	M Worship with Holy Communion			
		Refreshments following worship service			
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SERVING TODAY (5/26/24)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul

10:30 AM

GREETER: Bill Smoot; USHER: Tom Wehr

LECTOR: Cindy Ritschel; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Doug Travor

ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Lafko and Amy Dewald

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Barb Sterner, and Joanne Emerich

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (6/2/24)

9:30 AM

GREETER: Deb Bolinsky; USHER: Joyce O'Rourke; LECTOR: Deb Bolinsky

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Connie Teter

ALTAR GUILD: Hope Clarke and Madelyn Knecht

COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr and Glenda Bright

OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 2!

We will return to our summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 2. Our Saturday worship service will continue at 5:30 p.m., but we will share a single 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sundays during the summer months. Please mark your calendar!

LET'S KEEP IT UP!

Please sign cards for members who cannot worship with us in person (e.g., those who have long-term health problems, military personnel, and college students far from home.) These cards are in the back of our sanctuary on the small table with our prayer list. They are signs of our continued encouragement and support.

WHERE ARE OUR OFFERING PLATES?

Except for special Sundays, our offering plate is in the back of the church near the center aisle. If you would like to give an offering and have not already done so, please place your offering in the plate before worship begins or as you leave the church.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Please worship with us again. Take a copy of our April newsletter. Check out our webpage. Visit us on Facebook. Watch our weekly video on YouTube and get to know us better! We have a rich Lutheran tradition, but we are not old-fashioned. Everyone is invited to worship with us and work together to the glory of God!

PATRIOTIC CONCERT

Join us for our annual Patriotic Concert TONIGHT, Sunday, May 26 at 7 p.m. Music will be performed by St. Paul's Bell Choir and the Patriotic Festival Choir. Light refreshments will be served following the performance. This concert is free and open to the community. Donations are graciously accepted. We look forward to seeing you there!

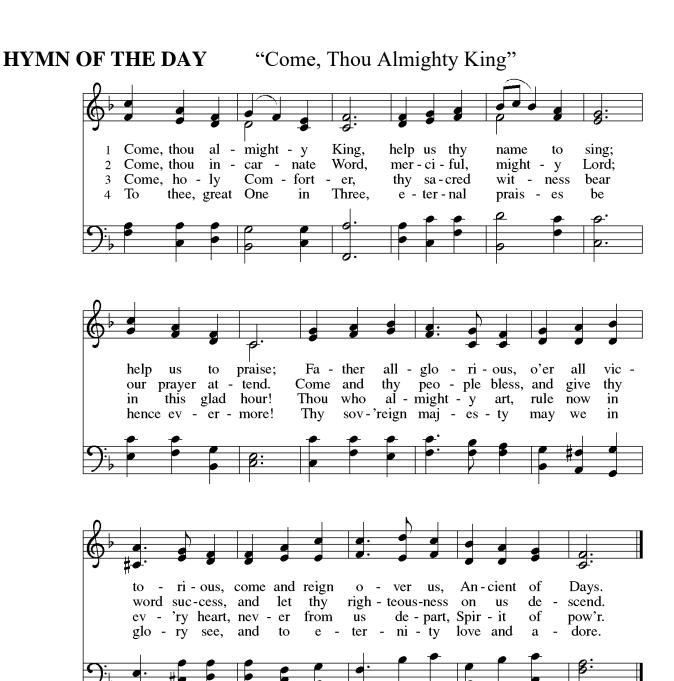
"GRADUATE RECOGNITION" SUNDAY IS JUNE 2!

Join us for worship and good fellowship on Sunday, June 2 at 9:30 a.m. as we recognize and celebrate our newest graduates. They are Nora Goessel, Emily and Austin Heydt, and Alyssa Sklar. Following our service refreshments will be provided in our gathering room by our Evangelism Committee. Hope to see you there!

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TABLE

Any church committee, family, group, or member(s) may host a summer Fellowship Table beginning Sunday, June 9, and continuing through Sunday, August 18. Our Fellowship Table has become a very enjoyable part of our summer worship routine. Good fellowship plus good food is a great way to top off our summer worship. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering room for your convenience.

GATHERING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" Lord God Al - might - y! 1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ly, ho - ly, 2 Ho - ly, ho ly! the saints a - dore All 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho Though the dark-ness hide ly! thee, 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y! ho ly! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y thee. sea; though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see, thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky Ho - ly, ho - ly, ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y! ho cher-u - bim and fall - ing down be - fore ser - a - phim thee, there is none be - side on - ly thou art ho ly; thee, mer - ci - ful and might - y! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ly, ho God three bless - ed Trin - i - ty! in per sons, wert and which art, and ev - er - more shalt be. love and pu - ri - ty. Trin - i - ty! per fect in pow'r, in God in bless - ed three per sons,



SERVICE MINISTRY "BOOK DRIVE"

Our Service Ministry committee is seeking donations of new or gently used books for infants, preschool-aged children, and early readers. These books will benefit families served by our Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry. A box for donations has been placed in our narthex. Please be generous!

COMMUNION HYMN "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"



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SENDING HYMN "Holy God We Praise Your Name"

