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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
June 4, 2023

The Holy Trinity

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and increase your desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors**, if you are worshipping with us today,
we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!*

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

Welcome Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

ELW #413
vv. 1,2&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, blessed 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.**

**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, blessed Trinity!**

***Confession and Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the † cross, the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Song of Praise:

"Awesome God"

W&P #13

**Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r, and love
Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!**

Repeat

***Greeting**

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

And also with you.

***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.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

¹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**
⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**
⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
⁹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

“Open our eyes, Lord”

W&P #113

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

***Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kid's Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

PMA Bill Huelle

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

Song of the Day:

"Father, I adore you"

W&P #37

- 1. Father, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.**
- 2. Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.**
- 3. Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.**

***Profession of Faith: The 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 Church:**

Each petition ends with:

God, in your mercy ...**hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

...in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

***Offertory Prayer**

God of field and forest, sea and sky,

**you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✠HOLY COMMUNION✠

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Words of Institution

***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.**

Invitation to Communion

All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Music

Rhonda Boettcher

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ‡ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.
Amen.

***Sending Song:**

“Rise, Shine, You People”

ELW #665

vv. 1,3&4

**1. Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.**

**3. Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.**

**4. Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
God's new creation.**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers†

Prayers for healing: **Paul Bueide** (hospice), **Tom Bosshardt** (hip replacement recovery), **Jerry** (upcoming surgery), **Nancy** (cancer), **Joni** (cancer), **Amy** (cancer), **Marsha Bueide** (recovering), **William Gibbs** (Cancer—brother of Larry Gibbs), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Susan Martin** (recovering from a fall), **Linda Spomer** (healing/pain from broken back), **Perry Crom** (health issues-nephew of Shirлие Schuldie), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from heart surgery), **Catherine Rahrs** (blood clots—Val Rahrs' mother), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson).

H A P P Y
B I R T H D A Y

Josh Miller, 6/4; Noni Annett, 6/6; Lora Blumenkamp, 6/9;
Calliope Newsom, 6/9; Trisha Foote, 6/10

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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FOOD PANTRY: Canned Fruit

BACKPACKS: Oatmeal

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



**CLCW JUNE MISSION
PROJECT:**

Habitat for Humanity

A community organization seeking to put God's love into action, by bringing people together to build homes and hope. Provides decent and affordable housing to those in need by instilling Habitat homeowners with strength and perseverance to build a better life for themselves and their families.

Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



JAM will be taking a break during the summer.

Laundry Love – Quarters Needed!



Calvary hosts Laundry Love every 3rd month; our next event is July 15th. In preparation for that day, we need quarters!! Please donate – the Laundry Bottle is outside the pastor's offices. Loose quarters or rolls will work.

Thank you so much!

SHEETS NEEDED!

The quilting ladies are in need of sheets. If anyone would like to donate please drop them off in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your generosity!



Deacons needed for Shut In Communion!

We are in need of a couple deacons willing to give Holy Communion to the Shut In church members. If interested, please contact the church office or Bill Huelle. Thank you!

WORSHIP LEADERS

This Sunday – June 4

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey
LAY READER: Angie Hinze
HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen
COMMUNION ASSTS: Rick & Lynn Margheim
POWERPOINT: Matt Payne
ACOLYTES: Kippen & Jacey Cochran
MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten
AUDIO: Jeff Van Patten
ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler
PIANIST: Rhonda Boettcher
COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

Next Sunday – June 11

USHERS: Jack & Becky Martin
LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle
POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn
ACOLYTES: Merrick Walsh & Ben Moravec
MEDIA: Chris Jensen
AUDIO: Jim Dorn
ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh
ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher
COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 4

10 a.m. – Worship
11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 6

12 p.m. – Sarah Study
1 p.m. – Quilting

Saturday, June 10

2:30 p.m. – Katelyn Todd's Wedding
5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, June 11

10 a.m. – Worship
11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

JUNE 4, 2023
TRINITY SUNDAY



Practice the faith to gain understanding.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 28:16-20	Sending of the disciples
Monday	Genesis 1:1–2:4a	God creates everything
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Live in peace
Wednesday	Philippians 4:4-9	Rejoice in the Lord always
Thursday	Deuteronomy 6:4-9	The great commandment
Friday	1 Timothy 4:6-16	A good minister of Jesus Christ
Saturday	Psalms 8	Divine majesty and human dignity
Sunday	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	The call to follow Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”
Matthew 28:19 (NRSV)*

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God in Three Persons, we thank you that you are with us always so that we may go out with your love, to care and serve our neighbor and the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for your amazing care of us with this gift of food. O Lord, how awesome is your name in all the earth. Amen. (Psalm 8)

A Blessing to Give:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)



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JUNE 4, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK
O Living Breath of God



WEEKLY MILESTONES
Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you wish you understood about God?
- How does reading the Bible, talking with others, and praying help you learn about God?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 28:16-20.

Verses 19-20 are known as The Great Commission. Jesus speaks of heavenly power given to the disciples and then sends them out to share the good news with the world. But in verses 17-18, some of the disciples have doubt. What happened to the doubting disciples? They are sent out to baptize and teach the faith. They are to baptize in the trinitarian language of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, wording not used earlier in Matthew. The Trinity has always been a challenge and a mystery. How do you have one God in three persons? Instead of a lecture on this point, Jesus sends out his followers to baptize and teach. Somehow his followers will grow in knowledge as they practice the faith. It is in practicing, teaching, and living the faith that we gain understanding. Part of that understanding is that our God is with us always and sends us out with the power to love, save, and bless.

Discuss: How have you learned about God and grown in your faith by practicing and living the faith?

Pray: God of power and might, give us the faith to go out into the world and rely on your presence to love, save, and bless in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love, based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you practice your faith and reach out to someone with God's love?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

2 Corinthians 13:13 is called the "Apostolic Greeting" (meaning related to the apostles) and has been used at the beginning of many worship services. It is often overlooked that much of Christian worship comes directly from the Bible. The Bible is sung, prayed, and read during worship. Christian worship can be practiced in the home as well. Practice using this shortened version of the verse when you greet or say good-bye to family and friends this week: **May the grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the Holy Spirit be with you.**



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