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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**May 30, 2021**

## The Holy Trinity

**Prayer Before Worship:** Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life; breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day. Draw us into communion, enable us to love, conspire to make us one with you for the world you so deeply love. Amen.

*(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.

**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 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 in person or online today,  
we are glad to have you with us.*

### Prelude Music

### Welcome and Announcements

## ✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

### \*Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, 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 us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **\*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.**

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

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. Amen.**

## **✠GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US✠**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs 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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And 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!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The 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." <sup>8</sup>Then 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**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>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!"

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## **Epistle Reading: Romans 8:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — <sup>13</sup>for 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. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For 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!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and 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.**

## **\*Gospel Acclamation:**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **\*Gospel: John 3:1-17**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He 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." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus 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?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

<sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>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.

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

**Kids Sermon:**

**Pastor Chris**

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Chris**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡**

**\*Hymn of the Day: “Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty!”**

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vv. 1&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!**

**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!**

**\*Profession of Faith: 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 the Church:**

*Each petition ends with:*

God of power....**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with:*

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

**\*Exchange of Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

**Gracious God, as grains of wheat are gathered for bread, and grapes together are poured out as wine, so may we be united in your presence through this sacrament of grace. 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**

Come. For the gifts of God are ready for the people of God.

#### **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**

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.**

## **‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡**

### **\*Benediction**

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:**

**“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

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- 1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**
- 2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.**

**3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!**

### **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace to bear Christ's love to the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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## **✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠**

*Prayers for healing:* **LaDonna Schmidt** (recovering from colon cancer surgery), **Lorene** (cancer – Mike Belgum's mother), **Deb** (knee replacement surgery—Janet Miller's sister), **Teigen Brunner** (Healing—Deb Brown's grandson), **Syl Holdt** (recovering from knee surgery), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Caleb Payne** (health issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Bill Steele** (Recovering at home), **Harlan Meyer** (Lonnie Miller's uncle), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer—Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

*Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world: in this time of Covid-19 and general unsettledness. For everyone in need!*

### **Prayer Requests**



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Linda Wollesen, 6/1; Joshua Miller, 6/4

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



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## JUNE FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Canned Fruit

**BACKPACKS:** Oatmeal

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA JUNE MISSION PROJECT:**

### **Sullivan Hills Camp**



**SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP**

This month we are asking your help in sending monetary support to Sullivan Hills Camp. The camp offers programs for grades 1-12, a confirmation camp, programs for special needs families, and a beautiful setting for retreats. Donations may be placed in the tan "Designated Giving" envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them WELCA Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.

## Reception in Honor of Nancy Steele

Please join us on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> as we recognize and celebrate Nancy's 25 years as Parish Ministry Associate.

Nancy has faithfully served Calvary and the Nebraska Synod in a myriad of different ways throughout her 25 years as a PMA. We give thanks for Nancy's 25 years of ministry and invite you to celebrate with us at a reception in her honor in the Fellowship Hall following Worship on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.



### 2nd ANNUAL BBQ-LESS BBQ

*Our BBQ-Less BBQ is going on through the end of June!  
A suggested \$75 donation*

All donations will go to the **Lakota Lutheran Center** to help them reach the funds needed to receive a matching grant which will allow them to put in new flooring at the Center.

**Reminder: Scholarship Applications for 2021-2022 are due in the church office June 1, 2021.**



### NEW SUMMER OFFICE HOURS!

Our new summer office hours through September 1, 2021 will be 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday - Friday

## **Lutheran Family Service Telehealth Mental Health Services Now Available Here at Calvary**

2020 has been a stressful year. If you have found the disruption of the holidays the last straw in your ability to cope there is help available through Lutheran Family Services. LFS (Lutheran Family Services) has partnered with several remote sites to provide counseling and other needs through computer teleconferencing (or Telehealth).

If you would like to take advantage of these services, specifically talking with an LFS counselor, come to Calvary and we can help connect you to a counselor! Or go online at [www.LFSneb.org](http://www.LFSneb.org). (You can also call LFS directly at 402-441-7940 or 1-833-903-2376.) Be prepared to spend about 15 to 30 minutes doing online paperwork, including your insurance information. Counseling fees will be handled directly through LFS, there is no fee for use of the computer here at Calvary, (it was provided by LFS) or for the use of the private space.

If life has you down, know there is someone to talk to and help you work through any of life's struggles including depression, relationship issues, parenting difficulties, abuse, as well as getting through this pandemic. Starting the process is available anytime on your home computer and scheduling an appt. with a counselor is very flexible on any computer with camera and internet capabilities. If you would like to use the computer here at Calvary or begin the process with assistance through the office, please come Monday through Thursday from 9-3 PM. (Not available Friday or Weekends.) You may also contact us for more information.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

### **This Sunday – May 30**

**USHERS:** Monty & Shari Copsey

**LAY READER:** Susan Martin

**COMMUNION ASST:** Bill Huelle

**POWERPOINT:** Jack Martin

**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

**ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

### **Next Sunday – June 6**

**PMA:** Bill Huelle

**USHERS:** Kent & Dawn Holub

**LAY READER:** Mary Jo Huelle

**POWERPOINT:** Matt Payne

**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten

**ALTAR GUILD:** Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh

**PIANIST:** Dee Brady

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Sunday, May 30**

10 a.m. – Worship

### **Tuesday, June 1**

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary

1 p.m. – Quilting

### **Wednesday, June 2**

10 a.m. – Ruth Circle

12 p.m. – OWLS BBQ

### **Saturday, June 5**

9 a.m. – Bridal Shower

5:30 p.m. – Worship

### **Sunday, June 6**

10 a.m. – Worship

MAY 30, 2021  
TRINITY SUNDAY



*God is holy.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

Sunday	John 3:1-17	Born of the Spirit
Monday	Isaiah 6:1-8	A vision of God
Tuesday	Romans 8:12-17	Life in the Spirit
Wednesday	Luke 1:46-56	Mary's song of praise
Thursday	Psalm 103:1-14	Thanksgiving for God's goodness
Friday	John 15:12-15	Jesus calls us friends
Saturday	Psalm 29	The voice of God
Sunday	Mark 3:20-35	Doing the work of God

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*And one [angelic figure known as a seraph] called to another and said:*

*"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."  
Isaiah 6:3 (NRSV)*

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

God of power and might, give us courage and hope to live each day through Jesus Christ born in us through your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Meatime Prayer:**

Creator God, for the beauty of the earth and for this food, the fruit of the earth that we are able to eat this day, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord give you strength and bless you with peace. (Psalm 29:11)



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**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Lord God Almighty*

**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:

- When you hear the word, "holy," what do you think of?
- How is God more than a "good buddy" who gets me through tough times?
- How does God's holiness strengthen you in your daily life?

**DEVOTIONS**

*Read: Isaiah 6:1-8.*

We live in an age when we can often envision God for us as a close and warm friend. That image is reinforced for us in John 15:15 when Jesus describes his followers as "friends." However, even in the John passage, there is an expectation of obedience, not just coziness. In Isaiah, the sense of reverence, awe—even deep fear—is present as Isaiah accepts his call as a prophet of God. In this dramatic moment in the temple with God and Isaiah present together, there are angels that have appearances that look like snakes and lions that can fly around with wings. It is a scene in which Isaiah responds with the words, "Woe is me!" (v. 5). Trinity Sunday reminds us of God in three persons. A danger in such language is to assume that with such words we can really grasp the totality of who God is. Isaiah reminds us of the total otherness of God that is filled with power, might, judgment, and holiness. Jesus makes God accessible and personal. Trinity Sunday can remind us that our intimate relationship with God remains filled with awe and wonder. God is filled with glory, strength, majesty, and holy splendor (Psalm 29). Describe what this means to you and your faith.

**Pray:** Awesome God, you who are far beyond what I can imagine, I thank you for reaching out to me and to all people through the power of the Holy Spirit and saving grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**SERVICE**

Psalm 29 gives many images of the power and awesomeness of God. As followers of such a mighty God, you are entrusted with divine powers of love to serve your neighbor near and far. How can you use God's divine power of love to serve others this week?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Begin your devotion times this week by saying the *Prayer for the Week* and marking yourselves with the sign of the cross. You may also wish to light three candles during devotions to represent the Trinity.

**Soy:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



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