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Holy Trinity Sunday

## **A Promise and a Feast**

As Jesus gathers with his disciples and spends time being intentional about the life and message he will leave with them, he expresses his own will, which is also the will of the Father. Jesus says serving and loving are the same thing (John 13:14-15), love is the way people will know they are his followers (13:35), and full unity with God and each other is the divine intention for all people (17:11). And today, in John 16, Jesus makes a promise. As he calls the disciples to love and serve the world and reminds them of the difficulty of working for unity, he makes them a promise: the Spirit of truth will guide them into all the truth.

We who gather in worship spaces in 2019 could use a promise we know will not be broken. As we hear Christ call us to work for unity and end division, we may be feeling angst similar to the distress felt by the disciples the night their Lord washed their feet and called them to pour themselves out for the sake of the world God loves. We love Jesus and long to love according to the will of God, but it can be so strikingly difficult! We need to hear again, “The Spirit of truth . . . will guide you into all the truth” (John 16:13).

When will we clearly hear the Spirit? How will we know the truth when we hear it? Where will we find the strength to act upon the truth we do hear? God has called us to a feast this morning, set with wine, bread, water, word, melody, poetry, and prayer. As we pull up our feasting chairs, the Spirit will use hymns to fill in our aching places, the word to guide us, and the bread and wine broken and poured to strengthen and fill us with all truth.

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### **BEFORE WORSHIP**

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

## Holy Trinity

June 16, 2019

*Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.*

*Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.*

*We are pleased to welcome Chris Bush as our pianist today while Cindy is away.*

### Welcome/Worship Instructions

*Arise in body or spirit*

### Greeting

*The pastor and the assembly greet each other.*

**P** The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**A** O Lord, open our lips,

**C** **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

**P** Blessed God, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

**C** **that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

**A** Give praise to the Holy Trinity our true God,

**C** **who gives us life, salvation and resurrection.**

Gathering Music

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

ELW 413 (red book)

## Prayer of the Day

- A** 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.
- C** **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.**

*Sit*

## First Reading

## Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

*In the Bible, wisdom has many faces. It is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, it is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

**L** A reading from **Proverbs**:

<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.”

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



Your glo - ry is chant - ed a - bove the heav - ens.



### Psalm 8:

<sup>1</sup>O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger. ☞**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,  
human beings that you should | care for them? ☞**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth! ☞

### Second Reading

### Romans 5:1-5

*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.*

☞ A reading from **Romans:**

<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.

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

*All 4 stanzas**Refrain*

We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are



giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er



joined, the great-est and the least, we all are



one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.



- 1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our
- 2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and
- 3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-  
 gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-  
 rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-

*Refrain*

ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.  
 par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.  
 bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

## Gospel Reading

**John 16:12-15**

*Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be borne by the coming Spirit, who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.*

☞ The Holy Gospel, according to **John**.

☞ **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.**

*Sit*

## Children's Time

*All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.*

## Message

*Silence for reflection*

*Arise in body or spirit*

**Song of the Day**

*Come, All You People*

**ELW 819**

*Kneel or sit as able.*

## Prayer

☞ Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need.

*A brief silence.*

☞ For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that the work of the Spirit unite us in Christ to proclaim the wonders of God. Guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrysanne, David and Roseanne; our synod companion churches **Trinity Lutheran of Frankfort and First Baptist of Middleville**; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Gracious God,

☞ **We give you our praise.**

**A** For the majesty of creation: the moon and stars that enlighten the night, the birds that inhabit the sky, and the fish that reside in the seas, that all creatures flourish together. Gracious God,

**C** **We give you our praise.**

**A** For all levels of government; for wisdom and truth displayed in world leaders, and for international relief agencies, that God's love poured into our hearts extend to all people and nations. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Zack Green (Mikolajczyks), Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks), Brady Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls).*

**A** Gracious God,

**C** **We give you our praise.**

**A** For the sick, that they are comforted; for the despairing, that they receive hope; for infants and children, that they be granted nurturing caretakers; and for all who cry out to God in any need including *Jenny Anderson, Irene Corr, Bonnie Ehredt, Opal Gillons, Wes Gillons, Karl Golnek, Dustin H., Melissa Hallock, Delmer Hansen, family of Mary Jane Hayner, Ruth Kemper, Joan Leiwold, Pat Lewis, Norma Ludlow, family of Douglas Matthews, Elsie Merrow, Dorothy Neil, George Ulrich Jr., Pat Wagner, Cameron, Lillianna, Lindsey, and Vicky along with our Outreach program to neighbors.* Gracious God,

**C** **We give you our praise.**

**A** For all who provide fatherly care and guidance, for those estranged from family, for friends and neighbors, and for our congregation, that God's mercy serve as a model for all relationships. Gracious God,

**C** **We give you our praise.**

**A** Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that we cling to the hope of sharing with them the glory of God. Gracious God,

**C** **We give you our praise.**

**P** Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Offering of Gifts and Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

*Arise in body or spirit*

Offertory

*Take My Life That I May Be*

ELW 583

## Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine.
- ☞ **Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Sharing the Peace of God

- Ⓐ The peace of Christ be with you.
- ☞ **And also with you.**  
*(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

## 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by the glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

## You Are Holy



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



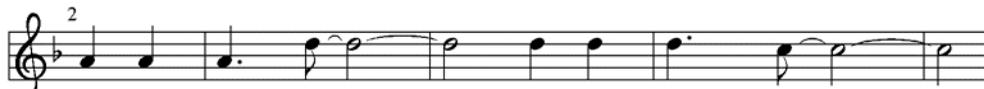
än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## Table Prayer

☞ Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer.

☛ **in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.**

☞ When sin had scarred the world.

☛ **you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.**

☞ 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.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death.

☛ **We await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.**

☞ Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:

☛ **As grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.**

☞ Through Christ all glory and honor is yours, Holy God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

☛ **Amen**

## Lord's Prayer

- ☐ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:
- ☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy 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 Communion

- ☐ God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

### *Communion at Grace*

*All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.*

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

## Now Behold the Lamb



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who  
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why  
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre - cious Lamb of God.  
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre - cious Lamb of God.  
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre - cious Lamb of God.

*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

ELW 412

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

ELW 735

*Father Most Holy*

ELW 415

## Sending of Communion

**A** Gracious God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, you give new life through bread and wine: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G** Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

**A** Let us pray . . . Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.

**G** Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **Mission Minutes**

*Arise in body or spirit.*

## **Blessing**

☐ Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in God, and abound in thanksgiving. The blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

☑ **Amen.**

## **Sending Song**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

**ELW 414**

## **Dismissal**

☐ Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

### Week at a Glance

**Sunday, June 16** Services at 8:00 am & 10:45 am  
**Tuesday, June 18** Council Mtg. 6:00 pm

### Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Emma Peck	Vickey Argo
<b>Cantor</b>	Mark Anton	Vickey Argo
<b>Lector</b>	John Burdick	Carol Morgan
<b>Communion Server</b>	Jana Bishop	Phyllis Lietz
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Volunteer	Mark Anton
<b>Usher</b>	Mark & Jana Bishop	Ed & Luke Domke
<b>Greeter/Coffee Hr.</b>	Mark & Jana Bishop	John & Mary Kleinbrink

**Table Guild –** Jeanette Ulrich and Mary Kleinbrink  
**Bread Maker –** Gwen Hansen

### Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, June 23, 2019

	8:00 am	10:45 am
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Chris Bush	Traci Wales
<b>Cantor</b>	Pastor Ken	Mark Anton
<b>Lector</b>	Carl Schoessel	Gwen Hansen
<b>Communion Server</b>	Jan Schreiner	Mark Anton
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Mark Anton	Volunteer
<b>Usher</b>	Dave Neeb & Kay Marsh	Gary Golnek & Mark Anton
<b>Greeter/Coffee Hr.</b>	Lyle & Joyce Proksch	Doug & Diane Neeb

**Table Guild –** Jeanette Ulrich and Mary Kleinbrink  
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## Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 102 **Weekly Giving: \$2,948.00** Budget Amount: \$4,576.53

**Council Mtg** on Tuesday at 6 pm.

**We welcome Pastor Polly Standley.** It is good to have Pastor Standley here, as Pastor Ken, Laura and Anna join Ethan for a week at Camp Luther. Please welcome Pastor Polly as she leads worship, preaches the gospel, leads Adult forum and celebrates the Sacrament of Communion among us.

**Adult Forum** meets today at 9:30 in the conference room. The topic will be the history of women in the Lutheran Church. Pastor Polly is the first woman to go through the process to be ordained in the Lutheran Church in America in Michigan. *Next week* we welcome Pastor Darrell Golnitz from Food For The Poor. Pastor Darrell will empower us to feed the poor.

**Mutual Ministry:** If there is a ministry concern, please contact Julian Kratochvil. Julian is our member of the Mutual Ministry Committee that is highlighted this week and can be reached by a phone call or a text message at 806.336.0661.

**Come join us** on Friday night June 28, 2019 as we go see the **Whitecaps play the Dayton Dragons** at Fifth Third Ballpark. We will carpool from the church parking lot at 5:15 p.m. Cost is \$21.50 per person which will include reserved seats behind Homeplate, hotdog and soft drink. Make checks payable to BOG and may be given to either Joe Longcor or Jack Vos.

**Vacation Bible School** thanks Anna Scheck for stepping forward to be our primary decorator. We thank Joe Longcor for stepping up to be our Games Leader, Kim Domke for teaching Kids Vids, Deborah Wilke who is putting together a kitchen team and Laura Scheck for doing the Crafts. We are still looking for **crew leaders, helpers with registration, and helpers with preparing food.** Thanks for the great response that we have had in helping Grace Lutheran Church minister to young people.

**Food Drive:** Our “Fill A Bag for Summer” program is underway! Choose 10 or more items from the list in your GraceGram or the tags on the display table in the gathering area (food, cleaning items – home or body). Please return to the Fellowship Area on or before June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Donations will help the Hastings Area Food Bank and Barry County Cares.

**Food For The Poor** does much more than feed millions of individuals. They drill life-giving water for those who otherwise wouldn't have clean drinking water; provide life-saving medical care and more. Greater than 95% of all donations go directly to programs that help the poor. **Next Sunday**, Pastor Darrell D. Golnitz, ELCA Pastor, will deliver the Message: *"The Strength Of That Food"*.

**Family Promise:** We received letters from Family Promise of Barry County thanking Grace for their generous donations in April of \$1,224.0! This program is such a great help to the entire county and provides “a hand up, not a hand out” to families who are homeless and in need of help.