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Holy Trinity

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Holy Trinity is the day that Christians celebrate the gift of God revealed through Jesus Christ. When Christ came to earth, we realize we have a God who takes care of us like a loving parent, that God came to share salvation by healing, teaching, and forgiving our sins by dying on the cross, and finally gives us continued presence through the Holy Spirit. The colors of the day are white and gold for the purity of God and life we are given by our gracious God.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Let us celebrate God's presence among us at all times. We know the unique gift we have of the Holy Trinity meeting our every need. Let us give praise to our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Gathering Music

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Arise in body or Spirit

Opening Sentences

- P** O Lord, open our lips,
G and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
- A** Blessed God, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
G that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- P** Give praise to the Holy Trinity our true God,
G who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.

Gathering Song

Come, Thou Almighty King

ELW 408

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

- P** The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
G And also with you.



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain

Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us pray . . . Almighty Creator and ever-living God,
C 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.

First Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom 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.

📖 A reading from **Proverbs**:

¹Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
²On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴“To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹when 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,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.”

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

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

**²you 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,

**⁴what 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.

**⁶You 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,

**⁸the 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

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:**

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
⁵and 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.**

Gospel Reading

John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through 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,] ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All 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.**

Children's Message

Message

Song of the Day

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW 412

especially *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas) and Julia Ehredt (Schrieners, Halsteads)*. Hear us, O God.

☞ Eve'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray, Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Ⓐ Abiding Comforter, you call out to all who live. Restore severed relationships and protect children who lack trustworthy caregivers. Grant hope to those who are experiencing fear, pain, or grief, especially *Jenny Anderson, Amber Andrews, Veronica Baarson, Elnora Beckwith, Audrey Burdick, Wally Burzynski, Cherie Clements, Bob & Bonnie Ehredt, Gene and Julie Fogarty and family, Mike Fruth, Greg Franks, Robert Glasgow, Lorie Gladyness, Karl Golnek, Hannah Gutenmorgen, Larry Hansen, Judy Heil, Mike Hoppe, John Kleinbrink (heart), Norma Ludlow, Bill Melcher, Obilyn Mowry, Gloria & Ron O'Beirne, Darlene Olson, Annette Poholski, Phil Poholski (recovery), Ken Plourde, Becky Scheck-O'Flynn, Mike Shoemaker, Susie Smith, Jackie Stapel, George Ulrich Jr., Sharon Varkula, and Carol Vos*. Hear us, O God.

☞ Eve'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray, Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Ⓐ Holy Three, you are community and you create community. Build up ministries that support those who are isolated or lonely. Give endurance as we nurture vital relationships in our congregation and beyond.

*(You may share your prayers at this time)
Here other intersessions may be offered*

Ⓐ Holy God, we remember your saints for their strong faith and witness, even unto death. Console grieving families. Stir up in us the resolve to end the sin of white supremacy and pursue the courageous path of justice. Hear us, O God.

☞ Eve'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray, Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Ⓟ God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

☞ 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.)

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**

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 always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

- Ⓐ 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.**

- Ⓐ 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.**

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 Songs:

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth
When Long Before Time*

**ELW 735
ELW 861**

Prayer after Communion

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

Postlude

8:00 am

**Assisting Minister – Chris Bush
Lector – Dave Neeb
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck**

10:45 am

**Assisting Minister – Vickie Argo
Lector – Sandy Mosteller
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck
Fellowship – Jeanette Markwart**

No Need for Proof

However diligent and determined, thoughtful and thorough the many sermons, Sunday school lessons, Bible studies, and systematic theologies may be as they claim to make sense of the Three-in-One and One-in-Three, they are, in the end, fruitless follies. The holy Trinity is not sensible. Dare, if you will, to call it non-sense: a holy non-sense. But then call it holy truth, for that is what it is. Holiness dares to defy sense.

Holy Trinity Sunday celebrates our own humble human experience of the divine, not a supernatural equation. The Trinity is suited for the sanctuary where truth is sacred mystery, where we sing, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee” (ELW 413) and “O Trinity, O blessed Light, O Unity of sovereign might: as now the fiery sun departs, shed holy light within our hearts” (ELW 571), and where we profess the convictions of creeds, opaque and obscure. The holy Trinity is not for laboratories where calculations and algorithms are deciphered.

Behold: Molecules and atoms, glaciers on a crawl, cosmic explosions, photosynthesis and fertilization, the making of mountains, the carving of seas, the sparkling of stars, the opening of a peony, the birth of a gosling or cub or child. Holy, holy, holy God is a wonder to profess and celebrate. No need for proof.

Behold: Outside the walls of the universe and portals of time, the Word opened the gate and became the one who was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, imprisoned, here to give food and drink, to welcome, to clothe, to heal, and to free. Holy, holy, holy God is a wonder to profess and celebrate. No need for proof.

Behold: Doves and flames and winds and languages; in baptismal water, a promise; in wilderness dust, a companion; a guide breathed in at birth, breathed out at death. Holy, holy, holy God is a wonder to profess and celebrate. No need for proof.

Blessed Trinity.

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Stewardship Information

Attendance: 66	Views: 80
Weekly Giving: \$4757.00	Budget Amount: \$4,163.28
Replace, Repair, Renew \$3,400.00	Pasty Sale \$42.00
Received <u>-\$3,600.00</u>	Food Drive \$100.00
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Welcome to worship today! We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship the ONE who realizes our limitations.

From the Property Committee The thermostats in the building are set at designated temperatures throughout the building. When there is a need to turn the heat up or turn the air conditioning down, please return the preset temperature by hitting the run button. Additionally, if you notice lights on, please turn them off if you are not using them.

Grace Lutheran Church is seeking a Nursery Attendant during the 10:45 worship service.

Annual Church Cookout TODAY You are cordially invited to the Annual Church Cookout on after second service at The Poholski home. Please bring lawn chair and dish to pass. Address: 6810 Highlandview Dr., Middleville. We hope to see you there.

Replace, Repair, Renew Campaign. As you can tell by the above numbers, we have paid off all of these items. Now we enter into the Renewal phase of the campaign which has a goal of raising \$4842.00 for a new HVAC system for the Fellowship Hall. Thanks again for your continued generosity.

Mower	Paid
Freezer	Paid
<u>Heating Repair</u>	<u>Paid</u>
Total:	Paid

Fill A Bag For Summer Ends Today We have been collecting items for the Hastings Food Pantry and Barry County cares. Thanks for supporting this important project.