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Holy Trinity

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Holy Trinity is the day that Christians celebrate the gift of God's presence 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.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Gathering Music

Welcome

Arise in body or Spirit

Opening Sentences

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

Gathering Song

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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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.
C And also with you.

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.

Special Music – Lydia Markwart (10:45)

The Blessing

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First Reading

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

📖 A reading from **Genesis**:

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.

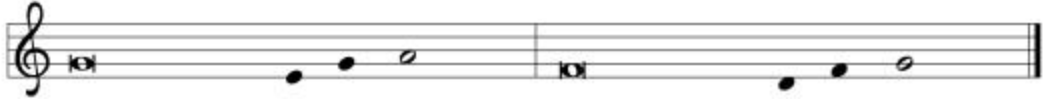
^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work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



Refrain



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

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

📖 A reading from **2 Corinthians:**

[Paul writes:] 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.**



1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry rest - less
 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond
 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our
 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly



heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have
 birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing
 friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we
 Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, One - in -



loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er
 weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man
 are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us; aid the
 Three and Three - in - One. We would share your life, your



round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing
 strug - gles, Life of life and Death of death, ris - en
 birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of
 pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
 Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
 ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
 sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

You may sit or kneel for prayer.

Prayers

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **Receive our prayer, O God.** The assembly prays, **You give us mercy.***

A Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

A Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service especially *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrissy and David, our synod companions Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Jordan; Faith Bible Church, Lake Odessa; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Receive our prayer, O God.

G **You give us mercy.**

A Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect lands and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain living creatures of every kind: wild animals, birds, fish, and every creeping thing. Receive our prayer, O God.

G **You give us mercy.**

A Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth. Raise up leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal divisions between nations, that we might agree with one another and live in peace. Be with those who safeguard the world, including *Parker Stancil (Freedlund), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula), Julia Ehredt (Schreiner, Halstead), and Seth Domke (Domke).* Receive our prayer, O God.

G **You give us mercy.**

A Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age. Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who are grieving, and those who are sick especially *Veronica Baarson, Bob Bolton, Sharon Bolton, Cherie Clements, The Family of Erv Danecki, Pat Wales DePew, Bob & Bonnie Ehredt, Lisa Golnek, Norma Ludlow, Martha Mizak, Lisa Nurenberg, Abbie Osborn (pregnancy), Corrina Palmer, Ricky Palmer, Annette Poholski, Kathy Politis, Al Throop, Erika Wood, and the Family of Nicole Zolinski (Erich, Alyvia, and Kylie).* Receive our prayer, O God.

G **You give us mercy.**

A Holy three, holy one, you set the earth on its axis, and we experience the seasons. Strengthen those enduring challenges this summer: those who suffer in the heat, parents overwhelmed by childcare responsibilities, and children experiencing food insecurity outside of school.

G **You give us mercy.**

A Holy three, holy one, you give rest when our work is done.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the age to come. Receive our prayer, O God.

C You give us mercy.

P Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Arise in body or spirit.

Offering Song

Let the Vineyards

C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the
prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

- A** 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.
- C** **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

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

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Table Prayer

P 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, almighty and everliving God. You have revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of five staves of music in G major, 3/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

- Ⓟ 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 him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, 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.**

Sit

Lamb of God

☑ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Songs

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth
Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

ELW 735
ELW 490

Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
- ☒ **Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.**

Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit

Blessing

- ☐ God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- ☒ **Amen.**

Sending Song

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW 665

Sending

- Ⓐ Go in peace. Christ is sending you.
- ☒ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

8:00 am

Assisting Minister – Mark Anton
Lector – Cindy Olson
Cantor – Ken Scheck II
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck II

10:45 am

Assisting Minister – Traci Wales
Lector – Sandy Mostellar
Cantor – Mary Kuhlman
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck II
Fellowship – Diane Neeb

Authority and Assurance

When the eleven disciples arrived at the mountain to which Jesus had directed them, they might have been surprised or overwhelmed by his commission to make disciples, baptize, and teach.

At first glance, this description of their future ministry maybe felt like a tall order. But remember, they'd been watching and learning. And on either side of these ministry specifics are promises they surely found comforting: first authority, then assurance. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18), Jesus said. This is authority in the best sense of the word, offered with confidence, love, and respect. The disciples are empowered to do the ministry Jesus is asking of them. And next, they are given assurance in these final words from Jesus, which serve as a benediction—"I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20). Whatever the outcome—trials, or joys that come along the way as they disciple, baptize, and teach—Jesus will be present with them.

This call is not just for the eleven but for us as well. We are called to heal the brokenhearted, care for the earth, and work for peace in the world. This commission comes to us in baptism. And having been baptized in the name of the triune God whom we celebrate this festive day, the newly baptized—whether child or adult—is presented to the assembly and welcomed into the mission we share, invited to join in "giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world" (*ELW*, p. 231).

Jesus sends the disciples from the mountain, and sends us empowered with the same authority and assurance that we do not go alone.

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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 comes to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Stewardship Information



Attendance: 54	Views: 226
Weekly Giving: \$2085.00	Budget Amount: \$4,301.04
<i>Lifting Up</i> Campaign Needed: \$9,240.65 - Note starting need was \$25,000.00	
<i>Lifting Up</i> Campaign Received: <u>-\$ 0.00</u>	
TOTAL Outstanding:	\$9,240.65

Annual Church Picnic You are cordially invited to the Annual Church Cookout **TODAY** after second service at The Poholski home located at 6810 Highlandview Dr., Middleville. Please bring lawn chair and dish to pass.

Time and Talent Inventory is available in the Gathering Area. Please fill out and return by July 1 to the collection folder. Thank you.

A **Cedar Point** trip is planned for June 11 (after late worship service), 12 and a return on the 13th. Today is the last day to sign up.

Prayer Chain Grace has an activated prayer chain. If you want to be a part of the prayer chain, or have a request for prayer, please text or call Patti Comp at 248.408.5613.

Adult Forum studies normally studies Proverbs in the Gathering Area today at 9:30 am. Hope to see you there!

The nursery is available during the 10:45 worship service. Aurora Collins is the Nursery Attendant. She would love to have some little ones visit her. Please spread the word that Grace provides childcare during this worship service.

Information Sessions on the Draft Budget will be held TODAY and June 11 Stewardship Chair Chris Bush will be available in the Fellowship Hall between services these two Sundays to answer questions about the draft of the 2022-2023 budget.

The Annual Grace Auto Show is July 30, 2023. We will be having a combined service at 10:00 a.m. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this fun event.

The 2023 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, JULY 9th at 9:30 am.