

THREE IN ONE

Epiphany Lutheran Church

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Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024

Worship on Sundays: 8:00 & 10:15 am

Worship on Mondays: 7:00 pm

Richard L. Hartman - Pastor

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Lutheran Book of Worship

Setting Two (*green hymnal*)

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

“When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul’s words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

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PRELUDE

You are invited to let this prelude turn your heart to the Lord and prepare you to receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Open our lips, and our mouth shall declare your praise.

Open our hearts, and we will be given new life.

Open our souls, and our light will shine before others to give You glory.

Let us confess our sins before God and one another so that we may be forgiven and cleansed from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you, O God, and one another in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have not done. Your Son taught us to “love our neighbor as ourselves,” and we have only been concerned about ourselves. Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us to new life in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his boundless mercy, has willingly sacrificed his Son for us, and for his sake forgives us all of 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.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN 718 “Here In This Place” (*Blue Hymnal*)

Here in this place new light is streaming,

now is the darkness vanished away.

See in this space our fears and our dreamings

Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,

gather us in the blind and the lame

Call to us now and we shall awaken,

we shall arise at the sound of our name.

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in the rich and the haughty
Gather us in the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
Here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own.
Gather us in all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE *Spoken with Assistant*

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy

A: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

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

FIRST LESSON : Isaiah 6:1-8

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing, "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

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. 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. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

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!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 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." 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!"

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:12-17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three person of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 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!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 3rd chapter, beginning with the 1st verse.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL John 3:1-17

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 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." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 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?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 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." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "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. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "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. "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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you O Christ

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 165 *“Holy, Holy, Holy” (Green Hymnal)*

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!

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.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee.

Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see

Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee

Perfect in pow’r in love and purity.

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!

ATHANASIAN CREED

Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith.

Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.

Now this is the catholic faith:

We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity,
neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.

The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.

Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:

And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;

as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings,
but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:

And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God:

And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord:

And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,
so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;
the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father;
the Spirit was neither made nor created,
but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;
one Son, not three sons;
one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other;
but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;
and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.
It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord
Jesus became flesh.

For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:

That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.
He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and he is man,
born in the world from the being of his mother— existing fully as God, and fully as
man with a rational soul and a human body;
equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.

Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ.
He is united because God has taken humanity into himself;
he does not transform deity into humanity.
He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.
For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

He suffered death for our salvation.
He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds. Those who have
done good will enter eternal life,
those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.
This is the catholic faith.
One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We come before you the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. *A brief
silence*

Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family
of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of
faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning, the dance of the wind, and the deeply
rooted trees of the forest. Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems, that they flourish for
generations to come. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others
from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have
lost their lives in war and conflict. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

You are God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing, we pray especially for these Epiphany Lutheran Church family members...*Sarah, Don, Vera, Jim, Barb, Sara, George, Sandi, Richard, Sue, Karen, Lauren* and for those whom we lift up from our hearts... Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

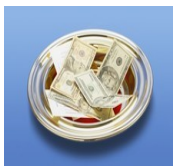
Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

The Spirit bears grateful witness to all children of God who have now come into their inheritance among the saints. As they lived with hope in your gift of eternal life, so strengthen us in faith, that we recognize your eternal presence even in this mortal life. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

PEACE

You are invited to greet one another with the "Peace of the Lord" or similar words.



OFFERINGS can be mailed, dropped off at church or sent through our website at www.epiphanyfw.com.

Place offerings in basket on Baptismal Font

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Merciful God,

C: it would have been enough for you to give us the fruit of the earth by which we live. But in this meal, by your promise, you also give us yourself. Use what we have gathered here in feeding the hungry world with your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: and also 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 him thanks and praise.

P: *It is indeed right and salutary ...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

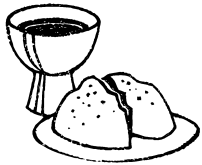
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION *(share bread and wine or juice at home)*



Everyone is welcome to come to the Lord's Table!
*Those baptized who believe in the true presence of Christ
in the bread and wine are welcome to receive the elements.*

P: Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His peace.

C: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. We pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN 169 *"Father Most Holy." (green Hymnal)*

Father most holy, merciful and tender.

Jesus, our Savior with the Father reigning.

Spirit of comfort, advocate defender, Light never waning.

Trinity blessed, unity unshaken.

Goodness unbounded, very God of heaven.

Light of the angels, joy of those forsaken, Hope of all living.

Maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee.

All for thy worship were and are created.

Now, as we also worship thee devoutly, Hear thou our voices.

Lord God Almighty, unto thee be glory,

One in three persons, over all exalted!

Glory we offer, praise thee and adore thee, Now and forever

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

Pastor

Richard Hartman

Assistant

Dia Herb

Lector & Communion Assistant 8:00

Kim Robinson

Lector 10:15

Mark Herb

Communion Assistant 10:15

Jack Swanson

Organist/Pianist

Amanda Pickett

Greeters 10:15

Davis Family

Technology Support

Kristen Davis

Announcements

Altar Flowers In Memory of Charles by Sue Johnson.

Layettes watch garage sales for baby items, socks, hats, T-shirts, long sleeved shirts and pants, gowns, sleepers with no feet, hand towels, blankets, sweaters-sweat shirts with or without hoods.

Health kits - Extra Kohl's cash? Think about bath towels, kits also take toothbrushes, combs and nail clippers.

Military outreach Slim Jims, beef jerky 1.25oz, gum , mints, chewy granola bars, power bars, individual drink mixes, individual servings of coffee, Emergen-C.

Tin Caps Tickets - Lutheran Night at the Tin Caps on Tuesday June 18th^{2nd} at 7:05. \$1 from each ticket goes to Worship Anew Care Packages for elderly adults and caregivers Post game fireworks, \$2 hotdogs, popcorn, soft drinks and pizza slices! Sign up and pay by June 2nd. Give Dia payment so she can pick up tickets.

Events

SUNDAY 5-26 8:00 am & 10:15 am **Worship**
12:00-3:30 pm *Zo Baptist Worship & Sunday School*

MONDAY Memorial Day - Office Closed

SATURDAY 11:00 am *Zo Baptist Prayer Meeting*
6:00 -8:00 pm *Zo Baptist Worship*

SUNDAY 6-2 8:00 am & 10:15 **Worship**
12:00-3:30 pm *Zo Baptist Worship & Sunday School*

