



THREE IN ONE

Epiphany Lutheran Church

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Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023
Worship on Sundays: 8:00 & 10:15 am
Grief Support on Mondays: 7:00 pm
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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Lutheran Book of Worship

Setting Two (*green hymnal*)

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

Though the word Trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all." In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

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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

L: In the

name of the Father, and the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: 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.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Gracious God

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN 165 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

L: 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 *sing with Assistant*

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

C: Lord have mercy.

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

C: Lord have mercy.

L: 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

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

C: Lord have mercy.

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

C: Amen

SALUTATION

L: 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 : 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.

In 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.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So 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. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then 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. The 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. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And 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, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So 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. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And 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. God 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.

Then 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." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God 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."

God 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. And 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.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And 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. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

SECOND LESSON 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.

Finally, 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. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 28th chapter, beginning with the 16th verse.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 233 "Thy Strong Word" vs. 1-3

**Thy strong word did cleave the darkness. At thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee. While thine ordered seasons run.**

**Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end.**

**Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death.
Broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own lifegiving breath. Refrain**

**Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous, bright with thine one holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess. Refrain**

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

Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world. *A moment of silence.*

Holy Mystery, you call us to be your church. Keep calling your people to faithful reform. Give us vision and courage to share your new life with all the world. Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Joyful Creator, you make a wondrous universe and call us to be partners in its care. Inspire delight in the furry, scaly, watery, breezy, sandy stuff you love. Inspire us to bring about creation's healing. Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Merciful God, you love our enemies and bless all people. Make our hearts yearn to be joyful and share your generosity. Help leaders and citizens use political power in service of your peace. Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Compassionate One, you bring about the fullness of life. When sorrow wounds faith, send wise ones to comfort and encourage those who suffer. Heal your people in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family... *Vera, Don, Sarah, David, Barb, Jim, Sandi, Joe, Sara, George, Dawn, Cathy* and for those whom we now lift up from our hearts... Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Holy Trinity, you call us together to bless your world. Guide all who are preparing for baptism into the joy of new life in your name. Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Holy God, you bring life out of death at every turn. We give you thanks for all the saints and for dear ones whom we mourn. Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord. Amen

PEACE

L: Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: and also with you!

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

L: 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.

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.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN 233 “Thy Strong Word” vs. 4-6

From the cross thy wisdom shining, breaketh forth in conqu’ring might.

From the cross forever beameth, all thy bright redeeming light.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end.

Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim.

Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy holy name.

Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send.

Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator, to thee, laud and honor be.

To thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light revealer, Glory, glory be to thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever, Praise the holy Trinity!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

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.

Also need 2-3 bars soap for health kits (any) and layettes (mild)

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

Quilt middles and backs - watch garage and rummage sales for blankets and sheets that we can use for the LWR Quilts. Our goal this year is 100!.

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TINCAPS August 1st, sing up for tickets on the bulletin board. I need reservations and money by July 16th. Dia

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 6-4 8:00 am & 10:15 am **Worship** Holy Trinity Sunday
12:00-3:30 pm *Zo Baptist Worship & Sunday School*
3:00-7:00pm *Private Event/Davis*

MONDAY NO Grief Support Group

WEDNESDAY 10:00-12:00pm **Quilting**

SATURDAY 10:00-12:00 pm **Quilting**
11:00 am *Zo Baptist Prayer Meeting*
6:00 -8:00 pm *Zo Baptist Worship*

SUNDAY 6-11 8:00 & 10:15 am **Worship** (*Josh here from Just Neighbors*)
9:00 am Council Meeting welcome council members
12:00-3:30 pm *Zo Baptist Worship & Sunday School*

Flowers Today
To Celebrate George and Sara's
64th Wedding Anniversary!
From the Jim Davis Family

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

Leaders 8:00

Sue Johnson & Steve Haag

Leaders 10:15

Rebecca Norberg & Steve Haag

Lector 8:00

Sue Johnson

Lector 10:15

Nina Haag

Organist/Pianist

Amanda Pickett



George and Sara Davis

June 7th

64 years!