

June 7, 2020
The Holy Trinity



Trinity Sunday

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

*Our Mission:
To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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AS WE GATHER

We often want to understand something before we can accept it as true. "I just don't get it!" we might cry out. But God is bigger than anything we can ever understand. The Trinity is bigger than we can grasp. Three persons, each of them God, yet we have not three "Gods," but one God? How does that work?! We can take comfort that God is bigger than anything we can wrap our minds around. This is the God who is so complex that we cannot understand, but He bent all His incomprehensible being to rescue us from sin, death, and the devil. Our God is bigger than our brains, and we can take comfort that such a God still loves us.

PRESERVICE MUSIC (Drive-in Service Only)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Drive-in Service Only)

"Our God Saves"

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In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son,
In the name of the Spirit, Lord we come.
We're gathered together to lift up Your Name,
To call on our Savior to fall on Your grace.
Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As your saints bow down, as your people sing
We will rise with You, lifted on Your wings
And the world will see that
Our God saves, our God saves,
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WELCOME

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

People: **Through His Word, God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.**

Pastor: The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.

People: **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

Pastor: Creation begins with the presence and activity of all three persons of the Trinity.

People: **Our lives as Christians begin in Baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: We are gathered to worship and glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **The Trinity acts together to begin creation, to begin our Christian lives, and to begin our worship today.**

HYMN

"Holy, Holy Holy"

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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 power, 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!
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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, great and awesome God:

People: **You are large and I am small. You are God and I am not. You are more than I can ever understand O God, our Creator and Redeemer, hear my plea for mercy. I have turned away from You and rebelled against You by going my own way. It is not good for me to be alone, without You. Forgive me and restore in me the image of Your own life and love. Amen.**

Pastor: The Triune God is bigger than we can ever understand. Yet, He has chosen to love us. The Father has chosen to send His Son. Jesus has chosen to take our sins away. The Holy Spirit has chosen to sanctify us. This is a mystery that we can never fully grasp, but our God tells us that it is true. Our amazing God justifies you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God who brings all things into being and restores all things into the fellowship of Your mercy, help us to grow in the faith and joy of Your salvation, that we may live and proclaim Your righteousness to all the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING: *Acts 2:14a, 22–36* (Jesus, both Lord and Messiah.)

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him:

“I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

³⁵ until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet.”

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 28:16–20* (The Great Commission)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY **"Praise the Father, Praise the Son"**

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O sov'reign God O matchless King
The saints adore the angels sing
And fall before the throne of grace
To You belongs the highest praise

These sufferings this passing tide
Under Your wings I will abide
And ev'ry enemy shall flee
You are my hope and victory

**Praise the Father praise the Son
Praise the Spirit Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names**

To the valley for my soul
Thy great descent has made me whole
Your word my heart has welcomed home
Now peace like water ever flows

Yours is the kingdom Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever
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SERMON: " 'Trinity' Is A Mission - Action Word" *Matthew 28:18-20*

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You preserve creation with continual care, yet have entrusted us to be stewards of creation. Lead us to make wise choices that reflect Your love and care for all creatures. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You revealed the mystery of the Trinity as You sent Your disciples to teach Your Word and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Support us as we share with others the story of salvation accomplished by our triune God. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, You are our counselor. Help us in a world full of division to bring unity and peace to our homes and schools, our workplaces and communities, our country and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: (Special petitions) Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we entrust all for whom we pray, knowing that You work together to deliver and defend us.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Receive the blessing of our triune God: The grace of our Lord and Messiah, Jesus Christ, the love of our heavenly Father, and the communion and comfort of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, O heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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