## **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



## **MATTHEW 28:16-20**

## "HOLY TRINITY 2020"

The One God is made known by Jesus as Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the One in whom we are baptized. This is the One with whom we walk by faith now and always.

> HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY JUNE 7, 2020

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#### LUTHERAN CHAPEL JUNE 7, 2020 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

\*Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God. **BOLD** indicates congregational responses.

### GATHER

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING

John 14:16-17, 15:26, 16:7-8, 13-14

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

#### C: Amen.

P: And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

## C: even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows Him.

P: You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

# C: But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me.

P: Nevertheless, I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you.

# C: And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.

P: When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth.

### C: He will glorify Me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you.



#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

#### WORD

#### FIRST READING

#### Genesis 1:1-2:4a

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

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the 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. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>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, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the

night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>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." <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>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.

<sup>26</sup>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."

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,

in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>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." <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.



O Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars You have set in their courses, What are mere mortals that You should be mindful of them, Human beings that You should care for them?

#### Refrain:

You have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor You crown them. You have made them rule over the works of You hands. You have put all things under their feet:

#### Refrain:

All flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field, The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, And whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

#### Refrain:

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### THE 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.

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

#### C: Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:1, Luke 24:32



### \*GOSPEL

#### **MATTHEW 28:16-20**

Response after the announcement:

### C: Glory to You, O Lord.

## 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.

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

## C: Praise to You, O Christ.

"Holy Trinity 2020"



## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

## C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

## **\*THE ATHANASIAN CREED**

Please join in confessing the Athanasian Creed using the litany below:

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

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

Pastor: Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity,

Men: neither confusing the persons *Women: nor dividing the divine being.* 

Pastor: For the Father is one person,

Men: the Son is another, *Women: and the Spirit is still another.* 

Pastor: But the Deity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one,

All: equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

Pastor What the Father is, Men: the Son is, *Women: and so is the Holy Spirit.* 

Pastor: Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son, uncreated is the Spirit. Men: The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite. *Women: Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:* 

All: 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.

Pastor: Almighty is the Father; Men: Almighty is the Son; Women: Almighty is the Spirit;

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

Pastor: Thus the Father is God; Men: the Son is God; Women: the Holy Spirit is God;

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

Pastor: Thus the Father is Lord; Men: the Son is Lord; Women: the Holy Spirit is Lord:

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

Pastor: As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,

All: so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

Pastor: The Father was neither made nor created not begotten;

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

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

Pastor: And in this Trinity, Men: no one is before or after, *Women: greater or less than the other;* 

All: 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.

Pastor: It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh.

All: For this is the true faith that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

Pastor: 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—

*Women: existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body:* 

Men: equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.

All: although He is God and man, He is not divided, but is one Christ.

Pastor: He is united because God has taken humanity into Himself; He does not transform deity into humanity.

## Women: He is completely one in the unity of His person, without confusing His natures.

Men: For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

All: He suffered death for our salvation.

Pastor: He descended into hell and rose again from the dead. Women: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Men: He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

ALL: At His coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.

*Women: Those who have done good will enter eternal life,* Men: those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

Pastor: This is the catholic faith.

All: One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully. Amen.

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

C: pray in the Holy Spirit. Jude 20

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jude 21

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

## C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: 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.

P: 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.

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

#### PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

#### A brief silence.

P: God of community, you form us as your church. Guide our bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized in sharing your life-giving good news with all the world. Strengthen us to be bold in our proclamation. Hear us, O God.

#### C: Your mercy is great.

Prayers conclude:

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

#### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

#### SENDING

**\*THE BLESSING** 

Matthew 6:9-13

1 Timothy 2:1-4

**\*RECESSIONAL HYM** 

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

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#### \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

### PARISH NEWS

**WORSHIP SERVICES:** As the coronavirus shut down continues, Lutheran Chapel will stream worship services online at 10:30 Sunday mornings. We are pleased to share that Lutheran Chapel now has MULTIPLE options for viewing our services online! We are still streaming on Facebook Live and if you currently enjoy using Facebook to watch our services, please continue to do so. If you are not a Facebook user, please subscribe to our Lutheran Chapel YouTube channel to follow services. Or, watch live from our website. A pdf of the weekly bulletin is available on the church website and Facebook.

**HOME COMMUNIONS:** With Phase 2 Safer at Home now in place, anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion in their own home can do so. If you or your family are interested in receiving Communion in your home, please contact Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439 to set up an agreeable time for him to visit.

**VIDEO GREETINGS:** An effort is underway to "bring smiling faces" into our homes through a video compilation submitted from church members. If you are interested in participating, please *submit a short video greeting (no more than 5 seconds!) to Craig Thornburg by June 15, 2020* at <a href="mailto:ctburg@gmail.com">ctburg@gmail.com</a>. These short video greetings will be combined into one video to share with the church family.

**CAM FOOD DRIVE:** *Thanks be to God for 281 bags of food given for the Crisis Assistance Ministry through May.* The need is still great in Gaston County. For those who would like to continue to support this food ministry to help our neighbors, our Social Ministry is willing to keep going. Let us continue to help all we can!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** An on-line Sunday School lesson will be held via Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:30. Please email Steve Laws at <u>stephenclaws@gmail.com</u> to sign up.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS:** Some church members have asked how they can send tithes and offerings to church since we are not meeting in person. Options include: utilizing

offering envelopes (or a regular envelope) to mail, dropping off in <u>locked mailbox</u> at educational building, or giving on-line through our church website: lutheranchapelchurch.org, top right-hand corner "give" which is a link to Easy Tithe. Any questions or concerns call our Treasurer Ed Robinson.

FACE MASKS: Thanks be to God for Kay Moretz and for her team of seven making face masks for our fellowship. *If anyone still needs or would like a facemask, please contact Kay*.

**2020 VBS:** Because of our current circumstances and limited information as to when these circumstances will change, the Christian Ed and Family Ministries Committee has decided to postpone VBS to a later date. More information to come.

**COUNSELING SERVICES:** In partnership with 9 local houses of worship *The Resource Connection Gateway* has launched a special mental health initiative. Through the power of story this initiative will seek to reduce the stigma that often lingers over reaching out for mental health support. <u>Someonelistened.com</u> will also make qualified, subsidized mental health care available all across our community. Will you visit the site, share your own story and then invite 3 of your colleagues to do the same?



#### The Athanasian Creed

The Lutheran Confessions begin with the Three Chief Symbols: the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. These three creeds faithfully uphold the church's universal teaching on the mystery of God and the good news of Jesus Christ. The creeds are faithful to the witness of the Bible (indeed formulated before or during the collection of the biblical canon) and in both the ancient and contemporary Church serve as measures of right-thinking and right-praise of God.

The Athanasian Creed, inspired by the teachings of the Church father St. Athanasius, describes the mystery of the Trinity. The constant repetition and strong wording in the Creed reflect its historical context. Originally this Creed was meant to correct the error of Arius and his followers. Arius taught that the Son was not equal to the Father but instead an exalted being. The truth passed on in the Bible and this Creed is that Jesus is both God and Man.

If Jesus is Lord, than how does Jesus relate to the Father and the Spirit? The consensus of the Church is the confession of Trinity, the Three who are One, explain how Jesus is Lord. Only if Jesus is Lord is ultimate salvation from sin, death, and devil possible! Only if the Holy Spirit guides and sanctifies us as we follow Jesus the Son to the glory of the Father is holy living possible! In the Name of Father, +Son, and Spirit we receive baptism, communion, forgiveness, strength for our journey and ultimately the joy of resurrection life.

### **Our Faith: Trinitarian Markers**

The **sign of the holy cross**—a prayer action using three fingers, touching our forehead, down to our heart, and to the left and right shoulders—may be done before and after prayers. **Luther** specifically taught the sign for morning and evening prayer in the *Small Catechism*.

### In the Name of the Father +the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

When **Patrick** spread the **good news of Jesus** to the Irish he explained the Trinity using the clover. His *Breastplate* begins: I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity!

As the practice of praying the **Psalter** grew in the early Church (prayer book of David and of our Lord Jesus, might be good for us too) the **Gloria Patri** became a way of concluding each psalm:

## Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Sources: Book of Concord, Bible, Lutheran Book of Worship

## DAILY PRAYER

**EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (Psalm 1:2)** A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The "*Our Daily Bread*" devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe. Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Braylon Beam, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Kathy Finch, Helen Hoffman, Dru Huffstickler, Alfred Lineberger, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Doug Rhyne, Fran Rice, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson.

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Ruth Benoy, Baby Ellis Brown, Amelia Edwards, family of Johnny Enloe, Jamison Franklin, Harriet Grantham, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Ernie Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

## WEEK 23: JUNE 7, 2020 to JUNE 14, 2020

- 06/07 Morning Reading: John 17—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 28, 29
- 06/08 Morning Reading: John 18:1-18—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 30, 31
- 06/09 Morning Reading: John 18:19-40—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 32, 33
- 06/10 Morning Reading: John 19:1-22—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 34, 35, 36
- 06/11 Morning Reading: John 19:23-42—Evening Reading: Ezra 1, 2
- 06/12 Morning Reading: John 20—Evening Reading: Ezra 3, 4, 5
- 06/13 Morning Reading: John 21—Evening Reading: Ezra 6, 7, 8
- 06/14 Morning Reading: Acts 1—Evening Reading: Ezra 9, 10

Song Of Praise "Gather Us In" ELW #532

## Next Sunday, JUNE 14, 2020

9:30 Zoom Sunday School: 1 Kings 18:20-39 10:30 Service of the Word: Matthew 9:35-10:8 ~ *Harvest Hopes* 

Note: *daily*Lectio.net provides the complete Revised Common Lectionary for both Sunday and daily lessons.

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



### CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, JUNE 7 - SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020

- Sun-079:30 amSunday School via Zoom10:30 amWorship Service ~ Streamed on Facebook Live
- Mon-08 8:30 am Preschool Opens Up Summer Session
- Tues-09 8:30 am Preschool
- Wed-10 8:30 am Preschool
- Thur-11 8:30 am Preschool

