LUTHERAN CHAPEL



ACTS 15:3-21 AND JOHN 3:1-17 "HOLY TRINITY 2021"

Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is revealed that all may trust and follow Christ forever.

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY MAY 30, 2021

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL MAY 30, 2021 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 6:1-8

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "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.

¹In 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. ²Seraphs 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. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

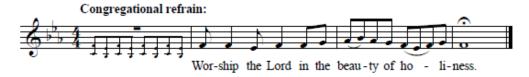
⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The 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." ⁸Then 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!"

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 Mark Mummert



- Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the voice of the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendeor.
- ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon:
- ⁶The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

Refrain:

- ⁷The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- 8The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

Refrain:

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

11O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Refrain:

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ACTS 15:3-21

Is it right for new followers of Christ not to be circumcised and to keep the various laws of the Torah? Are we really saved by grace? God speaks through His apostles.

³So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great iov to all the believers. ⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. ⁵But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses." ⁶The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. ⁷After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. ⁸And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; ⁹ and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. ¹⁰Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

¹²The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles. ¹³After they finished speaking, James replied, "My brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. ¹⁵This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written,

¹⁶'After this I will return,

and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen;

from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up,

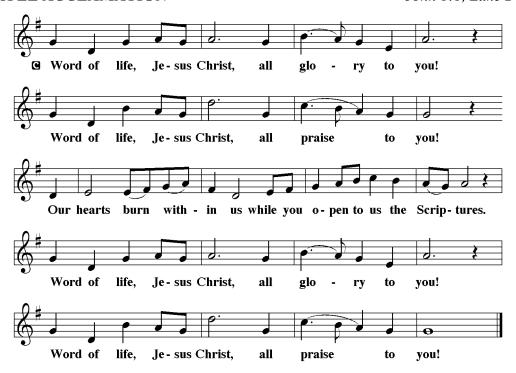
¹⁷so that all other peoples may seek the Lord —

even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things ¹⁸known from long ago.'

¹⁹Therefore I have reached the decision that we should not trouble those Gentiles who are turning to God, ²⁰but we should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from whatever has been strangled and from blood. ²¹For in every city, for generations past, Moses has had those who proclaim him, for he has been read aloud every sabbath in the synagogues."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL JOHN 3:1-17

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel. Response after the announcement:



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.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus 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?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being

born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The 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." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷"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.



MESSAGE

"Holy Trinity 2021"

The Prayers of the Council of Jerusalem and God's Reign Relationships and the Depths of Personhood John 3:16 The Gospel in Miniature

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: The nature of the LORD as Holy Trinity: Father, Son, + Son, and Holy Spirit is revealed by Jesus for us to know and love and yet so many continue to reject the LORD.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The nature of the LORD as Holy Trinity: Father, Son, + Son, and Holy Spirit is revealed by Jesus. Let us trust and praise the LORD now and forever.

So What? Contemplate the mystery of God: Father, Son, + Son, and Holy Spirit. What does it mean to your understanding of the world and yourself that God is **the** Giver?



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.

ANTHEM CHANCEL CHOIR

"Hymn to the Trinity"

Tr., Benjamin Webb, 1854, alt.

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O love, how deep, how broad, how high, Surpassing thought and fantasy, That God the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortal's sake.

For us he prayed, for us he taught, For us his daily works he wrought, By words and signs and actions, thus Still seeking not himself, but us.

All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad; The Trinity, who we adore For ever and forever more.

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

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

P: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

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

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



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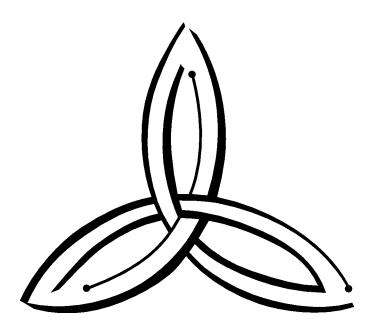
P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Sara Carpenter in memory of Gene's birthday.



PARISH NEWS

A graveside service will be held for Robert Park on June 5 at 10:00 am in the Lutheran Chapel cemetery. A service to celebrate his life will follow. Please lift Robert's family up in prayer during this difficult time of mourning.

WORSHIP AT THE LAKE: Join us on June 6 at 10:30 for our Rankin Lake Service. A catered meal from Grandma Hoyt will be provided. Please bring chairs or anything needed to hang out together at the park. All are welcome!

OWLS: On **Thursday, June 10th at 6 pm**, Josh and Amy would like to invite the OWLS to join them in their backyard for an ice cream social. Be sure to bring your lawn chair! Please let Amy know if you are able to attend by Thursday, June 3rd. (*Rainy weather location: FLC*)

VBS 2021: The Christian Ed Committee will be offering a modified outdoor Vacation Bible School for the children of our congregation and of the MMO program. VBS will be offered at the pavilion from 5-7:30 on Thursday, June 17 and Friday, June 18 as well as 10-12:30 on Saturday, June 19. A picnic meal will be provided *for the children* each day. The pastor will also be offering an adult VBS class on that Thursday and Friday night from 6-7pm in the Sanctuary. Amy will be sharing will be sharing additional information with parents via email.

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Michael is offering a *Bible study of the Psalter* in the Family Life Center **Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15**. All are invited to attend in-person or on-line (see link below). *Amy and Pastor Michael would like to encourage the Roots youth and their families to attend!* For those attending in-person please note that facemasks continue to be recommended indoors for those who are not fully vaccinated. Tables will be set up for social distancing.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 862 6885 3341

Passcode: 608480

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 email, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe.

To share prayer concerns or updates on the prayer list you can call the church office, call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439) or call our prayer team (Katherine Carpenter 704-214-2493). Intercessions will be for a month and then removed unless requested to continue.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: BT & Pauline Bradley, Kori Bradley, Jerry & Shirley Carpenter, Kathy Finch, Larry Hoover, Dru Huffstickler, Ann Marie Lentz, **the family of Robert Park**, Betty Petty, Bill Robinson, and Bob Thornburg

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Deborah Carpenter, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Victoria Garcia, Linda Gay, Howard Gribble, Sherry Hester, the Hildreth Family, Jack Jeffries, Paula Kadel, Suzanne Ledford, Lee Norris, Chris Owings, Dakota Shuford, Judi Truesdail, Charlene Sorenson, George Sung, and Claudia Zibell

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 22: May 30 to June 6, 2021

- 05/30 Morning Reading: John 11:30-57—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 10, 11, 12
- 05/31 Morning Reading: John 12:1-26—Evening Reading: 12 Chronicles 13, 14
- **06/01** Morning Reading: John 12:27-50—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 15, 16
- **06/02** Morning Reading: John 13:1-20—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 17, 18
- **06/03** Morning Reading: John 13:21-38—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 19, 20
- **06/04** Morning Reading: John 14—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 21, 22
- **06/05** Morning Reading: John 15—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 23, 24
- **06/06** Morning Reading: John 16—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 25, 26, 27

Song of Praise "Come Holy Ghost Our Souls Inspire" LBW #365

Next Sunday, June 6, 2021 ~ Worship at Rankin Lake (one service only)

10:30 Holy Communion: Mark 3:20-35 ~ "The Family of Christ"

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, MAY 30 - SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021

Sun-30 8:30 am Early Worship w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)

9:30 am Bible Study (Family Life Center) 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Mon-31 Memorial Day

Tues-01 NO Preschool

10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

Wed-02 NO Preschool

Thur-03 NO Preschool



We are so happy you joined us for worship this morning. Please fill out the information below and leave this page in the pew following the service. Thank you!

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