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**Holy Trinity Sunday/1st Sunday after Pentecost**

**May 26, 2024, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty ELW 413**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

the God of manna,

the God of miracles,

the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,

let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways**

**of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding**

**rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life**

**and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,

you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,

there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life,

you are shown God’s mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC Don’t Be Afraid ACS 1027**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8**

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!”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 29**

1Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
  ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
 2**Ascribe 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 Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
 4**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;**  
  **the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**  
 5The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
  the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
 6**the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,**  
  **and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**  
 7The voice of the Lord  
  bursts forth in lightning flashes.  
 8**The 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!”  
 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.

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17**

12Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—13for 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. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For 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!” 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS pg. 14**

### **GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** **God Loved the World ELW 323**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**A person holding a bible and a plant

Description automatically generatedI believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

…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**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in May*** *(collected in a special envelope) will go to* ***the Orenda Center****.*

**OFFERING SONG Baptized in Water ELW 456**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life,

you have set this table with your very self,

**A silver chalice and a loaf of bread

Description automatically generated**and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,

and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,

your body for the life of the world.

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ACS pg. 20**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness

to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE 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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Come!

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life,

we have received from your table

more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,

now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The blessing of God,

who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

☩ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN Come, Join the Dance of Trinity ELW 412**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | | **Deep Clean** |
| May 26 | John & Jane Wagner | Richard Kopitzke | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Pam Mundt | May Hill |  |
| June 2 | Dave & Kami Weis | Andrea Hovick | Bruce & Nancy Tibbett | Dan Mundt | Jon Hill | June:  Dave & Shelly Schneider  Bruce & Nancy Tibbett |
| June 9 | Christopher & Trina Ignatowski | Julie Will | Ron Rothfusz  Andrea Hovick | Nancy Leonard | Breanna Butler |
| June 16 | Ben & Sue Lee | Leslie Mader | John Wagner  Nancy Leonard | Robin Beeman | David Schneider |

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| **Coming up at GSLC** | | |
| Sunday, May 26 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * The Holy Trinity, First Sunday after Pentecost * John 3:1-17; Entering the reign of God through water and the Spirit |
| Monday, May 27 |  | Church Office Closed for Memorial Day |
| Tuesday, May 28 | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Sunday, June 2 | 9:00 am | Outdoor Worship Service   * Second Sunday after Pentecost * Mark 2:23-3:6; Doing the work of God on the sabbath |

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SOS has provided their list of needs for this month, which includes:

Kidney Beans, Baked Beans, Sandwich Bags, Chicken Noodle Soup, Dish Soap, Oatmeal, Jelly, Gravy,Pudding, Broth, All Purpose Cleaner, Shampoo, Conditioner, Pancake Mix, Baking Items, Paper Towels, Dried Soup. **Urgently need: Broth, Canned Fruit, Applesauce, Canned Meat, Chili/Stew, Canned Pasta Meals, Rice Mixes, Kidney Beans.**

Outdoor worship begins Sunday, June 2

A group of people sitting outside

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**Pub Theology is returning for the summer!  
2nd Wednesday in June, 2nd & 4th Wednesday in July and August  
Blue Heron BrewPub 6:00 pm  
Led by Pastor Katie**  
**What is Pub Theology?** People have been gathering in pubs and public spaces for ages talking about life, philosophy, faith, and deep questions of meaning. Increasingly, people all over are rediscovering the pub as a safe, open space where they can explore and express their own doubts and questions, learn from others, and engage people of varying religious traditions. In our increasingly fractured society, these spaces are not only welcome but needed.  
***Bring your questions and curiosity, and pull up a chair.***



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