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The Holy Trinity

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** Love God, Love Neighbor (*Luke 10:27*)

**VISION STATEMENT:** We will work to strengthen and grow closer in relationship to God and to one another.

- *As we enter into a sacred time and space, a friendly reminder to please set your cell phone to vibrate.*
- *We want to welcome all of our guests today and thank you for worshiping with us. If you have any questions or would like more information regarding our services, programs, day care, or preschool programs at St. Paul, please visit our Welcome Center in the narthex immediately following our service, and an attendant will be more than happy to assist you. If this is your first time at St. Paul, we hope you will take a gift along with you. We also have a gift bag for children.*

\* This symbol indicates that the congregation is invited to stand physically or in spirit.

**INTRODUCTION**

*“O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God’s love and hope to our neighbors.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SIGNING OF ATTENDANCE PADS**

*(Ushers will be handing out Attendance Pads during the announcements. Please be sure to sign your name and contact information.)*

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, first privately then together publicly.

*Silence for reflection and private confession of personal sins, then join in with combined voices this printed confession.*

P Merciful God,

**C we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**C Amen.**

**\* HYMN ELW - #408 “Come, Thou Almighty King”**

1. **Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise; Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**
2. **Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord; our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success, and let thy righteousness on us descend.**
3. **Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour! Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart, never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.**

4. **To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore!**  
**Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,**  
**and to eternity love and adore.**

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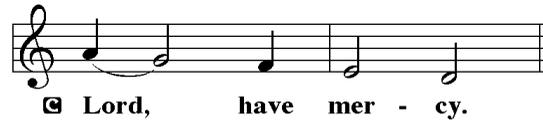
\* **GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

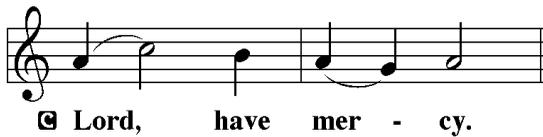
C **And also with you.**

\* **KYRIE** *(Responses Sung)*

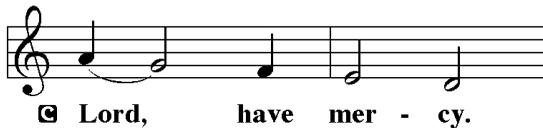
P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



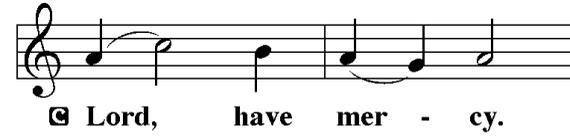
P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



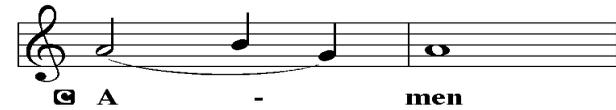
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



\* **HYMN OF PRAISE:**

P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

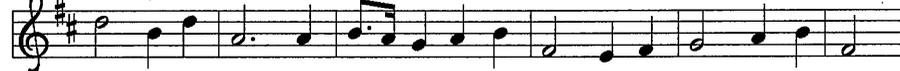


hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P 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.

C Amen.

**FIRST READING:** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

A Our first reading is from Proverbs, chapter 8, verses 1-4 and 22-31.

*In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

The reading begins:

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup>On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: <sup>4</sup>"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. <sup>22</sup>The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. <sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth — <sup>26</sup>when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. <sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, <sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 8

A The Psalm today is Psalm 8. We will read the Psalm responsively. The congregation will please respond by reading the words in bold print.

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! —

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

**<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

**<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**SECOND READING:** Romans 5:1-5

A Our second reading is from Romans, chapter 5, verses 1-5.

*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.*

The reading begins:

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

A Please stand as you are comfortable for the gospel.

\* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Sung)



\* **GOSPEL:** John 16:12-15

*Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.*

P The holy gospel according to St. John, chapter 16, verses 12-15.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

\* **HYMN ELW - #412 "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity" (Saturday, 7:00 PM only)**

1. **Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun –  
the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.  
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,  
but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.**

2. **Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;  
then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.  
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;  
when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.**

3. **Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame  
set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!**

4. **Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,  
we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.  
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.**

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\* **HYMN "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (Sunday, 9:00 AM only)**

1. **Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known!  
In seasons of distress and grief my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.**

2. **Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that joy I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place where God, my Savior, shows His face,  
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.**

3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my petition bear  
to Him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless;  
And since He bids me seek His face, believe His Word, and trust His grace,  
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

4. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, may I thy consolation share,  
till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height, I view my home and take my flight;  
This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise to seize the everlasting prize,  
and shout, while passing through the air, "Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer."

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\* **APOSTLES' CREED**

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.

*(The congregation may be seated during the prayers.)*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A One God, giver of life, you established peace through your Son and gave your church the hope of sharing in your glory. Enliven us by your Spirit to speak and act in love for the sake of the world. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Loving God, we pray for farmers and ranchers as they continue to work hard to bring us food in this time of drought. Bless them as they sow crops and care for livestock. Send us rain to heal the earth and water to quench Your thirsty land. Let faith be born from our doubts, hope from our despair, and compassion from our troubles. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Loving Redeemer, you delight in the human race. Move the hearts of world leaders to seek wisdom, speak truth, and care for all endangered by poverty, prejudice, or violence. Further the work of international collaboration and peacemaking. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

A Abiding Comforter, you call out to all who live. Restore severed relationships and protect children who lack trustworthy caregivers. Grant hope to those who are experiencing fear, pain, or grief. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

A Holy Three, you are community and you create community. Build up ministries that support those who are isolated or lonely. Give endurance as we nurture vital relationships in our congregation and beyond. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for peace in Ukraine. Help to end this war and the destruction of lives and your creation. Change hearts, bring peace and show the world your existence. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the confirmation students and their sponsors attending confirmation camp at Sky Ranch in Colorado this week. We ask that you bless their time together, may they be blessed to grow in their faith, and we ask that you keep them safe in their travels. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for those in need of healing and whose needs are diverse and known to you including:  
Jim Murrile; Verlene Kuntschik; Chris Marsh; Becky Gatzke; Duckie & Charleen Andrus; Carolyn Tipp; Michelle Kollman; Dessie Steinhauer; those on our Prayer Team's list; and those we name in our hearts before you *(Pause)*. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all those battling cancer that they may know strength and comfort. *(Pause for those we are praying for.)* God of grace,  
Jane Veghaus Taylor; George Wright; Elrose Kollatschny; Sarah Stancik; Shelly Bowden; Larry Poenitzsch; Sandy Mosley; Charlene Tesch; Cynthia Coufal; Jeffrey McDaniel; Karen Bailiff; Julian Divin; Nancy Biers; Angie Beggs; Pam Potter; Charlie Hammock; Brad Bryson; Lynette Frnka; Riana Jamison; Jenna Escamilla; Margaret Ortiz; Kenny Neuendorff; Keith Korth; Jodi Sebesta; Cathy Siglow; Paul Casinger; Fran Gillett; Tiffany Murley; DeQuincy Lister; Angela Mazoch; Lily Presswood; Denise Lange; Doug Mason; Dr. Tom Hancher; Joe Berry; Joyce Templeton; Gracie Brune; Margaret Rogers; Leonard Kahlden; Curtis Wallin; Megan Burch; Jennifer Aleman; Lisa Grazier; Phyllis Behrend; Jessica Mauchlen; Larry Guthrie; Donna Tiner; Libby Divin; Anthony Baumbach; Diane Brooks; Bob Loy; Stanley King; Monty Gillett; Dawn Foster; Edward Halcolm; Amber Smith Kutach; Louis Camacho;

Melvin Schobel; Janet Greene; Sabrina Galindo; Debbie Grimes; Horst Traub; Margie Fisk; Preston Carter; Penny Miller; Carl Hahn; Megan Cain; Amanda Fuchs; Cyndi Wallace; Karen Broussard; Donna Young; Sharon Heimann; and Brenda Baker

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all expectant mothers that they have healthy terms and deliveries, and if not, may they find comfort and peace. *(Pause for those we are praying for.)* God of grace, Stephanie Miles; Katie Page; Brooke Dungen Pawlak; Mallory Dungen Cook; and Madisyn Horndt Neumann

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all those who reside in care facilities and the homebound and especially for: Adrian Fritsch; Don Morrison; Verna Coufal; Doug Hill; John Zwiengel; Robert Saunders; Coy Dell Schindler; Deanna Lee; Dolores Wessels; Doris Poppe; Barbara McMath; Linda Munos Rodgers; Madeline Menke; Doris Horndt; Helen Perrard; Delores Purcell; Jane Booker; Curtis Berger; Dolores Hoelscher; Jesse Grabow; Beatrice Zikuhr; Robert Eaton; Ronnie Rogers; Fritz Willms; Joyce Dehmer; and Donna Dehmer that they receive your caring and compassion. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all law enforcement officers and especially for Todd Jacobs; Troy Neisner; Jacob Gorman; Nancy Gorman; Johnny Kovar; Abbigail Weido; Dustin Lattimore; Luke Kanz; Bruno Flores; Zane Weido; Josh Jones; as well as Donnie Templeton and Jason Templeton who are also fire fighters. For all fire fighters, first responders, healthcare workers and 9-1-1 dispatchers, especially Brent Gorman, Sr.; Brent Gorman, Jr.; Reid Brasher; Dusty Dittmar; John Maertz; Ron Luedke; Pastor Alan Kethan; Kristi Weyand; Eric Weyand; Bradley Berger; Jon Berger; James Chollett; Edward Thraen, Jr.; Garrett Flores; Kyle Burris; Dylan Walcik; Randy Wendt; Travis Neuendorff; Brenda Henkes; and Jan Willette, as well as those active duty military members including Brian Anderson; Michael Graham; Bryan Kubena; Brad Bergfeld; Cody Jowers; Kyle Appelt; Montana Appelt; Douglas Neuendorff; Scott Cherniss; Kameron Page; Ryan Neisner; Anthony D'Angelo; Dalton Kapel; Kindra Dawson; William Phillips; and Kevin Gonzalez that they are protected and kept safe. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the church throughout the world. May we all proclaim the good news of your love effectively. We ask, especially, that you would bless the ministry of our sister congregations Cristo Rey and Iglesia Cristiana Camino de Santidad in Peru, all Missionaries, especially St. Paul's supported missionary, Dina Anton de Espinoza, and our companion synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Holy God, we remember your saints for their strong faith and witness, even unto death. Console grieving families. Stir up in us the resolve to end the sin of white supremacy and pursue the courageous path of justice. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**C Amen.**

\* **PEACE**

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

**C And also with you.** *(Share the "Peace of the Lord" with your neighbors.)*

***(We will be collecting offerings before and after worship each week. This includes Power of One dollars.)***

#### **OFFERING and POWER OF ONE**

*"Power of One" is a ministry sponsored by your Stewardship Team. We are asking each and every one of our members to give \$1.00 above what your normal giving would be. We are asking each member to place this \$1.00 bill or change in the offering plate each week. The team is also inviting all children to participate to develop the habit of giving as part of their worship experience. Parents, a penny, nickel, dime, quarter, or dollar bill, any of these will do to help your children develop a habit of giving. These "Power of One" dollars will be used to support local ministries and ministries abroad. The purpose of this ministry is to demonstrate that something as small as one dollar can be used to make a difference in the lives of others.*

\* OFFERTORY (Sung)



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

\* OFFERING PRAYER

P God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

\* REMEMBERING JESUS' WORDS, PROMISES, AND COMMANDS

\* LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C 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

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION (Continuous with Individual Cups)

{Distribution will be continuous. All are welcome for communion. Please come down the center aisle starting from the front. Follow directions of the ushers, coming up one side at a time.

Please keep 6 feet between those who are not your family members. Pastor will hand you the bread. If you wish to have a gluten-free wafer, please tell Pastor "Gluten-free, please."

Afterward, you will choose either wine or white grape juice from the individual cups in the tray – white grape juice in the center with wine surrounding. Place the empty cups in the baskets located off to the side. Although communion is continuous, you are welcome to kneel at the rail in prayer after receiving communion. Please return to your seat by the side aisles.}

(Sung)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Please be seated.)

\* **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

P Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

\* **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** (Sung)



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

\* **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

\* **BLESSING**

P The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C Amen.

\* **HYMN ELW - #413 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"**

1. 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!

2. 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.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

4. 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!

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\* **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God, and we will.

**POSTLUDE**

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**SUN:** Danny Kautz; David Stancik

**LAY READERS: SAT:** JoAnn Venghaus

**SUN:** David Stancik

**ACOLYTE:**

**SUN:** Cambry Barten

**STREAMING:**

**SUN:** Janel Barten

**ALTAR GUILD:** Carol Ripper and Carol Lighthill

**WELCOME:** Today is Trinity Sunday – not so much a time to explain a complex doctrine as an opportunity to dwell in the mystery of God. Welcome to worship!

**ALTAR WALL FLOWERS** are placed by Ken & Kay Wesson in loving memory of Kay's father Weldon Chollett whose birthday is June 8.

**ADDITIONAL FLOWERS** are placed by Terrel & Robin Maertz in thanks for God's many blessings and in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 12.

We are pleased to have Pastor John Hunsicker and David Johnson sharing their messages with us this weekend. Pastor John is presiding over worship and sharing his message Saturday,

June 11, and David Johnson is sharing his message at both Sunday services on June 12 as Deacon Sandye presides. Thank you Pastor John, Coach Johnson and Deacon Sandye!! ☺

**\*\* REMINDER!!** Pastor Alan will be on sabbatical during the months of June and July, 2022. In case of an emergency, please contact Deacon Sandye Fletcher at 979-530-8368. \*\*

**COLLECTION OF OFFERING:** Offering for the worship services is collected before and after worship. Offering bowls are placed in the back entrance and inside the side sanctuary door for you to place your offering in. This includes "Power of One" dollars.

**Amount needed for average weekly budgeted expenses:** \$8,405.00

**Attendance:** June 4 & 5, 2022 – 140

**Contributions:** June 4 & 5 – \$9,236.73

**Power of One:** June 4 & 5, 2022 – \$36.00

**Building Fund:** June 4 & 5 – \$828.23

Thank you to those who contributed to last week's offerings. Loving God/Loving Neighbor.

**ATTENTION:** Names on the prayer list in the bulletin will be printed for 2 weeks. After 2 weeks, the names will be removed from the bulletin unless the church office has been notified to keep them.

**\*\* NOTICE REGARDING BULLETINS:** Please take your bulletin home after worship. We will **not** be reusing them. Thank you! \*\*

► **Children's Activity Bags** are available once again for use by our young members and guests! You can find them on the coat hooks in the coat area of the narthex. After worship, please place the used activity bags and their contents **in the receptacle in the narthex**. Thank you! ☺

**Attendance Pads Reminders:** Thank you to everyone for doing such a good job signing the attendance pads each week when you attend worship! Our records are more accurate when you sign the attendance pads. Here are a couple of things that will help get our records even more accurate and up-to-date: **1) When signing in, please write everyone in your family who is attending worship.** When you write "John Doe Family", we do not know how many people that is and we don't know who exactly attended worship. Was it John, Sue and Sally Doe, or the whole family of John, Sue, Jim, Tom and Sally Doe? **2) Please include your address and phone number.** This is helpful especially when we have guests signing in. When they see the members writing addresses and phone numbers, guests are more likely to do the same. We like to welcome our guests by sending them a card after their visit. That is hard to do when we do not have contact information. It is also a way for us to keep up with our members when they have a change of address or phone number. Thank you for taking the time to do these items. Our staff

and volunteers who take care of the personal records and oversee attendance records greatly appreciate your help.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church Youth Sewing Camp is meeting every Wednesday from now until July 6, 2022 from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM in The Lighthouse.** Debbie Eaton and her helpers are teaching the students a variety of different stitching techniques. The students will then have the opportunity to show off those techniques through different projects each week. For more information, please contact Stephanie at 979-732-1858. 

● **THE GATHERING:** The Gathering, a young adult group, meets twice a month for food, fellowship and devotions led by Stephanie and Bradley Polasek. **Their next meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Hound Song Brewery.** For more information, contact Stephanie at 979-732-1858.

► **God's Gals** will be meeting **Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Joe's Italian Restaurant** in Columbus for good food and good fellowship! All women of St. Paul are invited to this event. Questions? Contact Terri Brasher at 979-732-1127. We look forward to having you join us!



**Register for Vacation Bible School – July 18-22, 2022!!**

Mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School! Join us as we "Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the Southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead!" **VBS dates are July 18-22, 2022 from 6:00-8:30 PM each evening** and is open up to children who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration is free, however, t-shirts will be available for \$7 each. Parents may register their students online by visiting [vbspro.events/p/events/stpaul2022](https://vbspro.events/p/events/stpaul2022).

**BE A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER!** Volunteers are Needed . . . VBS is a wonderful way to connect with the youth and to share how God has worked in your life. Sharing your love for Christ with the younger generation can be a humbling and rewarding experience and can impact the youth in so many ways. We all have gifts to give no matter what age, and we invite you to join our team. You may register on line by visiting [vbspro.events/p/stpaul2022](https://vbspro.events/p/stpaul2022). Questions? Contact Stephanie Polasek at 979-732-1858 or [stephaniepolasek@yahoo.com](mailto:stephaniepolasek@yahoo.com).

\* *Whenever you have a question about our church, whether it be the facilities, worship services, or just want to know who to talk to about a certain Ministry Team, our **Church Council members** are always there to help, answer questions, and guide us. Posted on the bulletin board across from the church office is a list of all of our hard-working council members and the Ministry Teams they work with and represent. Please use that as a guide to help you contact the appropriate council member with your questions.* \*

♥ **Grief Support Group:** Are you experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one, loss of a job, loss of friend who has moved? The Grief Support Group is a place to share and discuss these issues with other individuals. The group meets the **third Thursday of each month from 5:30-6:30 PM in the church library.** For questions or more information, contact Peggy Geisler at 979-732-0350.

#### **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

**Today (June 12) –** Confirmation Students/Sponsors go to Sky Ranch Camp, Colorado  
**Mon., June 13 –** 9:30 AM – Staff Meeting  
**Tues., June 14 –** 9:00 AM-12:00 PM – Quilters (Lighthouse)  
12:00 PM – Noon Bible Study (library)  
5:30 PM – Stewardship Team (library)  
**Wed., June 15 –** 9:00 AM – Morning Circle (library)  
9:45 AM – CLA Chapel  
10:30 AM-12:00 PM – Sewing Camp (Lighthouse)  
**Thurs., June 16 –** 5:30 PM – Grief Support Group (library)  
**Fri., June 17 –** 10:30 AM – Adult Bible Study (library)  
Confirmation Students/Sponsors return from Sky Ranch  
**Sat., June 18 –** 7:00 PM – Holy Communion Worship  
**Next Sun., June 19 –** 9:00 AM – Holy Communion Worship  
10:00 AM – Adult Sunday School  
11:05 AM – Holy Communion Contemporary Worship

#### **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2022 Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379**

The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.

**Friday, June 17, 2022 Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015**

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of

the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.  
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#### **SERVICE OVERVIEW: DRAWN INTO RELATIONSHIP, GUIDED INTO TRUTH**

The doctrine of the Trinity invites us to consider how a God constituted by relationship - the Father with the Son, the Son with the Spirit, the Spirit with the Father - draws us into that relationship with God and one another. Through the work of the Spirit, we come to know our belonging to the Father and to Christ's body.

In such loving relationships, truth is discovered. But people may not be able to bear the truth all at once, so discipleship and faith formation are gradual processes of listening for the Spirit's voice. Communication is the key. Christian practices such as prayer, worship, learning, and service are occasions for people of all ages to be "guided into truth." Such practices are rooted in baptism. God draws us into a lifelong relationship in which we grow into truth and love over time, guided by the Spirit, accompanied by Jesus, and having peace with the Father.

In Romans, we hear the truth of how love originates and grows in us: Poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, God's love gives us a hope that will never disappoint. Christian community offers the delightful opportunity to experience one's own growth in hope, faith, and love, and to witness others' growth as they too are drawn more deeply into relationship with the triune God. Understanding of the Trinity and how we integrate the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit into our lives offers the delightful opportunity to celebrate that growth.

#### **THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION:**

The week after Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Trinity. We meditate as a church body on the mystery of our God, one divine unity of three distinct presences. Each way that we speak about the Trinity is inadequate. Indeed, a God we could understand wouldn't be much of a God. Welcome to worship! Today we will be helped by a poem in Proverbs, a psalm, Paul, John, our prayers, several hymn writers, the text of our liturgy, a sermon, and the gift of bread and wine. In worship, we are gathered into the life of our unfathomable God.

That we are called Christian, the ones marked by Christ, is clear in today's gospel. The Father and the Spirit declare the truth we have witnessed in the crucified and risen Christ. Today in worship we receive this truth in the proclamation of this word. Consider the many and various ways God is at work in the world, from the beginning of time to the present. Our life of faith involves asking for God's help as we learn to enlarge the circle of our trust and understanding to embrace the largeness of the mystery of God. Don't get too preoccupied with explaining (or understanding) the Trinity, though. Just have faith! Rejoice in the mystery of what God in three persons is doing in our midst.

The rite of Confession and Forgiveness begins in the name of the Trinity. The standard greeting with which to begin the Sunday liturgy proclaims the Trinity. Our worship concludes with a Trinitarian blessing. Christian worship begins and ends not the usual social hello of "Good

morning” and “Bye, now.” Rather, we are privileged to stand within and under uniquely Christian phrases: we give to one another and we receive the grace, love, and communion of the Triune God.

**KID STUDY:**

We are taught to have a relationship with God, so our minds try to understand just who God is. Our gracious and loving God is revealed to us as ONE God, but exists as THREE distinct parts: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. It’s a puzzle that Christian thinkers have tried to make sense of for thousands of years. Even grown ups have trouble understanding it! Our brains just cannot take in or imagine everything that God is. Images and explanations fall short, but that’s okay! It’s exciting and wondrous! God is bigger than all of us.

**INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION:**

*Godhead! O supreme goodness! For when you said, “Let us make humankind in our image and likeness,” in this the whole Trinity might give assent together. In the power of our soul you fashioned us after the very Trinity, Godhead eternal. To fashion us after yourself, eternal Father, you gave us memory to hold and keep what our understanding perceives and knows of you, infinite goodness, And in knowing, our understanding shares in the wisdom of your only-begotten Son. You gave us our will, gentle mercy, Holy Spirit, that like a hand reaches up, filled with your love, to take whatever our understanding knows of your unutterable goodness. Thanks be to you, high eternal Godhead, that you have shown us such great love. - Catherine of Siena [The Prayers of Catherine of Siena, ed. Suzanne Noffke, O.P. (NY: Paulist, 1983), 16.]*

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**Next Week's Theme (June 18 & 19):** Jesus healing Gerasene demonic and killing pigs

**Next Week's Scriptures (June 18 & 19):**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 65:1-9

*“The prophet sent to a rebellious people.”*

**Psalm:** Psalm 22:19-28

*“In the midst of the assembly I will praise you.” (Ps. 22:22)*

**Second Reading:** Galatians 3:23-29

*“In baptism, clothed with Christ; no longer Jew or Greek.”*

**Gospel:** Luke 8:26-39

*“Jesus casts out demons possessing a man of the Gerasenes.”*