

# LARGE PRINT EDITION



## HOLY COMMUNION

*Holy Trinity*

May 26, 2024 + 9:30 am

*Entering the reign of God*

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***God gives the cup of Christ filled with the Spirit's love***

*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.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

"Song for the Nations"

*C. Christensen*

*At the sound of the bell please stand and face the worship leaders.*

### GATHERING DIALOG

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

**A** Our Life, our Mercy, our Might,

**C** Blessed be the holy Trinity;

A Our Way, our Truth, our Life,  
C Blessed be the holy Trinity;  
A Our Light, our Fire, our Breath.  
C Blessed be the holy Trinity.

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*(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.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.

### GREETING

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

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*(hymn)* ELW 525

*twice, in canon; organ side begins*

C You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more  
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.

**Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil,  
raised from dead.**

**You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.**

**Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!**

**Sing hosanna in the highest!**

**Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!**

*Text: Per Harling, b. 1945 © 1990 Ton Vis Produktion AB, admin. Augsburg Fortress  
in North America, South America, and Central America, including the Caribbean.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe  
and the beginning of time you are the triune God:

Author of creation,  
eternal Word of salvation,  
life-giving Spirit of wisdom.

Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all  
that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with  
us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now  
and forever.

**C Amen.**

*The presider continues with words of welcome.*

## **WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S WORD**

*Children are invited forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.*

**FIRST READING***Isaiah's vision and call*

Isaiah 6:1–8

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

In 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. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs 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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And 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!"

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

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**Psalm 29 ICEL

*Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness (29.2)*

A Give the Lord glory, you spirits! Give glory!  
Honor God's strength!

**C Honor the name of the Lord!**

**Bow when the Lord comes, majestic and holy.**

A God's voice thunders above the massive seas;  
powerful, splendid,

**C God shatters the cedars, shatters the cedars of Lebanon,  
makes Lebanon jump like a calf, jump like a wild ox.**

A God's voice strikes fire, makes the desert shudder,

**C Wilderness shudders in labor, God strips the trees.**

A All shout "Glory" in your temple, Lord.

For you rule the mighty waters, you rule over all for ever.

**C Give strength to your people, Lord,  
and bless your people with peace.**

A Give the Lord glory, you spirits! Give glory!  
Honor God's strength!

**C Give praise to the Father Almighty;  
to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord;  
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts;  
both now and forever. Amen.**

## SECOND READING

*Living by the Spirit*

Romans 8:12–17

*In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.*

*Paul writes to the church at Rome:*

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — <sup>13</sup>for 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. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For 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!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit

bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and 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.

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*setting 10; ELW page 205*

*The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:*

**C Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are  
stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing  
for the good news that you bring.**

## **GOSPEL**

*Entering the reign of God*

John 3:1-17

*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.*

The gospel according to John.

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He 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."

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus 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?"

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The 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.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

<sup>13</sup>“No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“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.

<sup>17</sup>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.

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

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*(hymn)* ELW 412

“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”

**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.**

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**A** We have been made God's people  
through our Baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope, we proclaim 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**including Prayer for Memorial Day**

*Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.  
each petition concludes:*

God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

## **MEAL**

### **PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*The assembly is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.*

### **OFFERING**

*When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*Please leave your offerings in the baskets in the aisles or give online. During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel. Thank you for your generosity.*

*"This Is My Song" J. Sibelius FINLANDIA; text: Lloyd Stone*

### **Presentation of the Gifts**

## Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

**C Holy One, Holy Three,  
we praise you for your wonderful creation  
and your all-sustaining care.  
Receive these gifts and our gratitude,  
and may our lives reflect your goodness and love  
and show forth the new life of the resurrection. Amen.**

*The assisting minister pours out the wine.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P ... and join their unending hymn:

*setting 10, ELW p. 207*

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving:*

...We look with hope for his coming, and so the church cries:  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

... burning with justice, peace and love, and so the church pleads:

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

...now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer (1789)**

**C Our Father who art 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.**

**Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion**

**Communion**

**"Lamb of God"**

*setting10; ELW page 208*

**C O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now,  
we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave; have mercy now,  
we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made; give us your peace,  
we pray.**

*silence for reflection concludes the communion*

## **Prayer after Communion**

A Let us pray.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with your very self. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord; and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **SENDING DIALOG**

A We have beheld the awesome power of God's creating hand.

C **We have heard the holy and saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P You have been nurtured at the holy table and baptized into the priesthood of Christ.

C **We offer ourselves now to the Lord of all creation in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us.**

A Go out from this assembly by the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the mighty works of the Lord.

C **Let us bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

## BENEDICTION

P May the holy and blessed Trinity bring you all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*(hymn)* ELW 413

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

- 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!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774*

“Holy God We Praise Your Name”

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## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Sinéad Carolan, *assisting minister*

Roger Peterson, *reader*

Youth and children, *crucifer, banners*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Matti Gurney and Anna Matthes, *technology desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Rich Feist and Jim Felicetta, *ushers*

Nancy and Jim Felicetta, *worship hosts*

Doug Jones, *bus ministry*

Karen Moeller, *coffee host*

**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given by Jerry Frisco  
in memory of Julie Frisco.

*If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.*

*Please join us for coffee fellowship on the lower level following worship.*

*This service is being streamed live on the internet.*

## WORSHIP LIFE

*Holy Trinity Sunday*

The first Sunday after Pentecost has come to be known as Holy Trinity Sunday, a celebration of the mystery of the Holy Trinity. This festival is different in character from the other major festivals of the church's year in that it does not celebrate a historical event of salvation or event from the life

of Jesus. Holy Trinity is a theological festival, celebrating a major Christian doctrine, concerned with the theological question of describing the very being of God's own self – a being that is at its core relational. From the Latin for “three,” on this day the Church recalls that all of salvation history was accomplished by God the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.

This too is the formula for Christian baptism and Christian prayer at their most orthodox. Notice that in worship our prayer is most times directed to God the Father, in the name of the Son (“anything that you ask in my name...” and through the power of the Holy Spirit. It's most often the Holy Spirit part we forget. Sometimes prayer or baptism are offered simply in the name of Jesus. Sometimes this is shorthand. Sometimes this can indicate theological discomfort with the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

Holy Trinity Sunday originated in the Western half of the church in the tenth century and spread slowly. The Roman church finally adopted it in the fourteenth century (1334) from which the Reformation churches received this celebration. The celebration became immensely popular in Northern Europe, hence the popularity of Trinity as the name of many Lutheran and Anglican churches.

Today some English-speakers have made us aware of the gender-specific limitations of our formula for the Holy Trinity. Poets, hymn writers, preachers and theologians are developing new ways to describe the Holy Trinity in language to complement the old ways. Worshiping communities like ours are experimenting with this new language. This development will likely become one of identifying marks of our generation of faith.

The color for the day is white like all the festivals of Jesus. Though used rarely in worship, the Athanasius Creed, one of the three ecumenical creeds in the Lutheran Confessions, seeks to describe the mystery of the Trinity. Today might be a day to review this creed devotionally. It was in LBW but is not included in ELW.

Adapted from material by: R F Buxton, New Westminster Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship, J G Davies, ed., p. 510; Philip H. Pfatteicher, Dictionary of Liturgical Terms, p. 65; R VanLoon & S A Stauffer, Worship Wordbook, p. 96

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Contact the coordinator below if you can help to accomplish these tasks:

OPPORTUNITY	COORDINATOR	DUE
Northeast Parade	Karen Moeller	Tuesday, June 18
Summer coffee hosts	Karen Moeller	Sign up downstairs
Salty Carmel teams	Pastor C	Sign up in narthex
MCCC Board secretary	Brenda W; C Pudney	open position
Annual budget team	Karen Moeller	new team established by cong. council

## WELCOME

**Everyone is welcome.** We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email [pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org)

**Children are welcome** at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

**Welcome to the Lord’s Table.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

**Welcome to the Holy Baptism.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

### Friends of Mt. Carmel...Stay connected

Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you’re one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Mt. Carmel. Email [pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org) for more information or to join.



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