

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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THE HOLY TRINITY
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THE HOLY TRINITY

Christians have held a festival in honor of the Holy Trinity since the ninth century, when it was celebrated in French monastic communities. In the fourteenth century, the festival was added to the calendar and has been celebrated throughout the world since that time.

Every celebration of baptism and Holy Communion is a trinitarian celebration, just as every gathering "in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" is done in union with the Sacred Three.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, the church gathers on Sunday—the day of resurrection—to offer thanksgiving to the Father for Christ's saving life given to us at the table of the word and the table of the Lord. Listen carefully to the opening greeting, the baptismal "formula," the eucharistic prayer, and the final blessing: we are accompanied in life's journey by a community of persons. We are not alone. Indeed, the church is intended to be a sign in the world of the Holy Trinity's unity-in-diversity.

May 22, 2005

8:30 am Worship

Never Alone

In what do we put our faith? Whom can we trust? Sometimes it's hard to say. Doctors and scientists? Government officials and law enforcement? Friends and family? The answer is probably, "It depends." We realize that, no matter how well intentioned, these individuals are human and sometimes make mistakes. And they're not always available when we need them.

Jesus left his disciples with the assurance that they could put their trust and faith in him. As he sent them out into the world, he promised to offer more expert advice than scientists, greater protection and justice than the law, and more comfort and understanding than the dearest friend.

The disciples would need this kind of assurance to endure the hardships that lay ahead of them. In fact, Jesus had been trying to prepare them for the difficult days to come, even before his betrayal and crucifixion. Surely, as they looked back, the disciples had a better understanding of these prophetic words. They could also look back and recall Jesus' assurance that they would never be alone.

The Great Commission was Jesus' instruction to all believers, not just those present to hear the words. His words also provide reassurance. At every fork in the road, the command to share the gospel points us in the right direction. God has a plan for each of us, and has foreseen the difficult times ahead.

God wants us to know that no matter how difficult our lives become, we can trust God for guidance and comfort—even before we ask. God is also with the doctors, government officials, and family we rely on for all our earthly needs. We are never, ever alone.

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** Stand if you are able.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

by David Haas

PRELUDE

Blessed Trinity

(Edward Elgar)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us seek the face of God, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Holy God,

we have sinned against you and each other. We pray for your forgiveness and healing. The good we want to do, we often fail to do. The evil we do not want, we find ourselves doing. Deliver us, O God, save us from shame, and guide us in your way. Amen.

Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us; and God raised him up from death so that we too might walk in newness of life. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through + Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

** **HYMN** 165 LBW (green hymnal)

Holy, Holy Holy

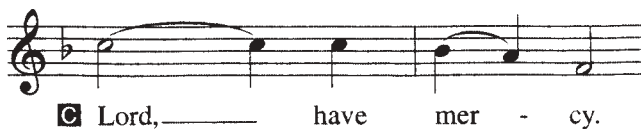
** **GREETING** (spoken)

The love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, and the life of the Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

** **KYRIE** (sung)

Assistant: Gathered in peace, gathered in peace, we pray to the Lord...
Lord, have Mercy.



Assistant: For peace from above, and for the saving power of God, let us pray.
Christ, have Mercy.

☐ Christ, _____ have mer - cy.

Assistant: For peace in the world, for the Church, for the unity of all, let us pray.
Lord, have Mercy.

☐ Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Assistant: For this holy place, and for all who gather here for praise, let us pray.
Christ, have Mercy.

☐ Christ, _____ have mer - cy. A - men. *rit. mf*

**** THIS IS THE FEAST (sung)**

Refrain

☐ This is the feast! Come and cel - e - brate the
vic - t'ry for our God! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! This is the feast!

Verse 1



I 1. Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb once slain, whose



blood was shed to give free- dom for all. Pow- er and



rich - es, wis- dom and strength,



hon- or and bless- ing; come give glo- ry to Christ! Yes,

Verse 2



II 2. Sing out with joy, all peo- ple of God!



Join in the song of cre - a - tion! Bless- ing and



hon - or, glo - ry and might to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er more! Yes,

Verse 3



I + II 3. This is the feast for praise and re - joic - ing,
for the Lamb, the one who was slain, will come
forth now and be - gin God's reign!
To Refrain
Sing all you peo - ple, sing Al-le-lu-ia! Yes,

** PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken)

Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING OF PRAYERS / BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collecting of Green / Gold Cards

Pastor Prochaska

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jana Bostelman

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

PSALM (spoken)

Psalm 8

O LORD our Lord,

how exalted is your name in all the world!

**²Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

³You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**⁴When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

⁵what is man that you should be mindful of him,
the son of man that you should seek him out?

**⁶You have made him but little lower than the angels;
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

⁷you give him mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under his feet:

**⁸all sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,**

⁹the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

**¹⁰O LORD our Lord,
how exalted is your name in all the world!**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

** **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 687 WOV (blue hymnal) (vs. 3&4)

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

** **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON

Celebrate the Holy Trinity

Pastor Prochaska

** **HYMN**

Come, Join in the Dance of Trinity

(Leach/Kingsfold; arr. by Williams)

*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.*

*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;
do tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!*

*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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**** PRAYERS** (spoken)

Gathered, enlightened, and empowered to serve, let us pray for the church, the nations, and all people seeking God's mercy and care.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, holy God, and give us all we need for this day and the days to come, through the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

**** PEACE** (spoken)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

(The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.)

OFFERTORY

Sing a Joyful Song
Chancel Choir

(Pethel)

**** OFFERTORY PRAYER** (spoken)

God of sun and rain, farm and flower,

we praise you for your wonderful creation and your all-sustaining care.

Receive these tokens of our gratitude, and may our lives reflect the goodness and love shown in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**** GREAT THANKSGIVING** (spoken)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**** INITIAL THANKSGIVING** (spoken by the Pastor)

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!... and this is our song:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

**** COMMUNION PRAYER** Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!... proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died. Christ
is ris - en. Christ will come,
Christ will come a - gain.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!... so we sing.

Three staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The lyrics are: A - men, A - men, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men, A - men!

**** LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken) (Personal option - holding hands)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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**

Come to Christ, the tree of wisdom, be sheltered, be fed. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION -- Receiving the Lord's tangible presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

We invite everyone to come forward for Holy Communion, shared around the altar.

LAMB OF GOD (sung as communion assistants come forward) (congregation seated)

Four staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of D major. The lyrics are: 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 your peace, grant us your peace.

COMMUNION SONGS

60 (purple songbook)

37 (purple songbook)

*Holy, Holy
Father I Adore You*

COMMUNION PRAYER (spoken)

Let us pray.

Cultivate and nourish us, O God, that we may be good soil. Let the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament, planted within us now, bring forth rich and beautiful fruit for the life of the world. In his name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING (spoken)

Holy Eternal Majesty, Holy Incarnate Word, Holy Abiding Spirit, one God, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

TEMPLE TALK

Floyd Seim

** **SENDING SONG** 400 LBW (green hymnal)

God Whose Almighty Word

SENDING (spoken)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Intonation on "Old 100th"

(Bender)

O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For
The people and friends of Good Shepherd
Cathy & Dan Smith, missionaries in Tanzania
Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago
Bishop Callon W. Halloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus
Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa
and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

HOSPITALIZED

Phil Glover, at Kettering Hospital
Morgan, a young friend of Maxine Yike's, at Children's Medical Center
Randy Wright, a friend of Scott Bieller's, at Greene Memorial

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR:

Hazel Reel	Bridget Quattrucci & family (Jeff & Sheila Stutrud's
Ruth Lackey	daughter), who is having twins & having problems
Darren	with the pregnancy
Lygia Harrison, cancer & chemotherapy	Charlotte Nelson, who has cancer
Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4	Bob Hoffman, who has colon cancer
Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer	Carol Brayton
	Our Confirmands: Diamond Smelser, Danny Burrall, Brandon Strohming, & Ben Thieman

May 22, 2005 – The Holy Trinity
Prayers Received May 15, 2005 – The Day of Pentecost

Please take this home and use it daily to remember in prayer
those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd Community of Faith

Please email Sheila or Jeff Stutrud with your prayer requests at prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com