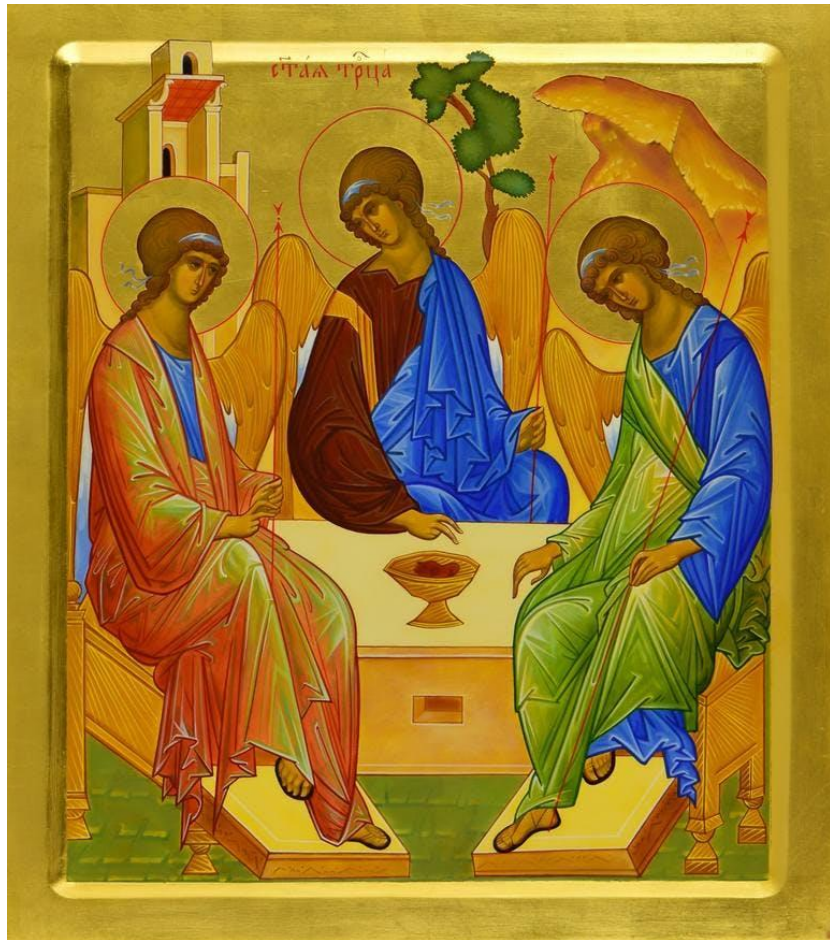


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THE HOLY TRINITY
June 4, 2023

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The Holy Trinity

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In awe, before God, we come to seek forgiveness and reconciliation.

God of all worlds, we confess that we often live in slavery to our possessions and our fears. We are so attached to our comfort and social status that we find it difficult to identify with people whose experience is far different from our own. We do not want to suffer with the homeless, the hungry, the refugee, the oppressed. We turn away from the suffering of Jesus to gather or hold onto temporary advantages. We act like just another human organization, not the body of Christ making a difference in the world. Forgive us and call us back to your way of love.

God always claims us and loves us. When we confess our sin, the Spirit opens our hearts, and we are born anew to life. God takes away our sin and guilt. We change direction living as Jesus would have us live. Receive this gift from God.

GATHERING SONG *Listen, God Is Calling* (ELW 513)

Listen, God Is Calling *Neno lake Mungu*

Refrain
Leader All




Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

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ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

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Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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GREETING

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Shout to the Lord* (ELW 821)



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.



My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together:

**O triune God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit; Creator, Savior, Sustainer;
God beyond us, God with us, God ever among us;
You are one God in three persons, ever entwined in a dance of grace.
Get us up on our feet today, that we may join the dance,
and give you glory, in word, in deed, and in song.
Amen.**

HYMN *How Majestic Is Your Name*

How Majestic Is Your Name

"O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:1 (NIV)

Michael W. Smith

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ff $\text{♩} = 150$

The musical score is written for piano in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. The first system (measures 1-4) features a right-hand melody of eighth notes and a left-hand accompaniment of chords. The second system (measures 5-8) includes the lyrics 'Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the earth, O' and a first ending bracket. The third system (measures 9-14) includes the lyrics 'earth. O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord,' and a second ending bracket. The fourth system (measures 15-20) includes the lyrics 'we mag - ni - fy Your name. Prince of Peace, Might - y God; O Lord God Al -'. The fifth system (measures 21-24) includes the lyrics 'might y.' and concludes with a final cadence.

Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the earth, O

earth. O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord,

we mag - ni - fy Your name. Prince of Peace, Might - y God; O Lord God Al -

might y.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE PASTOR BARB

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity* (ELW 412)



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

CREED

**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 THE CHURCH *(Please respond.)*

P: God, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

PEACE

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

OFFERATORY *Give Thanks* (W&P 41)



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, receive our offering, that our church may come alive in the Spirit. **May these gifts, of our time, talent, money, and the way we live our lives each day, proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Strengthen us in our giving that we might loosen our grip on stuff and focus on what truly matters. Thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ.**
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 thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

We are God's children born of water and Spirit.
We meet Jesus here, present in the bread and cup of Holy Communion.
Come and be filled.

COMMUNION

Please remain in your seats. The bread and cup will be brought to you by the Pastor and Communion Assistants.

The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 208)



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* (ELW 735)



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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HOMEBOUND TEAM BLESSING

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son.
Holy Communion is the very real presence of Jesus in the bread and cup.
Sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth.
May our communion with you strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope and make us grow in love.
Amen.

BLESSING

As the Father has loved you, go now and love.
As the Son has forgiven and redeemed you,
go now, extending grace to all you meet.
As the Spirit has transformed you into the likeness of the Son,
go now, letting the life of Christ guide you each moment of the day.
God bless you in the name of the Father, the Son (+) and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth: Enviado soy de Dios* (ELW 538)

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta_es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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SENDING IN SERVICE

Go, blessed and renewed by God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
to join in the work of transforming and renewing the world.

Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Prayer requests for the following: *Family & friends of Amy Reisner, Bonnie Hudson, Billy Autry, David Gettle, Janice McEntire, Kathy Largent, Cody Banks, Tana Vance and Deanna Vance, Marty Wenger, Virginia Detwiler, Terry Fell, Callie Mummert, Bernie Harris, Matthew, Lexi and Brooke Bowen, Jim & Carole Darr, Beth Floyd, Sarge and Barb Weaver, Tina Smith, Patricia Yetter, Nancy Marshall, Darrell Veilleux, Linda Wepking, Bill and Jane Brindle, Esther Gift, Jean Jackson, Marjorie McMullin, Joe Mock, Ina Shreiner, Genny Grant, Frances Kramer, Linda Russ, Carol Locke, Betty Amt, Ukrainian Nation, Peace for the World.* If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire. **Please Be Aware:** *If you would like to remain listed on the next month's list, or if you would like to have your name removed from the list before the end of the month, please call the office.*

Weekly Calendar Reminders:

- June 6 - W&M 7pm
- 7 - Psalms Study 10AM
- Qigong/Tai Chi Class 6PM
- 8 - Finance 6pm

Office Hours for Pastor Barb are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon or call for an appointment.

Special Collection: VBS Celebration Sunday June 25, 2023 – In addition to the regular Sunday offering plate, we will have a special container for donations at the gym entrance. All donations will go to the New Franklin School Power Pack Meal Program.

The July/August/September issue of Our Daily Bread is available in the pamphlet rack in the narthex.

Volunteer Opportunities at The Village at Luther Ridge - Pianists are currently needed to play for Sunday afternoon worship services at The Inn. The service begins at 2pm and lasts approximately 30 to 45 minutes. Please contact Linda Beaver at 717-264-0737 or lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org if you are interested in this or would like to explore other volunteer opportunities at The Village at Luther Ridge. Volunteers play an integral role in providing compassionate care and support to those we serve. Come and be part of our amazing volunteer team!

Music @ the Ridge - The summer concert series at SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge will begin on **Wednesday, May 31** with a concert featuring **Tina Marie** who will perform a variety of country, 50's, and patriotic music. **Silver 63 Band** will perform on **Wednesday, June 21**. **The Flying Matlocks** will close out the concert series on **Wednesday, July 19**. Music begins at 6:00pm. The SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary will be hosting a food stand starting at 5:00pm. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy! In case of inclement weather, the concert will move inside.

SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary is holding their membership drive the month of May and extended. You may join for \$1.00. Info is in your mailbox or see Becky Pecha. We appreciate everyone's support. Benefits programs at The Village at Luther Ridge.

Richard Graven is teaching Adult Bible School every other Sunday. Study material is taken from the book, "Navigating Genesis" by Hugh Ross. The dates for the class are: May 7, 21, June 18 (June 4 is outdoor worship, there will be no class.) July 2, 16, 30, August 13, 27.

VBS - STELLAR "SHINE JESUS' LIGHT": June 19-23, 2023; 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Ages: 3yrs – 6th Grade. **Celebration Sunday: June 25th at 10:15 in the Fellowship Center.** Registration & Photo Agreement Forms in your May & June Newsletters or see Barbara Aldrich or Zoe Mummert.

Sunday School is in Session - Adult Sunday School classes begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Sunday School room. Children's Church will be held during morning worship and will meet downstairs at 10:20 a.m. Confirmation Class will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Fellowship Center.

JUNE 4, 2023
TRINITY SUNDAY

Practice the faith to gain understanding.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 28:16-20	Sending of the disciples
Monday	Genesis 1:1–2:4a	God creates everything
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Live in peace
Wednesday	Philippians 4:4-9	Rejoice in the Lord always
Thursday	Deuteronomy 6:4-9	The great commandment
Friday	1 Timothy 4:6-16	A good minister of Jesus Christ
Saturday	Psalm 8	Divine majesty and human dignity
Sunday	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	The call to follow Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” **Matthew 28:19 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God in Three Persons, we thank you that you are with us always so that we may go out with your love, to care and serve our neighbor and the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for your amazing care of us with this gift of food. O Lord, how awesome is your name in all the earth. Amen. (Psalm 8)

A Blessing to Give:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you wish you understood about God?
- How does reading the Bible, talking with others, and praying help you learn about God?

HYMN OF THE WEEK

O Living Breath of God



DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 28:16-20.

Verses 19-20 are known as The Great Commission. Jesus speaks of heavenly power given to the disciples and then sends them out to share the good news with the world. But in verses 17-18, some of the disciples have doubt. What happened to the doubting disciples? They are sent out to baptize and teach the faith. They are to baptize in the trinitarian language of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, wording not used earlier in Matthew. The Trinity has always been a challenge and a mystery. How do you have one God in three persons? Instead of a lecture on this point, Jesus sends out his followers to baptize and teach. Somehow his followers will grow in knowledge as they practice the faith. It is in practicing, teaching, and living the faith that we gain understanding. Part of that understanding is that our God is with us always and sends us out with the power to love, save, and bless.

Discuss: How have you learned about God and grown in your faith by practicing and living the faith?

Pray: **God of power and might, give us the faith to go out into the world and rely on your presence to love, save, and bless in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you practice your faith and reach out to someone with God's love?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

2 Corinthians 13:13 is called the "Apostolic Greeting" (meaning related to the apostles) and has been used at the beginning of many worship services. It is often overlooked that much of Christian worship comes directly from the Bible. The Bible is sung, prayed, and read during worship. Christian worship can be practiced in the home as well. Practice using this shortened version of the verse when you greet or say good-bye to family and friends this week: **May the grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the Holy Spirit be with you.**