

## Holy Trinity Sunday – May 19, 2024



**Thought:** If you go back to Genesis 1:1 *in the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind (Ruach) from God, swept over the face of the waters. Then God SAID “Let there be light; and there was light.*

Trinity Sunday: God Created. The Father. The Wind/Breath of God blew. The Holy Spirit. God Spoke and it was. The Word is Jesus.

To the God who creates and provides, we sing our praise and thanksgiving. To the Son who reveals our purpose and ministry, we bring open hearts and minds. To the Spirit who makes all things new, we lift our souls in anticipation and joy.

**Prelude – Jill Rimington**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**P:** Father, Son and Holy Spirit abides in you and is your gift to others. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## Call to Worship

L: We begin in the name of the Triune One whose mystery exceeds our understanding.

**C: We gather in the name of the Holy One whose love exceeds all our bounds.**

L: Open yourself to us today, O God, for we would follow you.

**C: Teach us your ways and bring us your light that we might serve you in your creation.**

**Gathering Hymn** – “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! ELW #413

<https://youtu.be/AgHrNNM23p8>

by Audrey Assad

## Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Holy God, we are people who like to understand things, to have logical answers to our questions, rational explanations that satisfy our minds, and signs as proof.

*A time of silence for reflection*

**C: We confess now that we pretend to comprehend far more concerning spiritual things than we actually do. Your thoughts continue to confound us, and your ways bewilder us. We confess the sin of our pride, the dimness of our sight, the dullness of our hearing, and the weakness of our faith.**

P: Heavenly Father you remember our sins no more, for that we give thanks. Have mercy on us and grant us the grace of spiritual rebirth. This we pray in the name of Christ, and in the hope of your Spirit's leading.

**C: Amen.**

## Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen and Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** – “As We Gather at Your Table” ELW #522

<https://youtu.be/CVeso6uluSo>

by Jonathan Priday

## Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three.

**C: Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Word

### Old Testament reading – Isaiah 6:1-8

#### *Isaiah's vision and call*

1In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." 4The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" 6Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." 8Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 29

#### *The Voice of the Lord is upon the waters.*

1Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6 The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

9 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”

**10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

11 O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

### **Epistle reading – Romans 8:12-17**

*When we cry, “Abba! Father!” It is that very Spirit bearing witness.*

12Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—13for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### **Holy Gospel – John 3:1-17**

<https://youtu.be/woNp-lo0PA0?si=yjncp7bbraC1CbNZ>

**The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you O Lord.**

*Jesus tells Nicodemus about being born of the Spirit.*

1Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” 3Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

4Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” 5Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?11“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.16“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.17“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

### **Children of God Time**

<https://youtu.be/gD8W4EE0zX0?si=fzu2eDL43k9yIKb>

### **Message – “Deep Listening”**

<https://youtu.be/d3lmQx8Pn1g?si=Cpmwed22ou7cnpbP>

**Hymn of the Day – “Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”** ELW #412

<https://youtu.be/jTEh2PKyei0>

by Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

## **The Apostles' 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 Intercession**

P: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves,  
and our world.

***A brief silence.***

L: Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity.

**C: Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

L: Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning, the dance of the wind, and the deeply rooted trees of the forest. Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems, that they flourish for generations to come.

**C: Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

L: Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict (especially).

**C: Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

L: You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing (especially).

**C: Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

L: Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers.

**C: Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: The Spirit bears grateful witness to all children of God who have now come into their inheritance among the saints (especially). As they lived with hope in your gift of eternal life, so strengthen us in faith, that we recognize your eternal presence even in this mortal life.

**C: Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Offering/Offertory Music** – “As the Grains of Wheat”      ELW #465

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: 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.**

### **Preface**

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit**

### **Consecration**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **Distribution**

**Communion Music** – Jill Rimington

**Post Communion Blessing** – Pastor

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

L: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Spirit.

**C: By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Benediction – Holy Trinity**

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn – “Come, Thou Almighty King”** ELW #408

<https://youtu.be/Lq0FPeMr-hA>

by Keith and Krystyn Getty

### **Dismissal**

L: Go in Peace for God is with you – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude – Jill Rimmington**

