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The Holy Trinity



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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Come, Thou Almighty King* **ELW # 408**

* 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 *ELW page 138*

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above… let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world… let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house… let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

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.

Readings

First Reading: *Genesis 1:1--2:4a*

L: A reading from Genesis.

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. [2] The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

[3] And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. [4] And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. [5] God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

[6] And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." [7] And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. [8] And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

[9] And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. [10] God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

[11] And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed,
and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its
kind, on the earth.” And it was so. [12] The earth brought forth vegetation,
plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing
fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that
it was good. [13] And there was evening and there was morning, the third
day.
[14] And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to
separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for sea-
sons, and for days and years, [15] and let them be lights in the expanse of
the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. [16] And God
made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the
lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. [17] And God set them in the
expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, [18] to rule over the day
and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And
God saw that it was good. [19] And there was evening and there was
morning, the fourth day.
[20] And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures,
and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” [21]
So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that
moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and eve-
ry winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. [22]
And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the wa-
ters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” [23] And there was
evening and there was morning, the fifth day.
[24] And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to
their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth ac-
cording to their kinds.” And it was so. [25] And God made the beasts of
the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their
kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind.
And God saw that it was good.

[26] Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

[27] So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

[28] And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” [29] And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. [30] And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. [31] And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. [2] And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. [3] So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

[4] These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *8*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 8.

8 O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
2 **Out of the mouth of babies and infants,**
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.
3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
4 **what is man that you are mindful of him,**
and the son of man that you care for him?
5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the angels
and crowned him with glory and honor.
6 **You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;**
you have put all things under his feet,
7 all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
8 **the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,**
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
9 O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth! *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *II Corinthians 13:11-13*

L: A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

[11] Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. [12] Greet one another with a holy kiss. [13] All the saints greet you.

[14] The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation *ELW page 142*

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* Gospel: *Matthew 28:16-20*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[16] Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. [17] And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. [18] And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] 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, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*** **ELW # 413**

*** Creed** *ELW page 1162*

P: Let us confess our faith in the Triune God, in the words of Martin Luther's explanation of the Creed from his Small Catechism.

C: I believe that God has created me
together with all that exists.
God has given me and still preserves my body and soul:
eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses;
reason and all mental faculties.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,
begotten of the Father in eternity,
and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary,
is my Lord. He has redeemed me,
a lost and condemned human being.
He has purchased and freed me from all sins,
from death, and from the power of the devil,
not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood
and with his innocent suffering and death.
He has done all this in order that I may belong to him,
live under him in his kingdom, and serve him
in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
just as he is risen from the dead
and lives and rules eternally.

I believe that by my own understanding or strength
I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him,
but instead the Holy Spirit has called me
through the gospel, enlightened me with her gifts,
made me holy and kept me in the true faith,
just as she calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy
the whole Christian church on earth

and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true .

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We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Waylon Andrews, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S., Carol Lartz, Jamie Maier, Amy and Leta Toelke.

Prayer

Prayers of Intercession *ELW page 143*

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *ELW page 145*

P: Let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

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.

Blessing *ELW page 146*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..
C: Amen.

* Hymn ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **ELW # 884**

* Dismissal *ELW page 146*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tena Rackow

Hannah Circle

Sunday, June 7th

After Worship Service, Sheila Keene will be Bible Study Leader.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 7th during Fellowship Hour the Stewardship Committee will be holding their Sundae Sunday.

Come to enjoy a dish of ice cream and your favorite topping.

Attendance May 17th
In-person 39, Online - not available