



HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

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Service of the Word

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

MISSION STATEMENT

Continually refreshed by the fountain of God's love in Christ Jesus, we of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church are sent by the Holy Spirit to direct that flow into the lives of our neighbors, so that they, too, might be refreshed and renewed.

GATHERING

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Come, Thou Almighty King*



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GREETING

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

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. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

Genesis begins with the Trinity – before the creation, the Spirit broods over chaos, and then God speaks the Word to bring light (and then everything else) into existence.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸God 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 air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, 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. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul concludes his letter to the Corinthians with the words we use to begin our services indicating not only our shared confession of the Trinity, but the we pick up and continue the apostle's proclamation of the Word.

Paul writes: ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

For most of Lent and Easter our Gospel readings have been from John. Now we return to the year's dominant Gospel reading, with the capstone of Matthew's Gospel – the Great Commission. This reading includes not only the affirmation that we baptize in the Name (names) of the Trinity, but also Matthew's great theme -- that Jesus continues to be Immanuel, "God-with-us," to the end of the age.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter.

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

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."

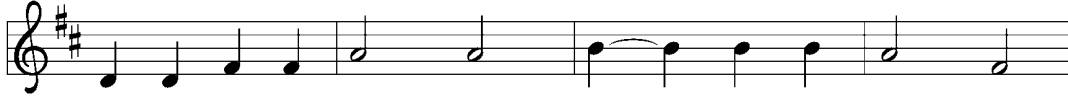
P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

HYMN OF THE DAY *Holy, Holy, Holy*



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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 into hell.**
**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.**

OFFERING

Offertory Message

Offering Anthem Improvisation on "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
Terri Bowers

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray.... Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition of the prayers: **P Lord, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

LORDS 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**

SENDING

SENDING HYMN *Come Join the Dance of Trinity*



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.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune
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DISMISSAL

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata on Veni Creator”

Mary Beth Bennett

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About today's hymns:

"Come, Thou Almighty King," like the hymns of Charles and John Wesley, is a product of 18th century English evangelicalism. Clearly, it is a strong affirmation of the Trinity, in opposition to the rising movement of Unitarianism at the time. However, a bit more subtly, with its quoting of phrases from "God Save the King" (to which tune it can also be sung), it is also an affirmation of God's superiority over human sovereigns.

"Holy, Holy, Holy" is the most popular English hymn to the Trinity, written for this Sunday and drawing imagery from Isaiah 6 and Revelation 4. Its tune, while magnificent on its own, is also closely related to "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying."

"Come, Join the Dance of Trinity" was written for the 250th anniversary of Trinity Church on the Green in New Haven, CT. The author reported that its text was suggested by a variety of sources: the eighth century image of the divine unity and trinity "dancing around" each other; Robert Jenson's incarnational theology, and Sydney Carter's "Lord of the Dance" with its predecessor carol, "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day." It also echoes the famous icon of the Trinity at a dining table, with the fourth side open to welcome the viewer.

About today's hymns and scripture reading introductions are written by the Reverend Dr. Mark Oldenburg.

PRAYER LIST

The following persons have an immediate need for prayers for healing: **Stephen Herr, Jim Badger, David Clark, Orville Nyblade, Joyce Naugle, Marty Henderson, Easter Dorsey, Marie Medcalf** (Mother of Janet Schroeder), **Dave Lopes, Irene Linzmayer** (cousin of Marie Chantelau), **Jake Parsons** (cousin of Renee Winters-Dunn) **Joseph McLaughlin** (father of Sally Jones), **Alan Lewis** (son of Joanne Zinn Lewis) **Ron Roth** (friend of George Gallagher), **Lee Flinner, Matthew Leonard**

We pray for those serving in our nations armed forces: **Jacob Romero** (grandson of Pat and Harold Kint) and **Mark Dende, Elizabeth Gelner and Gregory Sprowl** (Mike and Kathy Gelner's daughter and son-in-law)

We pray for those currently living in Personal Care Facilities: **Helen Bream, Phyllis Hale, Anna Jane Moyer, Gladys Zech, Pearl Hoffman, Kay Gray, Walter Nyblade**

We pray for those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week: **Megan Weikel, Heather Steinacker, Alice Schroeder, James Tipton, Benjamin Schramm, Jean Lynch**

In this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic we pray for all those providing healthcare to our community and the world.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Ministers- Pastor Steve Herr, Pastor Jay Eckman
Preacher – Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
Organist- Cameron Wentz
Musician – Terri Bowers
Introduction – Pastor Jay Eckman
Lectors – Walt and Fran Wagner
Camera and Editing – Jared Herr



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