

The Holy Trinity

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Bethany's Mission Statement: Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning and Love - we are God's people.

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope everyone feels welcome as we strive to serve and strengthen each other in faith toward God and in love toward all. Now, as you wait for the service to begin, please relax, enjoy the music, and quiet your heart before God.

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PRELUDE

Welcome, Announcements, Celebration Bank
(money given to Human Concerns Fund)

We Gather to Acknowledge God's Presence

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

"Come Thou, Almighty King"

ELW Hymn 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


Refrain




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: **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.

We Listen to God's Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

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!”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

- L: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- L: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- C: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- C: The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.**
- L: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- C: 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!"**
- L: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- C: O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.**

SECOND READING

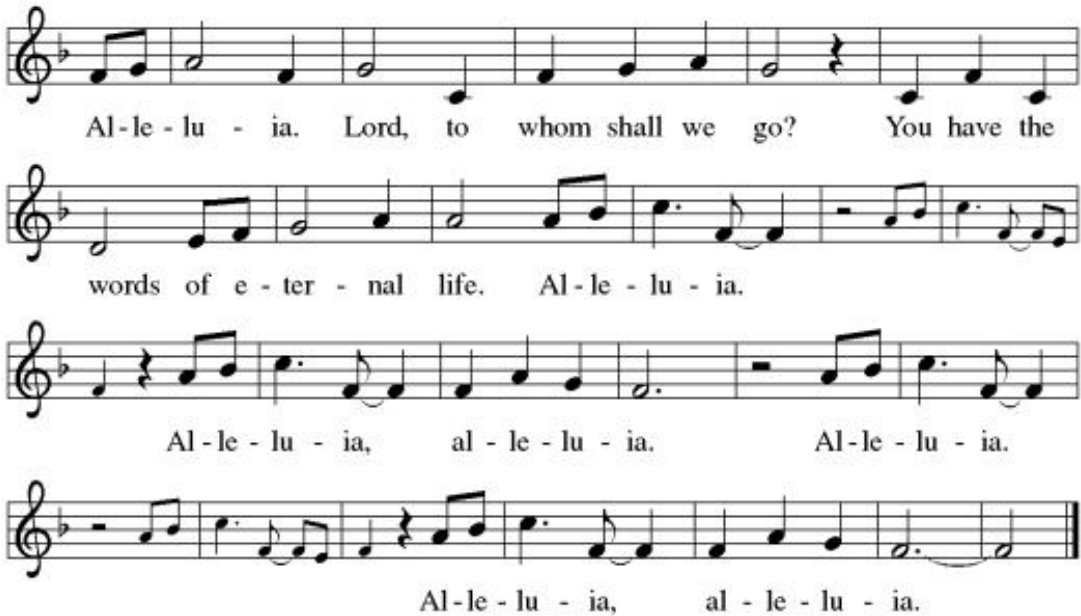
Romans 8:12-17

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.

- L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Gospel according to John the 3rd chapter.

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

GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that 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.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“A History of Mystery”

Pastor Pete Hagglund

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW Hymn 413

We Respond to God's Word

THE NICENE CREED *(unison)*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please Stand)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

(Please be seated)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

We Share in the Holy Meal

(Please stand)



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

(Please be seated)

LAMB OF GOD



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; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION BY INDIVIDUAL GLASSES

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to commune. Children who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing. You will be given a wafer. The glasses of dark liquid are wine; the middle ring is juice. There is a bowl of water if you would like to remember your baptism.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”* **ELW Hymn 597**

(Please stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Lord, God, you gave your Son, both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the Godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to His; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING *(unison)*

C: Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”* **ELW Hymn 412**

THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Greeters: Mel & Judy Craven
Missionary Support: New dates now available for May-August!
Altar Flowers: Mark & Bonnie Rosenberg
Remember in prayer: Dorothy Hopson; Barb West; Eleonore Benninghoven

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A Cry Room for infants is available up the stairs and to the right.
There are Kids Celebrate children’s bulletins available for youngsters
who’d like to have their own reference to the lessons for this week.
Ask our usher for help.

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship
hall following the worship service. We would like to
get to know you and offer our friendship.

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today: **The Holy Trinity**
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service
Monday: Memorial Day-Office Closed
Tuesday: Office Hours Resume
Saturday 11:00am-1:00pm David King Graduation Party
Next Sunday: **The Holy Trinity**
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service

OFFICE CLOSED

Office will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 27. Office hours will
resume on Tuesday, May 28.

KING GRADUATION PARTY!

Come help celebrate the Graduation of David King on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from
11:00am-1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall! Congratulations!

YOUTH MINISTER OFFICE CLEAN-OUT

If there is anything you would like to have out of the youth minister’s office, please
come and take a look and take what you would like. There are plenty of children’s
items. Deadline is May 31, after this date, this office will be starting to be cleaned
out.

CHURCH OUTREACH DONATION

Church Outreach will be conducting a different donation each month to help area food pantries. June donations will be canned meats (i.e. canned tuna, chicken, etc...)! Thank you, everyone for your generosity!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers will be needed for this year’s vacation bible school! VBS will be held June 10-14 from 9am-Noon at Messiah Lutheran Church. There will be a form provided in the May issue of the Chimes if you would like to volunteer or have a child/grandchild that would like to attend. Please call Messiah Lutheran for any questions you may have.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are going to be updating our Church Directory soon to keep current for 2024. If you have changed phone numbers, moved recently, or have an email address you would like to update, please send it to the office. You may call the office with this information, leave a note on the office desk, or email us at bethanyburlington@msn.com.

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