

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Saturday, May 29, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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INVOCATION:

L: Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

EXPLANATION OF THE DAY:

L: On this Holy Trinity Day, we are confronted with who God is through what God does. He is the mighty God, the One in Three, before whom we sing “Holy, Holy, Holy.” He is also the Christ, the Savior who comes in flesh to redeem His fallen creation and restore the lost to Himself. He is also the Spirit who blows when and where He wills but breathes life into those dead in trespasses and sin and bestows faith where fear once lived.

PRAISE TO THE TRINITY: God, the Father

L: People of God, what do you believe about God, the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

L: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

RESPONSE: “Let All Things Now Living”

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving

To God the creator triumphantly raise,

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

Who still guides us on to the end of our days.

God’s banners are o’er us, God’s light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,

Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,

As forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses

And sun in its orbit obediently shine;

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains

The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;

With glad adoration a song let us raise

**Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

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PRAISE TO THE TRINITY: God, the Son

L: What do you believe about God, the Son?

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

L: What does this mean?

C: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won 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, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

RESPONSE: "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace.**

**My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of thy name.**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears, And bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin, He sets the pris'ner free,
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.**

**Look to the Lord, who did atone For sin, O fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.**

**See all our sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb has made us whole.
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry human soul.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.**

PRAISE TO THE TRINITY: God, the Holy Spirit

L: What do you believe about God, the Holy Spirit?

C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

L: What does this mean?

C: **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

RESPONSE: “Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. *(Repeat song)*

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CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

L: Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord God Almighty! Like Isaiah, we confess that we also are “people of unclean lips living among people of unclean lips.”

C: **Come to us through Christ’s atoning sacrifice, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, remove even the guilt of our sin, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

SONG OF PRAISE: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, Perfect in pow’r in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **Lord God, Almighty Father, you created us to live in service to you on this earth. Lord Jesus Christ, you redeemed us from sin and restored us to a life of selfless service.**

Holy Spirit, you set us apart to bring repentance and faith to this fallen world. Holy

Triune God, be our guide as we join you on your mission to the places of this world in which you have planted us. We pray this in name of Jesus; who with the Father and the

Holy Spirit lives and reigns through all eternity. Amen.

GREETING TIME

+ NURTURE +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then 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: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd.... "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: 'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, 'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."' Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter three.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal

life in him. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG OF THE DAY: "There Is a Redeemer"



1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own
 2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all
 3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see His



Son; _____ Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, _____
 names, _____ Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, _____
 face. _____ There I'll serve my King for - ev - er _____



Ho - ly One. Thank You, oh, my
 Hope _____ for sin - ners slain. place.
 In _____ that ho - ly place.



Fa - ther, for giv - ing _____ us Your Son, _____ and



leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work _____ on _____ earth _____ is done.

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MESSAGE: Pastor Keith Brutlag

+ EMPOWER +

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

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CLOSING HYMN: "Glory Be to God the Father"

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory while eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to him who bought us, Made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory to the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King.
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory to the King of glory sing!**

**Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!**

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Lay Minister: Larry Betzold