



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
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*We are a church that actively shares
a living, daring, confidence in God's grace
with our community and the world.*

MAY 2, 2021

Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

May the presence of the Almighty bless and comfort you, so you leave here renewed and prepared for the week ahead.

PRELUDE MUSIC

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you, ***And also with you.***

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ^l great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ^l fear the LORD.

***²⁶The poor shall eat / and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your
hearts / live forever!***

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ^l to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow ^l before God.

***²⁸For dominion belongs / to the LORD,
who rules o- / ver the nations. R***

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ^l down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel be- ^l fore the LORD.

***³⁰Their descendants shall / serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- / tions to come.***

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ^l yet unborn,
saying to them, "The ^l LORD has acted!" R

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in

love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN, THE 15TH CHAPTER.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

SERMON

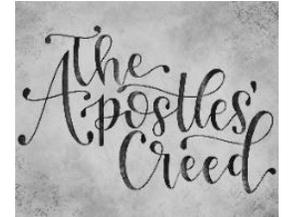


APOSTLES CREED

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith as one:

**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

Each prayer petition will conclude with "Hear us, O God."

The congregation's response is: **"Your mercy is great."**

Prayers needed for God's healing, grace, and mercy for those with medical/health concern and other struggles & concerns:

Paul Cote, Leigh Schmidt, Olive Schmidt, Glen Bichler, and Ruth Haataja.

Prayers needed for God's peace, for those who lost loved ones:

The family and friends of Milt Olsson

The family and friends of Max Turunen

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

[share/show signs of peace to those in a social distancing safe manner]

GREAT THANKSGIVING COMMUNION DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Christ's Words at the Table)

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. Amen***

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At this time, you may all take communion together. Take the communion cups you were given, and peel off the first plastic to take the wafer. Then peel the second plastic to take the grape juice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE MUSIC

In the know:

- **Worship service options (worship time 10am):**
 - Indoor (Face coverings and social distancing respectfully required).
 - Parking lot, where you can listen to service on 89.1FM
 - Facebook live at <https://www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.org/>
- **Special “blue can” offerings:** We are currently running a special donation drive for World Hunger. This donation drive will run until May. For those who would like to send in an extra offering toward this special offering drive, be sure to write on your check: World Hunger.
- **Counting schedule:** May 2nd: Sue Wiles & Lynn Walker. May 9th: Roberta Noetzel & Mary Pekkala. May 16th: Paulette Archambeau & Jim Vollmar. May 23rd: Mary Jurgensen & ?, and May 30th: Roberta Noetzel & Mary Pekkala. . **[We need one or two more people willing to be a part of the counting team. You would only need to help out on a once a month, or once every other month. Please contact the office if you are able to help out. Thanks] 😊**
- **Do you have someone graduating this year?** Please contact the church office to let us know! We need the name of the graduate, the school he/she is graduating from, and your relation to the graduate so they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, which will be on Sunday June 6th.
- **Spring Highway Pick up** is set for Monday May 3rd at 6pm. If the weather is bad that day, then it will be re-scheduled for the next day (May 4th) at 6pm. Meet in the Fellowship Hall a bit before 6pm. We are hoping for 12 volunteers. If we get 12, it will take less than an hour to clean up our stretch of the highway. This would be a great opportunity for anyone needing community service hours! Contact the office if you have any questions.
- **Would you like** to be set up for automatic withdrawal through Vanco eGiving instead of receiving offering envelopes? Vanco eGiving is an easy, convenient and safe way to contribute to our church. Please contact the office if you would like to be set up for automatic withdrawal, or if you already are, would like to increase the amount to your Vanco eGiving.

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2021 Council

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April 18, 2021

Indoor Attendance: 41
Parking Lot Attendance: 4

General Offering totals
4/16/2021 – 4/22/2021)
\$2,383.55

April 25, 2021

Indoor Attendance: 42
Parking Lot Attendance: 1

General Offering totals
4/23/2021 – 4/30/2021)
\$2,275.00

April GF Totals to date: \$10,401.68

2020 January - March GF Totals: **\$36,365.36**

2021 January – March GF Totals: **\$34,297.16**

Special “blue can” offering drive for: World Hunger

Total to date: \$327.18