

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

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INVOCATION

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HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY - 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.**

FIRST LESSON

PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31

PSALM 8

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 5:1-5

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

ELW # 172

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 16:12-15

REFLECTION:

"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we participate in God's interactive relationship of love, worship and service

HYMN # 473 ELW
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"Holy, Holy Holy"
"¡Santo, santo, santo!"

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

Abiding God, your love pours into your whole church, creating faith and bestowing hope. Fill all the baptized with these good gifts in our various callings. Guide your church in every place and into the unity of your Spirit.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we thank you for all who provide leadership in our synod, especially those who have completed their roles on synod Council and boards of directors for agencies and camps. Thank you for Bishop Kusserow and all who prepared and led the Synod Assembly. Guide the newly elected and those continuing to serve.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, your name is majestic in all the earth, and we are filled with awe at your creation. Renew this planet, its land and sea and sky and all its wonders. Protect people and places from harsh water, wind, and heat.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race. On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma. Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in authority, work for the life and freedom of others.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick (*especially*).

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, on this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Evelyn Rae Lutz Dodson and the Emanuel Nine martyrs. Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING of the PEACE

OFFERING *Allelu, Allelu, Allelu Gracias Senor*

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BENEDICTION: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY	8:00 p.m.	AA

Let us pray for...

Kurt Kusserow, **Bishop, Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod**
Peter Asplin, Melissa Stoller, **Assistants to the Bishop**
Elizabeth Eaton, **Presiding Bishop, ELCA**
Bishop Henrik Stubkjær, **President, Lutheran World Federation**
President Modeste, **Tulear Synod, Malagasy Lutheran Church**

HEALING & SPECIAL NEEDS: George & Debbie K., asylum seekers especially children, Rachel, Peggy, Marilyn & Brian, Rose & Chip, Rita, Judy H., Kirk, Len & Carole, Roni, Karin, Tommy C., Karen., Darlene & Al, Lana, Dayton, Ed R., Tyler, Nan, Sandra, Marylene, Yuri, Lynn F., Pr. Tony, Debbie, Amanda & baby, Mitzi, Pat N., Lynn's brother, Charlie, David, Janice, Lance F., Debbie B., Mase, Mindy, Tony, Don M., Alexis' son, Jacob, Chuck A., Roy H., Janet, Linda K., Jeff B., Deanna, Ciana, Fernando, Sarah, Ed K., Karen M., John & Myschel, & all with undiagnosed illnesses.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: Evelyn Rae Dodson

NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING: Mary Jane Freund (Concordia Plum); Shirley & Jack Pickens (William Penn Center); Roni Mayhood (Merakey); Esther Schwab (Seneca Manor); June Minnear (Beatty Point Village); Peggy Ebert (Kane-McKeesport).

CAREGIVERS: Judy M., Chris, Chip, Darlene, Elaine.

EMPLOYMENT: Carolina, Cassie, Tyler.

COUNTRY OF THE MONTH: Places with famine and near famine: Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gaza.

MISSION PARTNER: Holy Trinity - East Pittsburgh

CHURCH OF THE MONTH: Trinity, Verona

LUTHERAN AGENCY: Thiel College

SCHOOL OF THE MONTH: Beechwood Elementary

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Just the middle section on the Trinity

Pastor: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

Group 1: For the Father is one person,

Group 2: the Son is another,

Group 3: and the Spirit is still another.

Congregation: But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

Group 1: What the Father is,

Group 2: the Son is,

Group 3: and so is the Holy Spirit.

Group 1: Uncreated is the Father;

Group 2: uncreated is the Son;

Group 3: uncreated is the Spirit.

Group 1: The Father is infinite;

Group 2: the Son is infinite;

Group 3: the Holy Spirit is infinite.

Group 1: Eternal is the Father;

Group 2: eternal is the Son;

Group 3: eternal is the Spirit:

Pastor: And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;

Congregation: as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

Group 1: Almighty is the Father;

Group 2: almighty is the Son;

Group 3: almighty is the Spirit:

Pastor: And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

Group 1: Thus the Father is God;

Group 2: the Son is God;

Group 3: the Holy Spirit is God:

Pastor: And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

Group 1: Thus the Father is Lord;

Group 2: the Son is Lord;

Group 3: the Holy Spirit is Lord:

Pastor: And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

Congregation: As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

Group 1: The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;

Group 2: the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father;

Group 3: the Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

Group 1: Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;

Group 2: one Son, not three sons;

Group 3: one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

Pastor: And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other;

Congregation: but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

- ¹ Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
² On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³ beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴ "To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
- ²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race."

Psalm: Psalm 8

Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)

- ¹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**
³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**
⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
⁶ **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**
⁷ all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
⁹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

[Jesus said,] ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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