

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
May 26, 2024
11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Carla Knobler, Interim Associate Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

P = Pastor **L** = Lector [reader] **C** Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*
↑ Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction. You may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may take a pre-packaged kit with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer from the center communion server. Please tell an usher if you need communion brought to you where you sit.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

↑ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C **And also with you.**

We share a sign of God's peace.

↑ GATHERING HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

ELW Hymn 413

1 **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!**

2 **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.**

3 **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

4 **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!**

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↑ 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.**

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8

see insert

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-17

see insert

† **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy*

ELW Hymn 762

**Refrain-Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is our God,
God, the Lord of earth and heaven. Holy, holy is our God.
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is our God,
God, the Lord of all of hist'ry. Holy, holy is our God.**

**Who accompanies our people, who lives within our struggles,
of all the earth and heaven the one and only Lord.**

**Blest are they who in the Lord's name announce the holy gospel,
proclaiming the good news that our liberation comes. Refrain**

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† **GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

see insert

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

† **HYMN OF THE DAY** *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

ELW Hymn 412

**1 Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun—
the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.**

**2 Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.**

**3 Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!**

**4 Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.**

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† **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

☞ Let us profess our baptismal faith together.

☞ **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 THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes “Merciful God ,” please respond, “Receive our prayer.”

The prayers are ended with these words, “Receive our prayers,... through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.” Please respond, “Amen.”



INVITATION TO OFFERING

We acknowledge that you may have already offered your gifts electronically or by mail. Thank you.

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MUSICAL OFFERING *Jubilation, Andrew York*

Domenic Ravita, guitar

↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

☑ **Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you. My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God.** —*ELW Hymn 473*

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↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

↑ THE 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 and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Please use either the communion station at the rear or front of the room.

You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice.

You may also choose a pre-packaged cup with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer.

COMMUNION HYMN *As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW Hymn 465

**Refrain-As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.**

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. Refrain

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. Refrain

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COMMUNION HYMN *How Majestic Is Your Name*

W&P Hymn 66

**Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
Oh Lord, we praise Your name. Oh Lord, we magnify Your name.
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Oh Lord, God Almighty.**

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

☐ The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

1 **God bless our native land;
firm may it ever stand
through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
do thou our country save
by thy great might.**

2 **So shall our prayers arise
to God above the skies,
on whom we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
guarding with watchful eye,
to thee aloud we cry:
God bless our land!**

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↑ **SENDING**

- ☐ Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

↑ **POSTLUDE**

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Altar Guild: Jan Christopher

Lector: Richard King

Tech crew: Carol Jensen-Linton, Brad Milburn, Linda Volckmann

Ushers: Mark Barbour, Tom Smith

Altar flowers given Laura and John Musil in honor of their wedding anniversary, May 28, 1976.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, May 26

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8

📖 The first reading is from Isaiah, the 6th chapter.

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!”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-17

📖 The second reading is from Romans, the 8th chapter.

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.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God**

Gospel is on the back.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter. **👏** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.”

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