

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Festival of The Holy Trinity ☩ June 7, 2020 ☩ 10:00 A.M.

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☐ = Pastor    ☒ = Lector [reader]    ☑ = Congregation    ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)

## The Holy Trinity

### PRELUDES

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate to the number in your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." So in these days of required distancing, longing to share the Lord's Supper again soon physically together at one table of the Lord, we acknowledge communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space. This will be another form of that connection. We understand no precedents are being set in these unique times.*

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Miriam

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** *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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### GREETING

- ☐      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
☑      **And also with you.**

### 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.**

**L** Today's Lesson is from the end of Paul's second letter to the Corinthian Christians.

**[P**aul writes:] <sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. <sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Give me oil in my lamp. Keep me burning. Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.  
Give me oil in my lamp. Keep me burning, burning, burning. Keep me burning 'til the break of day.  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King!**

**Alleluia! We praise God the Father! Alleluia! Praise Jesus, the Son!  
Alleluia! We praise the Holy Spirit! Praise the Trinity, the Three-in-One!  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the One-in-Three!  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the Trinity!**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

**N**ow the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

**SONG OF THE DAY: *This I Believe (The Creed)***

*Sandra Bohlken and Bill Porter*

**1 Our Father everlasting, the all-creating One, God Almighty,  
Through your Holy Spirit conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus, our Savior.**

**CHORUS 1: I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son, I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
Our God is three-in-one.  
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again, for I believe in the name of Jesus.**

**2 Our judge and our defender suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in you.  
Descended into darkness, you rose in glorious life, forever seated high.**

**CHORUS 2: I believe in life eternal. I believe in the virgin birth.  
I believe in the saints' communion, and in your holy Church.  
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again,  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.**

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**OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED**

**P** Let us confess our baptismal faith together in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**G** **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, 3  
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.

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God" please respond, "your mercy is great."  
The prayers are ended with these words, "Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord." Please respond, "Amen."*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
**P** 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.  
You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.

## SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

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*As you watch the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise: "The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

### HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *My Lord of Light*

*ELW Hymn 832*

- 1 **My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wisdom you have spoken;  
but those who heard your wise commands your holy law have broken.**
- 2 **My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sinner's death enduring:  
for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life securing.**
- 3 **My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high ascended:  
your burning love is now released, our days of fear are ended.**
- 4 **My Lord of lords, one Trinity, to your pure name be given  
all glory now and evermore, all praise in earth and heaven.**

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## PASTORAL BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☞ God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness  
and have been united by your presence among us.  
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts  
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,  
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

- ☞** Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.
- ☞ Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*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!**
- 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!**

## DISMISSAL

- ☞** Christ is risen, just as he said. He is with us always.  
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- ☞ Thanks be to God.**

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