

May 26th, 2013
The Holy Trinity



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ. We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community. We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

The Holy Trinity/ First Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, May 26, 2013

INTRODUCTION

"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the name of God: holy blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this one in the church's year. There is no other god like ours. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

CALL TO WORSHIP by Bell Choir: "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy" # 413 ELW

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: God, give us your wisdom so we might choose what serves your purpose for your world. Give us direction as we walk the uncertain journey of faith in your name. Forgive our sinful condition which pulls us away from you and the life you give. Forgive us for poor choices. Forgive our short-sightedness. Forgive our unwillingness to follow. Forgive our attitude of self-sufficiency. Forgive our lack of love to our brothers and sisters. God, give us wisdom and direction as we walk this adventure called faith.

WE RECEIVE POWER FOR THE JOURNEY: Our God is a great God and knows our every need. God knows the wilderness we wander through. God forgives our choices, our short-sightedness, our unwillingness, our self-sufficiency and our lack of love. God, in Christ Jesus, forgives our sinful condition and promises love will replace hate and joy will replace despair. God gives us all we need for this journey and today we celebrate with joyful expectation. **Amen.**

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

Let us pray.

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.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM: “Go My Children with my Blessing”

FIRST 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.

Therefore, 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.

PSALM: Psalm 8

O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
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.

***Refrain:** Your glory is chanted above the heavens.*

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

***Refrain:** Your glory is chanted above the heavens.*

Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**
all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the path of the sea.
O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
***Refrain:** Your glory is chanted above the heavens.*

GOSPEL: John 16:12–15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be borne by the coming Spirit, who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When 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. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

HYMN: “Come Thou Almighty King” # 408 ELW

SERMON What the Trinity Does

HYMN: “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” # 888 ELW

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation, we are yours and all we have belongs to you. Accept these offerings and bless their use in your work among us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the good news of God come near, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A time for silent prayer.

Holy God, blessed Trinity, have mercy on your church. Lead us into all truth, that we might faithfully bear your saving name to all the earth. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy God, blessed Trinity, have mercy on your beloved creation. Where chaos threatens and human carelessness destroys, be this world's salvation. Bring health and healing to every wounded place. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, blessed Trinity, have mercy on the nations. Where poverty, fear, and injustice reign, bring hope of your kingdom's righteousness and peace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, blessed Trinity, have mercy on the sick and the dying, the fearful and the despairing, the hungry and all who are oppressed. Let your healing come to all who cry out to you (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, blessed Trinity, have mercy on us. Give us courage and hope as we seek to be your church in this place. Pour your love into our hearts that we may serve all in need. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be made.

Holy God, blessed Trinity, keep us united with the saints. Inspire us by their witness, and keep us faithful to you until that great day when you gather us all into your glory. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God of compassion, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your great mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

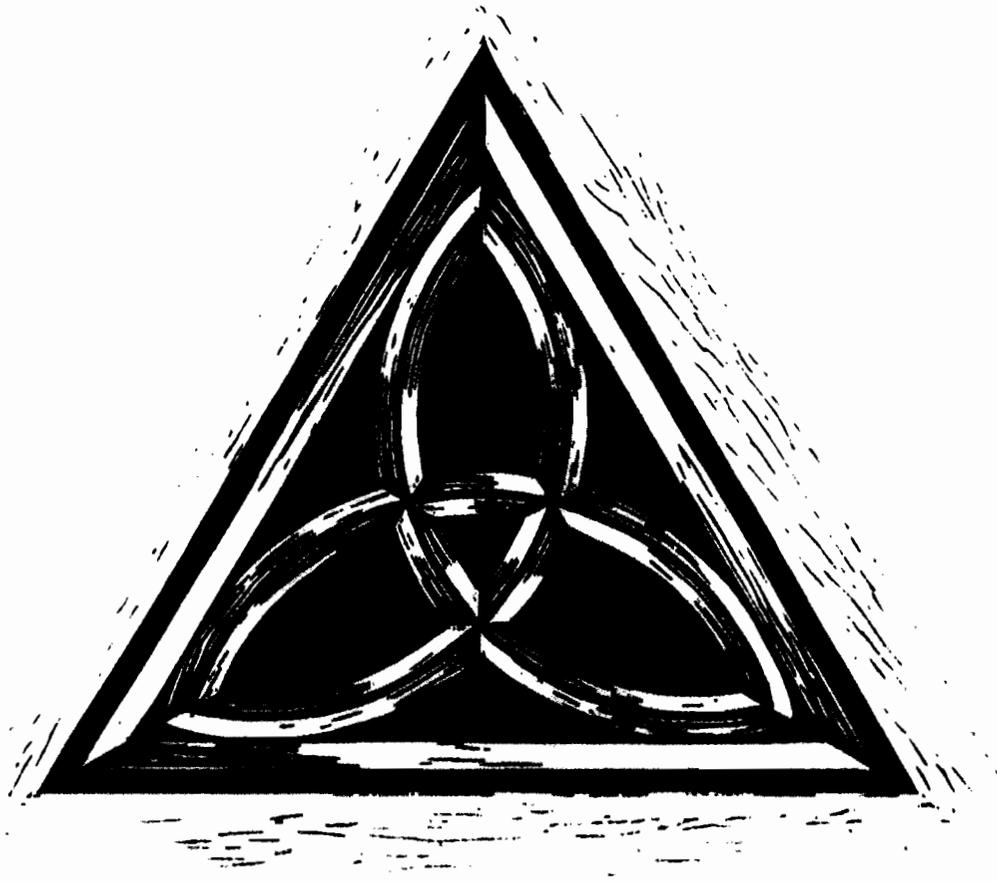
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

890 ELW



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, May 26th there will **Memorial Day Services** conducted at Malmo Cemetery at 2 p.m. and at Lakeside Cemetery at 3 p.m.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES begin next Saturday, June 1st at 5 p.m. Come join us!

Join the **PRAISE TEAM** on Sunday, June 9th for a journey through the Old Testament. Learn stories about some of its most unforgettable characters & sing songs based on their lives.

Spring has finally arrived and the grass is growing. There is a **LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE** sign up sheet on the table in the narthex so please pick a date & put your name down on the sheet. Thank you in advance for your help.

The Bulletin Boards in the narthex have special items being requested by the **Vacation Bible School**. If you can help out with a special donation, please take a slip or two to fill.

There are Stewardship dollars we'd like to use to **help our neighbors in need** so if you know of anyone who could use help, please put the name & address of these local people in the wooden box provided.

WELCA – Women of Bethesda

Our-In-Kind Focus Project for LWR will be a donation to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kits Shipping Fund. During the month of May, there will be a basket in the Narthex for your contributions.

Bethesda's Memory Garden Committee will be taking orders for new bricks until Memorial Day. Forms are available in the Memory Garden mailbox or contact Val Benton or Evie Richter. Bricks will be placed in the garden at summer's end.

Bethesda has two young people graduating this coming Friday, May 31st.

Congratulations to Lyle Nyberg & Ronesha Keil.

Open House for Lyle will be Sunday, June 2nd from 1-5 p.m. at the Nyberg home at 31760 230th Street, Aitkin, MN. (Hwy 47 just north of Malmo to Cemetery Road).

Open House for Ronesha will be Saturday, June 8th from noon to 4 p.m. at the Malmo Community Center. (Hwy 18 west from Jct. of Hwy 47).

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF MAY 26TH, 2013

Organist: Marlys Beavers
Greeters: Richard & Karen Carron
Ushers: 8:30 Les Bolke & Nancy Hansen, 10:00 Jerry & Carolyn Morris
Lectors: 8:30 Lynn Hansen, 10:00 Patti Honnold
Coffee Servers: Lee & Barb Forrester & Wendy

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK (5/19/13)

Attendance: 8:30 – 104 10:00 – 36

Offering: \$ 3,500.00 Building Fund: \$ 485.00

\$ 3,077.00 – Weekly amount needed for operating expenses.

\$ 580.00 – Weekly amount (building fund) needed for mortgage payment.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA MAY 26TH THRU JUNE 1ST, 2013

Sun., May 26 th	2:00 p.m.	Memorial Service at Malmo Cemetery
	3:00 p.m.	Memorial Service at Lakeside Cemetery
Mon., May 27 th	7:00 p.m.	AA & Alanon
Tues., May 28 th	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:30 a.m.	Bells
Wed., May 29 th	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Hardanger
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
Thurs., May 30 th	8:00 a.m.	R.O.M.E.O.S.
	1:00 p.m.	Funtimers
Fri., May 31 st	10:00 a.m.	Bone Builders
Sat., June 1 st	5:00 p.m.	Saturday Evening Service