

**June 15, 2014**  
**The Holy Trinity**  
**First Sunday after Pentecost**



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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**

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**INTRODUCTION**

*Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN**

**“This Little Light of Mine”**

**#677 ELW**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our strength,

**we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us.**

**We put ourselves first and others last.**

**What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more.**

**Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite.**

**Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day,  
that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

**Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God;

therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in + Christ Jesus,

in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. **AMEN**

## **CHOIR ANTHEM:**

## **FIRST READING:**

**Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

*This first creation story reached its current form during the crisis of the Babylonian exile of the people of Israel. God, not their captors' god Marduk, was responsible for their existence. God created women and men as rulers over creation, to preserve and protect it. God also rested on the seventh day, hallowing that day forever as the Sabbath.*

## **Chapter 1**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night —

and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

## **Chapter 2**

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

**PSALM**

**Psalm 8**

*Refrain: How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)*

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.**

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? R**

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 paths of the sea.**

O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! **R**

**GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 28:16—20**

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**SERMON HYMN:**

**“Just a Closer Walk With Thee**

**#697 ELW**

**SERMON:**

**“A Holy Kiss”**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”**

**#890 ELW**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.**

**Day by day you shower us with blessings.**

**As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION**

Strengthened by the Spirit who gives us words to speak and hearts that care, let us bring our hopes and needs to God who listens.

*A brief silence.*

Almighty God, you send your people into the world as beacons of light and hope. Bless the ministry of churches everywhere, that they take strength from your promise to be with us always. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

With a word, you brought forth the majesty of creation: rolling hills, fragrant meadows, thundering seas. Inspire us to cherish and preserve them as stewards of your good land. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Be with those in the path of violence and war. Guard them against harm and give them a future with hope. Send your peace to the places that need it the most (*especially*). Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Give strength to those bearing heavy burdens: addiction, mental illness, loneliness, and grief. Heal those whose bodies and souls are hurting (*especially*). Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Enable this congregation to support all families. Strengthen fathers and all who nurture, so that they guide with wisdom, gentleness, and grace. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for all the saints who rest eternally in your loving care. Enliven our witness by their example. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

We lift our prayers to you, God of mercy, confident that all things are in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**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 into hell. 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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have fed us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and + bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

**Thanks be to God!**

**CLOSING HYMN: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" #536 ELW**

### **THOSE SERVING TODAY MAY 18 , 2014**

Organist: Marlys Beaver

Greeters: Lee and Barb Forester

Ushers: 8:30 am Chuck and Elsa Carlson                      10:30 am Darrel Kelly

Lector: 8:30 am Char Berg    10:30 am Carol Bipes

Coffee Servers: Marilyn Samuelson, Susan and Eric Emerson

***Thank you for your service!***

## Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: (06/08/2014) 8:30 am – 134 10:00 am - 38

### THIS WEEK AT Bethesda June 15 thru June 21, 2014

Sunday	06/15	10:00 am	VBS Setup
Monday	06/16	9:00 am	VBS
		9:00 am	Golf
		7:00 pm	AA & Alanon
Tuesday	06/17	9:00 am	VBS
Wednesday	06/18	9:00 am	VBS
		1:00 pm	WIC
		6:00 pm	Choir
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	06/19	9:00 am	VBS
		6:00 pm	Bell Practice
Friday	06/20	9:00 am	VBS
		6:00 pm	VBS Supper/Celebration
Saturday	06/21	10:30 am	New Member Orientation
		5:00 pm	Saturday Service
Sunday	06/22	9:00 am	Mortgage Burning Service

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** meets this week, 9-11:30 am. There is still time to volunteer. Walk-ins welcome if you haven't signed up. Remember the supper/celebration is Friday at 6 pm. Parents and grandparents come and learn what the kids learned about Moses in the wilderness. Food provided, donations welcome.

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION** meets Saturday, June 21, 10:30 am. All new members are encouraged to attend to meet your sponsors and learn about activities at the church and how you can serve the Lord.

**MORTGAGE BURNING SERVICE** 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Bishop Thomas Aitken will be speaking. There will be an abundance of good music and celebration!

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** Monday, June 23, noon-2 pm. Sign up on the clipboard in the entry to volunteer or call Wally Swenson at 218-678-2508.

**ALVIN TURNER GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE** June 21, 1-4 pm, American Legion in Aitkin. Everyone invited.

**TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS** Friday, June 20, 7 pm, Holy Cross Priory Church, Onamia.