

Sunday, May 31, 2015
The Holy Trinity
First Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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INTRODUCTION

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

OPENING HYMN: **“For All The Saints” Vs. 1,2,6, & 7** **ELW #422**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK: **“Faith, Health & Wellness”** **Carolyn Morris**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.
Amen.

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God and Father of all,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

Amen.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, + you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Amen.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“SANCTUARY”

Hand Bell Choir

FIRST READING: ROMANS 8:14–17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.

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.

PSALM (ELW): Psalm 29

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. R

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. R

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace. R

SERMON HYMN "Shall We Gather At The River"

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SERMON: "Do You Know Who You Are?"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you dwell in the church by your life-giving Spirit. Inspire the newly baptized, empower church leaders, and renew all of us for service in Christ's name. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you fill the universe with your splendor. Restore right relationships among all living things, both seen and unseen. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Saving One, you so love this world. Bring justice to the oppressed, mercy to those who are angry, nourishment to the hungry, and peace to the violent and their victims. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you visit the hurting, giving healing and strength. We pray for your children in any need: the orphaned, the neglected, the grieving, the injured, and those we name this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving Spirit, in you we live and move and have our being. As Mary visited Elizabeth in her waiting, visit those awaiting birth or preparing for adoption, all who struggle to conceive or cannot have children, and those mourning pregnancy loss. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of life, we remember your saints (*especially Mary, the mother of our Lord, and Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist*). With them, may we bear the life of Christ to those around us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: “Go My Children, with My Blessing” **ELW #543**

It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Marlys Beavers & Hand Bell Choir
Greeters: Bruce Gingerich & Carol Schlottman
Ushers: 8:30 am — Shirley Moe, Nancy Hansen
 10:00 am – Darrell Kelly
Lector: 10:00 am — Sandy Pullen
Hospitality Hosts:

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, May 24, 2015

8:30am: 118

10:00am: 37

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda May 25 through May 31, 2015

Monday	6/1	9:00 am	Women's Devotion at Pat Becker's Home
		1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	Alanon
Tuesday	6/2	8:00-10:00am	Pastor's Text Study
		9:00 am	Crafters
Wednesday	6/3	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Hardanger
		11:00 am	Bible Study
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	6/4	8:00 am	Romeos
		10:30 am	Worship & Music Meeting
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
		6:00 pm	Hand Bell Choir
Friday	6/5	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Saturday	6/6	5:00 pm	Worship
Sunday	6/7	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance Registry Please sign and pass the new attendance registry folders which you will find in the pew. This is a new process we are trying. This will replace the green cards. Information will be gathered for Evangelism.

Memory Garden Bricks Orders will be taken for Memory Garden paver bricks through the first week of June. Messages engraved on the bricks can be worded to honor anyone important to you life...whether they be living on this green earth or in Heaven with the Lord. Order forms can be found in office for standard size (\$46) or large (\$75) bricks and payment is due upon delivery at summer's end. Turn completed order forms into Val Benton or place in Nature Trail/Memory Garden office mailbox.

Lawn Mowing Schedule is on the entry table. Please pick a week to mow. Thank you!

Praise Team will be performing outdoors the second Sunday of June.

Saturday Evening Worship begins this week. It begins at 5:00pm. Join Us!

Vacation Bible School planning meeting Wed. June 3 at 9:30 AM in the Sunday School rooms. Anyone interested in helping out can attend or contact Dianne Jones or Joanne Stueven

Helping Hands Ministry Please read and fill out the enclosed form with this week's bulletin if you have some free time to help out church members in need.

Coffee Servers Needed Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn. Still need some for June & July.
