**Sunday, May 22, 2016
1st Sunday after Pentecost
The Holy Trinity**

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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**

*(Please turn off your cell phones)***Sunday, May 22, 2016
Holy Trinity Sunday**

**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!*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy” #413 ELW**

**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, abounding in steadfast love toward us,

healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Just and gracious God,

**we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

The apostle Paul assures us: “When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross.” Jesus says to you, ☩ “Your sins are forgiven.” Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for 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.**

**Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “Wake Up Church, Wake Up”**

**(Quartet: Randy & Laurina Tofteland, Jeannine Bruesewitz, Steve Lackner)**

**BAPTISM - 10:00am Service
Today new brothers and sisters will join us in baptism.**

**Violet June Sorby, Amanda Renee Sorby, Ashley Renee Westerland**

**Tyce Michael Wagner, Ezra Olander Wagner, Spencer Wagner**

### 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.

1Therefore, 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**

 *Your glory is chanted above the heavens.*(Ps. 8:2)

 1O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
 2**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.** R
 3When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
 4**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?** R (*Your glory is chanted above the heavens)*
 5Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.
 6**You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**
 7all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
 8**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
 9O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! R (*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.

[Jesus said,] 12“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13When 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. 14He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

**SERMON HYMN “Blessed Assurance” #638 ELW**

**SERMON “A Squirrel Crossing A Busy Street”**

**OFFERTORY SONG “Faith of Our Fathers” #812 ELW**

**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

Rejoicing in the triune God, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

*A brief silence.*

O Lord our sovereign, your name is majestic in all the earth. Enliven your church by your Spirit to live into the name bestowed on us in baptism. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Holy Wisdom, we praise and thank you for the mountains and hills, the earth and fields, the skies above, the fountains of the deep, and your delight in the human race. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Peace-bringing God, the nations of the world are ever and always dependent on the peace that only you give. Guide the leaders of nations to make choices that lead to peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Spirit of truth, heal us, reconcile us, break the bonds of the oppressed, give sanctuary to refugees, end the exile of those who are marginalized, and pour your love into all hearts. Especially we pray for . . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Father of Jesus, keep us mindful of how we use the names of others. Keep us from bearing false witness, and help us honor your name above all others. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us, with them, into your kingdom, in the promise of life forever with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

 **Great to have you join us for worship! Please come again.**

**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Music: Special Music: **Randy & Laurina Tofteland,**

 **Jeannine Bruesewitz, Steve Lackner**

Greeters: Lee & Barb Forrester

Ushers: 8:30-George & Kathy Larson 10:00-Darrell Kelly

Lector: Lynn Hansen

Hospitality Hosts: Harold & Artis Kendall

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

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: May 15, 2016: 8:30am 105

 10:00pm 45

**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA** May 23 - May 29

Monday 5/23 8:00am Spring Kitchen Clean Up

 1:00 pm Double Deck Pinochle

 7:00 pm AA/Alanon

Tuesday 5/24 7:30-10:00 Pastor Text Study

 9:00 am Quilters

Wednesday 5/25 8:30 am Bible Study

 9:30am Stitchers

 9:30am Mission & Evangelism Meeting

 6:00 pm Choir Practice

 7:00 pm Praise Team

Thursday 5/26 8:00am Romeos

 12:30 pm Fun Timers

 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

Friday 5/27 10:00am Bones

Saturday 5/28 8:00am Veggie Stand Opens

Sunday 5/29 8:30 am Worship

 10:00 am Worship

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRY** Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew.

**NEW MEMBERS** will be received the last Sunday of May. Please let Pastor Jim know if that is something you are interested in.

**THRIVENT** has made us aware that there is $250 available to every event Bethesda sponsors but we need to identify who are members of Thrivent. Please let the church office know if you are a member and we will assist you in applying for these funds.

**BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS** Attention Committee chairs: Please have next year’s budget recommendations to Stewardship by Friday, June 10th. If you have questions talk to Pat Becker.

**FOOT CLINIC** our next Foot Care Clinic will be held on Saturday, June 4th, 2016. Call the church office to make an appointment: 320-684-2123 (M-F 11:00am – 3:00pm).

**VEGGIE STAND** Don’t forget the Veggie Stand opens on Saturday May 29th. Donations of any kind will be greatly appreciated. Pies, cookies, bars, breads, etc. Also perennials, if you are thinning out or dividing some of your own. Please attach a label to the perennials. The stand opens at 7:30 AM. Hope to see you there bright and early. All proceeds go to the Benevolence fund.

**PRAYER CHAIN** WELCA is re-doing the Prayer Chain list. Anyone who wants to be added please contact Judy Forester: 218-678-2667.

**WELCA Co-CHAIR** WELCA is again in need of a co-chair. This is a 2-yr term. The first year is mainly spent just helping the 2nd year co-chair and learning what to do. The 2nd Year co-chair is Sandy Pullen. The second year you would be responsible for making the agenda and leading the meeting for only 6 meetings. If you are interested in this position please contact Sandy Pullen or Elsa Carlson. Our next meeting is August 17, 2016. We hope everyone will give this a prayerful consideration. WELCA has an important function and it’s a wonderful way to serve the women of this church. Let’s keep this organization going.

**HOPE LODGE** Just a reminder, we are still collecting for Hope Lodge. Some items needed are toilet paper, Kleenex, travel mugs, stamps, and travel size conditioner. A more complete list is on the WELCA bulletin board. The bin for collecting items is located in the Fellowship Hall.