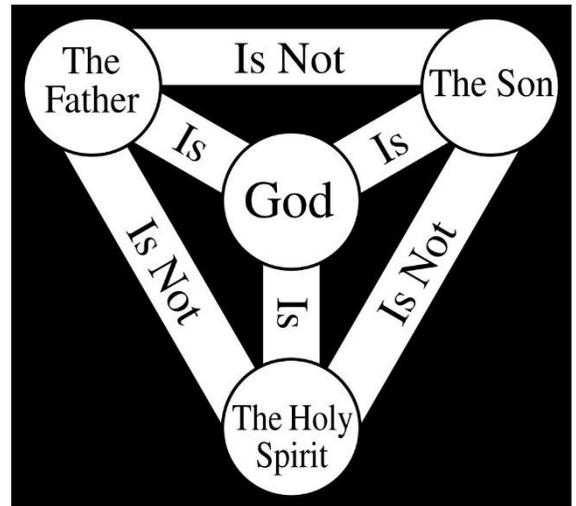


INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY— Though the word “trinity” is not found in the scriptures, today’s second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: *“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all”* (2 Cor. 13:13). Likewise, as we heard a couple of weeks ago from the 6th Sunday of Easter, Matthew’s Gospel records that Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize *“in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit”* (28:19). As followers of Jesus who invokes this three-person-yet-one-God reality, we have grappled with what we understand about the Holy Trinity from the very beginning.



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.

Preparing the Ground for Word:

- 1. How are YOU “like” your parents, even as you are not identical to them? Are there physical characteristics you share? Do you ever say something and then think or have pointed out to you, “You sound just like your father/mother!”?**
- 2. Think about a household or organization or team to which you have belonged that was particularly uplifting or effective. What was it about that group that made it uplifting and effective? How did the individuals contribute to the whole? Was there a particular “ethic” or “code” that contributed to the goodness of this group?**
- 3. Historically, as the Church has worked with its theology and what it has to say about God, there have been aspects of our belief that are called “mysteries of the faith.” That is, there are some things that we simply “believe” even if we can’t understand HOW these things can be. How is it that we worship ONE God, yet that God is revealed in THREE PERSONS? How Jesus be both “at the right hand of the Father” and yet “with you” at the same time? These are mysteries. What are other “puzzles” to you when it comes to what we say we believe about God?**

INVITE

PRELUDE –

Kenny Neumann

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

*** BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS—FOR THOSE OF YOU WORSHIPING AT HOME, WE INVITE YOU TO SET ASIDE SMALL BOWL OF WATER TO SERVE AS YOUR BAPTISMAL FOUNT DURING THIS TIME. CHOOSE A BOWL THAT WILL “REMAIN” YOUR BOWL.**

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

begins.

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

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Word of God tells us that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We pause in silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most Merciful God,

C We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. But for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us. Renew us. And lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by the authority Jesus has given his Church to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN | #405 "O Spirit of Life"**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Spirit of Life". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with four numbered lines of text corresponding to the four parts of the hymn. The lyrics are: "1 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, 2 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, 3 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, 4 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,". The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

in ev - 'ry need you bring us aid,
 in - crease our faith in our dear Lord;
 make us to love your sa - cred word;
 en - light - en us by that same word;

pro - ceed - ing forth from heav - en's throne,
 un - less your grace the pow'r should give,
 the ho - ly flame of love im - part,
 teach us to know God's ra - diant love,

from God, the Fa - ther and the Son;
 none can be - lieve in Christ and live;
 that char - i - ty may warm each heart;
 lead us to Christ who reigns a - bove;

O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.

* GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray. (*Silence is kept to gather all for prayer.*)

C 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.

EQUIP

THE WORD—1st Lesson: Genesis 18:1-15 God Visits to Abraham and Sarah

R The reading comes from the Old Testament book of Genesis, Chapter 18, verses 1 through 15.

In the form of three travelers, God visits Abraham and Sarah.

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, ^[a]do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs ^[b]of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

¹⁰Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.

¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³ Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh."

But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

This the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading—2 Corinthians 13:11-14

R The Second Lesson comes from the New Testament, from Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthian church, Chapter 13, verses 11 through 14.

Paul's conversion and missionary career began almost immediately after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. This small snippet from his second letter to the church in Corinth indicates that very early on in the Christian movement, he and other Christian thinkers were developing thoughts and words about God's revelation to us as One God in three distinct "persons" of the Trinity.

¹¹ Brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³ All God's people here send their greetings.

¹⁴ May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

The Gospel—Matthew 28:16-20

R The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 28, verses 16 through 20.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

This is the Good News of Jesus.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

KIDS' TIME—PASTOR MIKE

SERMON—PASTOR MIKE

* HYMN OF THE DAY | #413 "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY"

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*** APOSTLES' 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.

*** PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH—PLEASE ADD YOUR PRAYERS TO OUR LIVEFEED COMMENTS.**
 AFTER EACH PETITION, ALL ARE INVITED TO SING THE REFRAIN INCLUDED HERE:

Refrain
 All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from
 death in - to life. life.

to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 | *to stanza 4*

L Let us pray for the Church, for the world, and each whom we know and love, according to their needs. *The prayers of the Church are offered.*

Our prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven...

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves; our time; and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

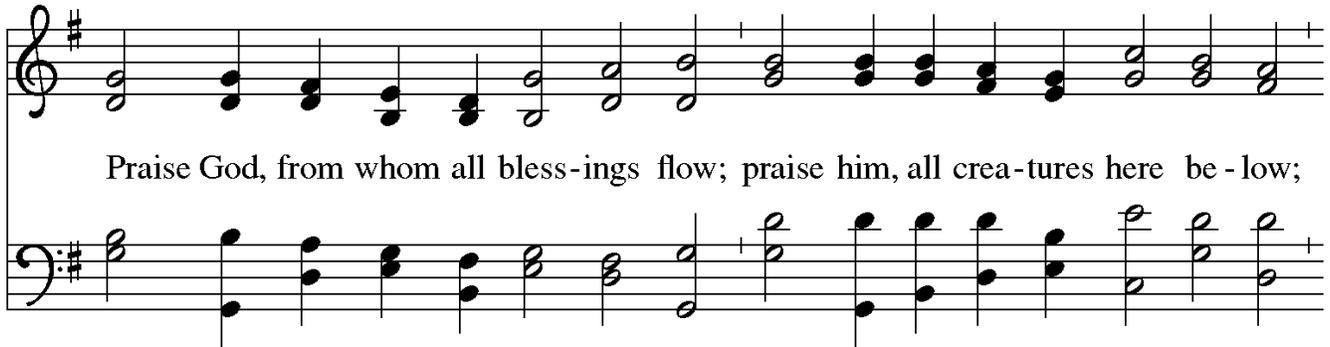
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* SENDING BLESSING

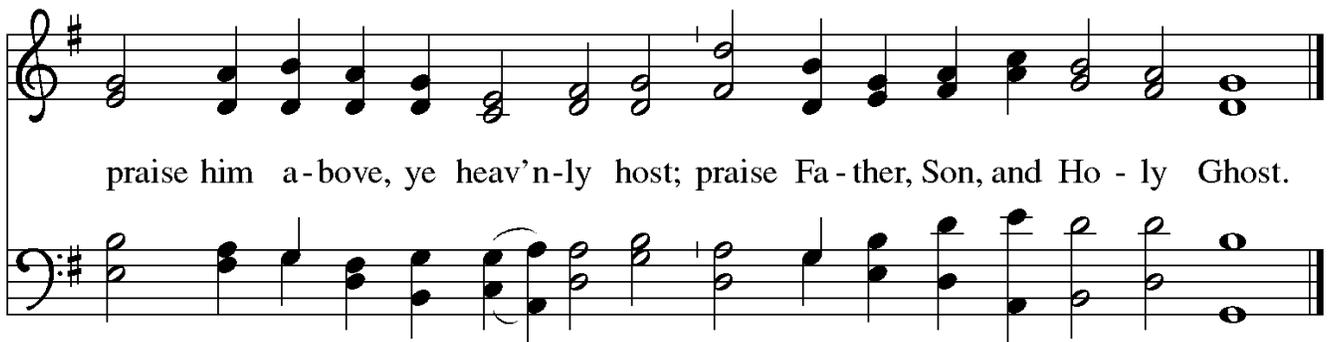
P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN | #884 “PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

* DISMISSAL

P Our worship has ended! Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!



OFFERING REPORT—through May 2020

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| Total giving: | \$ 168,787.66 |
| PPP loan: | \$ 46,800.00 |
| Expenses: | \$ 182,741.39 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

God's grace through you is a sweet, sweet thing!!

Our faithfulness to God's calling, even in this time, is to be responsible for our financial commitments, not least of which include our ministry partners (like the Synod and Camp

Onomia); our buildings (including, of course, our mortgage on Trinity Crossing); and of course, our staff! We cannot be faithful to that calling without your trust and faithfulness in your generosity.

There are still any number of ways to give:

- **By Mail**—we have a reliable process for making sure that all offerings are out of the building every single day and deposited right way. It is safe, even with our mostly shuttered building.
- **By Drop Off**—Just to the right of the front doors of the church is a secure mail slot that is only accessible by lock and key on the inside of the church building. *If you must be out and about, you can drop your gifts off in the church mail slot.*
- **On-line**—You can [CLICK HERE](#) to give RIGHT NOW, if you want, and that gift can also be set-up to come in a recurring way. (This is the link you would follow from our website by clicking on the offering plate image there.) This is THE most efficient way of signing up for Simply Giving, which is administered by Vanco, one of the most secure e-commerce companies in the industry.
- **Automatic Withdrawal**—Contact your bank.
- **By App**—Both the Apple and Google Play app stores have a free app called “GivePlus.” Once downloaded to your device, simply search for “Trinity Lutheran Church, Princeton, MN”; follow the directions for registering; and set-up your giving in whatever way works for your faithful generosity, one time, recurring, or whatever.

Thank you again for supporting God's mission for us, even in these times of separation and uncertainty.

Prayer List

Members

Karen Anderson
Amy Beltrand & family as
they mourn the loss of
Amy's mother
Dorothy Bergstrom
Ed Botzek
Jim Dery
Susan Deyle
Katey Donais
Marlene Foss
Adolph Hamann
Marlys Hanson
Phil Knapp
Bruce Lacher
Tad Larsen
Del Liestmann
Jamie Lundberg

Chellis Matz
Anikka Miller
Jean Miller
Emily Nelson
Ed Peterson
Bev Reed
Warren Reed
Dina Scandinato
Cindy Schmatz
Loren Schroeder
Carol Skare
Matt Skarohlid
Brenda Smith
Anne Stevenson
Eric Strandberg
Joyce Tessmer
Prudence Tessmer & family
Ardy Tourville
Carol Warner
Chuck Warner

Barb Wicktor
Russ Wicktor
Dean Winslow
Ginny Winslow

Family Members & Friends

Peter Berry (Mary Berry's
son)
Diane Boser (Friend of Dan
& Jean Anderson)
Gene Brown (Pastor Mike's
uncle)
Jean Carlson (Chuck
Warner's sister)
Virg Carlson (Chuck &
Carol Warner's brother
in-law)
Caitlin Christenson (Kenny
& Joy Christenson's
daughter in-law)

Floyd Deuel (Ladonna Olson's brother/Ken & Carol Carling's brother-inlaw)
David Doerfler (Pastor Mike's uncle)
Kendal Dyson (June Kunkel's nephew)
Rachel Fadden(friend of Ron & Judy Peterson/Jim & Jan Dery)
Jan Gale's daughter Jamie
Joan Gessar (Courtney Hoppe's mother in-law)
Marian Grow (LaDonna Olson's sister)
Shirley Heyns (Chellis Matz sister)
Dale Kannegiesser (Elaine Storck's friend)
Carol Kint (Ron Peterson/Jan Dery's sister)

Janet Kruetter (Joy Christenson's sister)
Randall Lundgren (Debi's Pederson's nephew)
Bryce Murphy (friend of Marlowe Miller)
Esther Neussendorfer (Danette Scepurek's grandmother)
Janice Omtvedt (Ingrid Bavier's mother)
Elliott Pancoast (Pastor Mike's dad)
Tracy Pidde(Princeton 3rd grade teacher)
Justin Pooker (Jim & Jan Dery grandson)
Amanda Ridout (friend of the Pancoast Family)
Rob Savage (Friend of the Keller family)
Robin Schmidt (Jan Gerth's daughter)
Andy Struthers (Maria Barlage's brother)
Patty Thul's Sister Sheri

Stacy Turner (Marlowe & Jean Miller's daughter)
Scott Wallin (Char Kramersmeier's son)
Eric Webster (friend of the Morisset family)
Ronda Wetzel (daughter of Andrea & Ron Sandusky)

Serving in the Military

Andrew Anderson
Andrew Barthel
Claire Barthel
Jacob Benver
Brady Beauchamp
Eden Betzler
Ronald Duresky
Riley Forland
Derek Hanson
Anthony Mandt
Zachary Morisset
Ben Noard
Parker Pedersen
Jaden Thimmesch