



1ST Sunday after Pentecost

June 4, 2023

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Our lives are often taken over by noise and distraction. This time allows us to sit in the silence God has granted so that we might center ourselves on God.

P God our Creator,

we call You Father, Mother, and Author of Life:

C Draw us closer to You, O God.

P Christ our Savior,

we call You the Son, the Messiah, the One who Saves:

C Draw us closer to You, O God.

P Holy Spirit,

we call You the Advocate, the Inspirer, Breath and Wind of God:

C Draw us closer to You, O God.

P Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory:

C Draw us in, Spirit, Christ and Creator, that we might journey with You more fully and deeply, in this life and beyond. Amen.

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PREPARING OUR HEARTS

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GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. 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. 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 his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**



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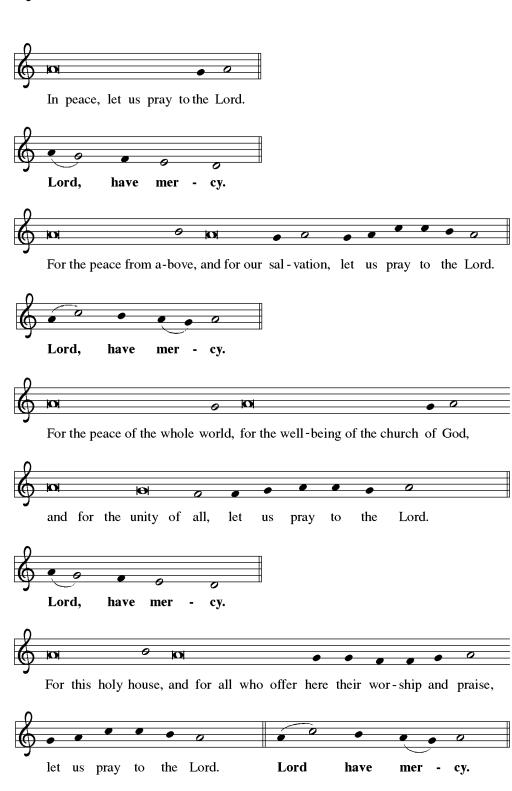
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GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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. **C Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 1:1-2:4a

L A reading from Genesis.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So 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. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And 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, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So 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. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And 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. ²⁵God 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.

²⁶Then 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."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,

in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them.

²⁸God 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." ²⁹God 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And 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. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

L ¹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

C ²Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

L³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

C ⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

L ⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

C ⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

L ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

C 8the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

L ⁹O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

L A reading from 2 Corinthians.

¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 28:16-20

P The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

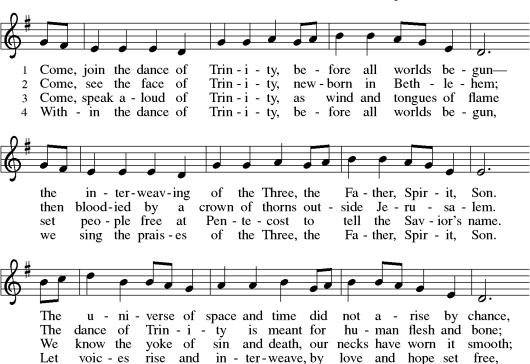
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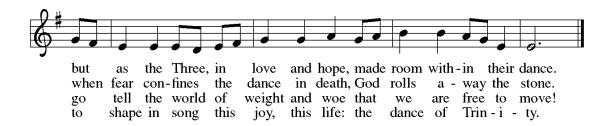
SERMON Pastor Wes Smith

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW 577





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APOSTLES' CREED

P Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

C 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 to the dead.*

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 INTERCESSION

P United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P Gracious and loving God, on this Holy Trinity Sunday, we come before you with hearts filled with trust, seeking your abundant mercy and grace. Hear our prayers as we intercede for a world in need, knowing that you are present with us always. In your infinite wisdom and compassion, we ask for your guidance and blessing.

Holy God, you have called the Church to make disciples of all nations. We pray for bishops, pastors, and deacons who bear the responsibility of proclaiming the gospel. Grant them courage, wisdom, and a deep sense of humility as they lead your people. Direct all the baptized into lives of humble service, that we may reflect your love and grace to the world. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

^{*}Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. ** meaning - all of God's Church...

P Creator God, you spoke creation into being and called it good. We implore you to protect our lands and waters, which are threatened by human misuse. Help us to be good stewards of your creation, sustaining and nurturing all living creatures. May we recognize the interdependence of every species and strive to preserve the diversity and beauty of your world. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy and righteous God, you have granted humankind authority over the earth. We lift up our leaders before you, earnestly asking for your guidance and wisdom to govern thoughtfully. Grant them the ability to listen with empathy, to speak with honesty, and to work towards healing divisions between nations. May your spirit of peace prevail, that we may live in harmony and understanding. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Ever-present God, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age. We bring before you those who are in need of your healing presence. Embrace the lonely, comfort those who grieve, and bring restoration to the sick. We especially lift up **Debi, Victoria, Theresa, Marilyn, Dave, Jonny, Kathleen, Dennis, Janice, Dick, Georgi, Liam, Patrick, LCFS, Candice, Janet, Annette, Anne, LeeAnn**, and ask for your mercy and grace to surround them and all of those we name either in our hearts or in the presence of this assembly. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Faithful God, you set the earth on its axis, and we experience the changing seasons. As we enter the summer, we recognize the challenges faced by many. Strengthen those who suffer in the heat, provide support and respite to overwhelmed parents, and alleviate the plight of children experiencing food insecurity outside of school. Grant them relief and bless them with your provision. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We offer these prayers, O Holy Three, O Holy One, knowing that you hear us and are attentive to our cries. We also remember with gratitude all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life. We give thanks for their witness and faith, and we hold their memories dear. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving God, we lay before you these prayers, knowing that you are a gracious and merciful God who hears and answers. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

C Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

In Lutheran theology, the liturgy expresses our beliefs, including reconciliation with God and people, acknowledging their interconnectedness. According to Lutheran teaching, receiving God's free gift of forgiveness requires reconciliation with fellow believers. Passing the peace at this point in the service, through physical touch and handshakes, symbolizes God's reconciling love and forgiveness. It reflects the Lutheran emphasis on humility, forgiveness, and repentance in relationships, and the importance of grace, mercy, and community in our faith journey.

P The peace of Christ is with you always.

C And also with you.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please rise as you are able.

OFFERING

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

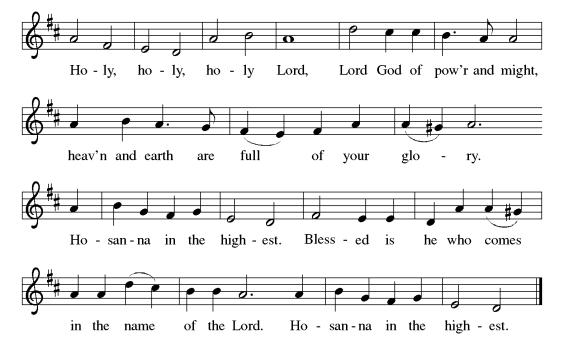
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

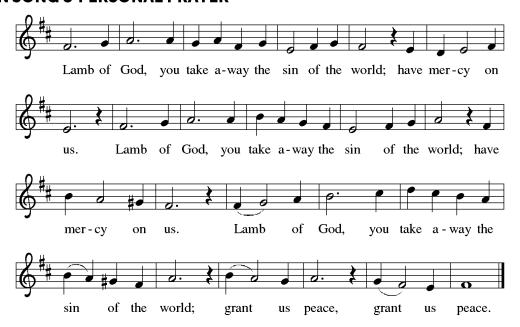
P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Meal. If it's been years, or just a week, the bread and wine/juice and Jesus' presence in, with, and around them are for all. If you have questions about taking your first communion don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Wes.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. When you come forward you will receive a wafer from Pastor Wes and you will hear the words **the body of Christ, given for you**. Once you eat the wafer you are invited to take either wine or juice from the communion assistant and you will hear the words, **the blood of Christ, shed for you**. Once you've communed there is a small receptacle where the used communion cup can be placed.

COMMUNION SONG & PERSONAL PRAYER



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Creator God,

we give you thanks for the grain farmers,

the bread bakers, the grape growers, the juice makers.

Redeemer God,

we give you thanks for all that we remember as we have shared this meal: your birth, your life, your death and resurrection.

Sustaining God,

we give you thanks for the eternal presence of your Spirit with us, surrounding us and filling us with Divine life.

May this meal we have shared renew us and inspire us to join more joyfully with you as you work for peace and justice in the world. **C Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & BLESSING

P Go out and in all of life, worship the Lord. Entrust yourself to the winds of God's Spirit; put to death selfish desires, and offer yourself for God's mission in the world.

And may God give strength to you and to all;

May Christ Jesus bless you with peace;

And may the Holy Spirit, whispering within your hearts, give you the assurance that you are God's children.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

C In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Please stand as you are able.



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DISMISSAL

P You are the light of the world risen up for the sake of the world. Go in peace share the good news.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Old Hundredth

Bock



SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Lector: Tony Firmani

Communion Assistant: Jeannie Phillips

Greeter: Tom Conrad

Usher: Connie Niessink

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