

June 4, 2023

First Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Trinity



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As We Gather

The great fifty days of our Easter celebration have passed for another year, crowned by the climax of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Today we celebrate the doctrine of the mystery of the one true God. Our celebration, however, seems to say, “Easter isn’t really over.” Even though we have rebelled and brought death by our sin, still God’s glorious and “very good” creation has become even better in Christ, with eternal life the way God originally intended things to be. This is the great good news we proclaim all our days by which God brings forgiveness and life to all, making disciples in all the nations of the earth. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

246 – Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

C **The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,**

P What is man that You are mindful of him,

C **And the son of man that You visit him?**

P O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth,

C **Who have set Your glory above the heavens!**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us go to our great Three-in-One God, confessing our sins.

P Heavenly Father, Creator of all that exists, in deep humility we approach Your presence, for though You shower us with blessings, we have rebelled against Your just reign over us and You.

C **We have sinned against You, one another, and even Your good creation in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Forgive us, and teach us again to be Your true sons and daughters.**

- P** Lord Jesus, Savior sent from the Father, in deep humility we confess that we have neglected to appreciate Your great sacrifice, entering time and space to die for us.
- C** We have failed to love You with our heart, soul, and mind, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to live as Your loving brothers and sisters. Forgive us, and grant us Your own determination to love our neighbors in Your name.
- P** Holy Spirit, giver of every good gift,
- C** in deep humility we confess that we have let the faith You have planted within us to be covered with our own wants and desires. Without Your help we cannot be free; we are bound to sin. Forgive us, and renew in us clean and upright spirits.
- P** The eternal God, our Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier, has not forsaken us in our sin. For the sake of the Son, who became one of us to die for us, God offers full and free pardon. As a called servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Kyrie Eleison
LORD, HAVE MERCY

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – 238 (1)

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev - er more the Highest One, Who doth our sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may His good will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.'

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... one true, immortal God, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C Amen.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

¹¹ Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, 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 the saints greet you. ¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 8

- P** O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth,
C **Who have set Your glory above the heavens!**
P Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies,
C **That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.**
P When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
C **The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,**
P What is man that You are mindful of him,
C **And the son of man that You visit him?**
P For You have made him a little lower than the angels,
C **And You have crowned him with glory and honor.**
P You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;
C **You have put all things under his feet,**
P All sheep and oxen—
C **Even the beasts of the field,**
P The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea
C **That pass through the paths of the seas.**
P O LORD, our Lord,
C **How excellent is Your name in all the earth!**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Alleluia

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Whoever will be saved shall, above all else, hold the Christian faith. Which faith, except it be kept whole and undefiled, without doubt, one will perish eternally. And the true Christian faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the Persons nor dividing the substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one; the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit. The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated. The Father infinite, the Son infinite, and the Holy Spirit infinite. The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal. And yet there are not three eternals, but one eternal; just as there are not three uncreated, nor three infinities, but one uncreated and one infinite.

Likewise the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty. And yet there are not three almighties, but one almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. And yet there are not three gods, but one God. Likewise the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord. And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

For as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be both God and Lord, so we are forbidden by the true Christian faith to say that there are three gods or three lords.

The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone, not made nor created but begotten. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten but proceeding. So there is one Father, not three fathers, one Son, not three sons, one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but all three Persons are coeternal together and coequal, so that in all things, as said before, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshiped. Whoever will be saved is compelled thus to think of the Holy Trinity.

Furthermore it is necessary for everlasting salvation that one also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man; God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and Man of the substance of His mother, born in the world; perfect God and perfect Man, of a rational soul and human flesh subsisting. Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead and inferior to the Father as touching His humanity. Who, although He is God and Man, yet He is not two but one

Christ; One not by changing of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking the manhood into God; One indeed, not by confusion of substance, but by oneness of person. For just as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and Man is one Christ; Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, God almighty, from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. At whose coming all will rise again with their bodies and will give an account of their own works. And they that have done good will enter into life everlasting; and they that have done evil into everlasting fire. This is the Christian faith; whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

Hymn

43 – We Sing the Almighty Power of God

Sermon Text

Genesis 1:1-2:3

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. ⁶ Then God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.” ⁷ Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. ⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day. ⁹ Then God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so. ¹⁰ And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. ¹² And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ So the evening and the morning were the third day. ¹⁴ Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; ¹⁵ and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. ¹⁶ Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. ¹⁷ God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ and to rule over the

day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ So the evening and the morning were the fourth day. ²⁰ Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.” ²¹ So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ So the evening and the morning were the fifth day. ²⁴ Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind”; and it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. ³⁰ Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food”; and it was so. ³¹ Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. ¹ Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. ² And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.



Sermon

God's Answers to Life's Most Important Questions

I. Where Did I Come From?

II. Why am I Here?

III. Where am I Going?

Offertory



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your
pres-ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un-to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up -
hold me with Your free spir-it. A - men.

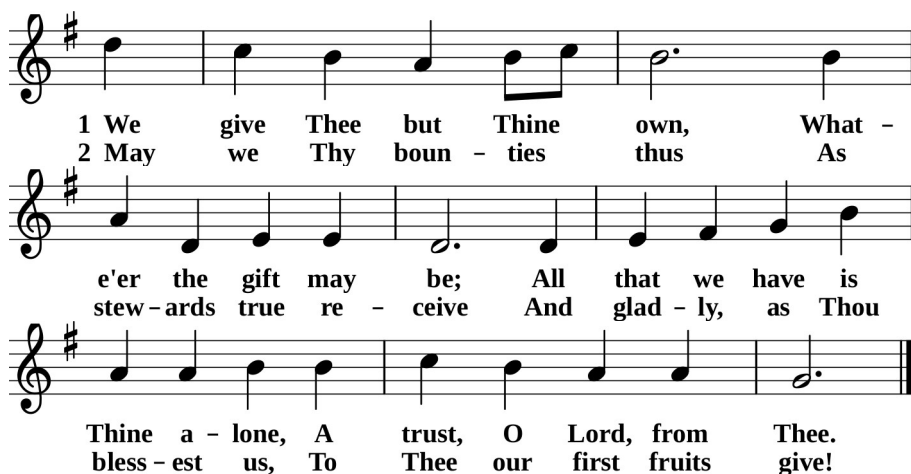
Hymn

243 (1, 5) – Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

Offering

Offering Hymn

441 (1-2)



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What -
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As
e'er the gift may be; All that we have is
stew - ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as Thou
Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
bless - est us, To Thee our first fruits give!

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

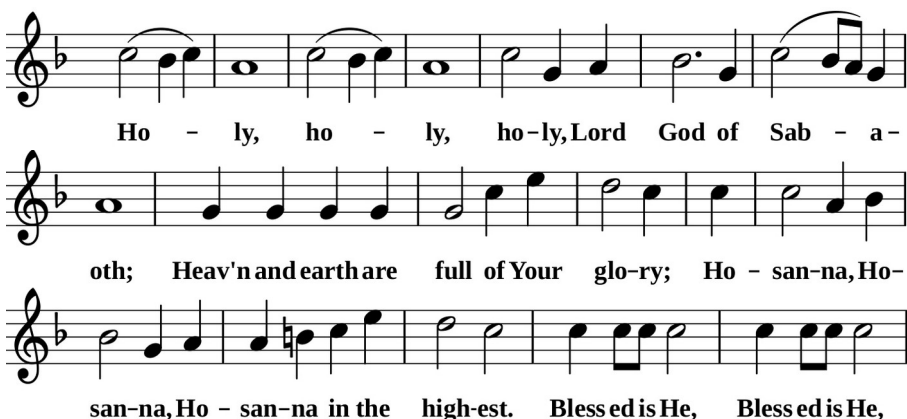
✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

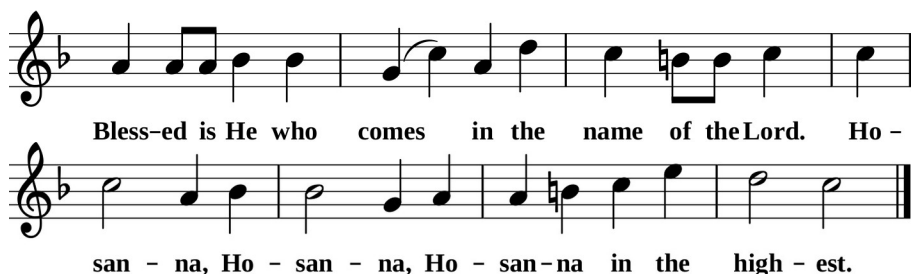
- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a -
oth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry; Ho - san-na, Ho -
san-na, Ho - san-na in the high-est. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,



Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord


Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, the
Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You
take a-way the sin of the world, grant us Your peace.
A - - - men.

Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now let Your servant de - part in peace ac -

cording to Your word, For my eyes have seen Your Salvation:

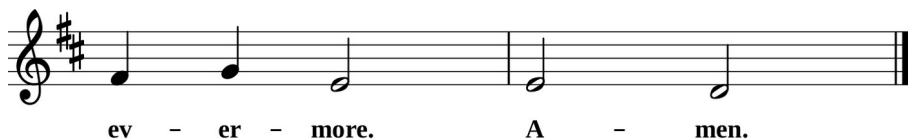
which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles

and the Glo - ry of Your people Is - ra-el. Glo - ry

be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

As it was in the be - ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, for -



Thanksgiving

P Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

C For His mercy endures forever.

P O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, in loving-kindness You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh. We thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We implore You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

244 – Glory Be to God the Father

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✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

Upcoming Schedule		
June 4	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Elders, Trustees, and Council Meetings
June 11	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
June 18	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

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- to encourage you in your personal and family Bible study
- to edify you in your daily walk with Christ
- to provide a means to use and share your God-given gifts
- to celebrate and reflect upon God's gift of Christian sisters, near and far

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VBS: We are excited to announce our Vacation Bible School for 2023! This year's theme is "Thus Says the LORD: Prophets of the True God." We will explore the accounts of some of the prophets in the Bible and learn how they spoke God's truth to a world in need. We'll also have plenty of time to play games, make crafts, and sing songs. VBS will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM on July 10-14. Children grades 4K through 8th Grade are welcome to attend. We are also looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, such as teaching, leading activities, helping with crafts, and providing snacks. Please speak with Pastor Sauers if you are able to help out.

Man Up! Weekend: The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

Fruits of Faith	May 28, 2023	Orlando: 8	WH: 26
Immanuel Home			\$535.00
Property Improvement			\$10.00
ILC Scholarship			\$50.00
Total			\$595.00

✝ Serving Next Weekend ✝

Cleaner (6/10): Bernthal Acolyte (6/11): Seth Bernthal

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

June 5 - June 10

Monday: Matthew 28:16-20 – It is common in the world that people are born into their family name. Here Jesus sends His disciples into all the world to make disciples, baptizing them into another name, none other than the name of the Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Tuesday: Ephesians 1:3-10 – Our human minds cannot fathom this information about God: that He is three separate persons, yet not three gods, but one God. He reveals this to us, however, to teach us about our salvation. God the Father chose us in Christ before the world began, and sent God the Son to redeem us by His blood. In Him we have forgiveness and eternal life!

Wednesday: Ephesians 1:11-14 – Continuing the thought of yesterdays' reading, while the Father sent the Son to save us, God the Holy Spirit brought us to hope in Christ, our Savior, assuring us by the Word that the promised heavenly inheritance is ours through Jesus even before the day when we will see it in person.

Thursday: Isaiah 6:1-8 – The Lord of hosts is addressed as “Holy, Holy, Holy”(v 3), reminding us that God is triune. It is He who called Isaiah to be His spokesman at a definite time in history, and prepared Him as He prepares all of His speakers: by cleansing them from their sins and by putting His Word in their mouths.

Friday 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 – In closing his letter to the Corinthians, Paul urges them to live a life of peace and love, and points to the source of peace and love with the “apostolic benediction” (v 14). The love, grace, and fellowship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit brings about restoration, comfort, agreement, peace.

Saturday: Numbers 6:22-27 – It is the Lord who made and preserves us. It is the Lord who graciously redeemed us by His blood. It is the Lord who gives us peace through the Word of forgiveness. When His name is put upon us (v 27), in benediction or baptism (cp Monday's reading), the result is blessing!

