

**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
Holy Trinity Sunday
June 4, 2023
Service of Holy Communion**

PRELUDE**WELCOME****GATHERING****CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin the presence of God and of our neighbors.

~silence~

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus forgive us and grant us your mercy.

~silence~

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

~silence~

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name + of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

#413

1. **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
4. **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

GREETING

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

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"

p.101

REFRAIN: This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his. **REFRAIN**

Sing...with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **REFRAIN**

For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia! **REFRAIN**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. 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.

WORD**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****FIRST READING**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the 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. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So 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. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then 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. The 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. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And 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, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—

and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So 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. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And 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. God 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. Then 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." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God 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." God 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. And 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. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And 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. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 8

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, 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. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

p.102

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON**HYMN OF THE DAY***"We All Are One in Mission"*

#576

1. **We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**
2. **We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**
3. **Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith:

**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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.
(brief silence)

Petitions end: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING SONG

"As the Grains of Wheat"

#465

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
 were gathered into one to become our bread;
 so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.**

1. **As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
 may we share the presence of your love.**

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
 were gathered into one to become our bread;
 so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.**

2. **Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
 when all creation shares this feast with you.
 As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
 were gathered into one to become our bread;**

so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. God of field and forest, sea and sky,
**you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and
 multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus
 Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(sung)*

p.107

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

p.108

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

At the conclusion: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION****COMMUNION HYMN**

"Lamb of God"

p. 112

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

"Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"

#412

1. **Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun
the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.**
2. **Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;
Then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.**
3. **Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!**

4. Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope se free,
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

"Father Most Holy"

#415

1. Father most holy, merciful, and tender;
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender, light never waning.
2. Trinity blessed, unity unshaken;
goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,
light of the angels, joy of those forsaken, hope of all living.
3. Maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee;
all for thy worship were and are created;
now, as we also worship thee devoutly, hear thou our voices.
4. Lord God Almighty, unto thee be glory,
one in three persons, over all exalted!
Glory we offer, praise thee and adore thee, now and forever.

TABLE BLESSING

At the conclusion: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

At the conclusion: Amen

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2023**SENDING****BENEDICTION**

At the conclusion: Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

#414

1. Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.
2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
3. Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on.
4. Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE