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*Our thoughts and prayers go out to* Molly Fant, Marilyn Ulich, Matt Deroma and Greg McIntyre.

*The Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee* has made teddy bears available for people to pray with during worship. Please feel free to take a bear with you as you come into the space, and return it to the back of the sanctuary following the service. These bears are given to people who could use a special “prayer hug,” so if you know of someone that could use a bear, please take one for them. Donations are welcome to replenish our supplies. For more information, please contact Nancy Janes, Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee Chairperson.

*There is the new logo for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, “4thFest!”* We’re working to get vendors to set up shop on our lawn before, during, and after the parade. There will be food, entertainment, activities for the children, and more!

Watch the EVENTS board for more details, and if you are available to help.... ☺

*Please start collecting cases of bottled water for 4<sup>th</sup>Fest.* We will be putting labels on the bottles and handing them out at the parade. It will take a LOT of water, so if you’re at the store, please get a case or two. I’m aiming for 50 cases of 40 (2000 bottles). We need them by Sunday, July 2. After worship that day, we’ll have a brief labeling party! If everyone helps, it’ll only take about 30 minutes! We’ll provide refreshments, of course!



# The Holy Trinity

## First Sunday after Pentecost

### June 11, 2017

## Welcome to Worship!

*At St. Paul, no one is a stranger, for we are united by the common bond of our life in Christ. We welcome you to receive Communion at God's Table this morning or to come forward for a blessing if this is more comfortable for you. Communion can also be brought to you where you are sitting, and gluten-free wafers are available. All are welcome here! \*Please stand as you are able.*

### Announcements

### Prelude

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

C: Amen.

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.

Amen.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

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.**

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

June 11, 2017

### THE HOLY TRINITY

#### Who Is the Trinity?

The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is not an easy concept to grasp. Most descriptions and illustrations often wind up explaining or describing a heresy about who and what God really is rather than clarifying this teaching of the church. God is not one being with three different job titles, or three separate pieces that when put together become one being. God doesn't have multiple personality disorder or shed one role to take on another. There's no hierarchy to the Trinity. God the Father didn't pick a human man to be God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit isn't God's physical breath. It's almost easier to explain who the Trinity isn't than who the Trinity is: one eternal being comprised of three separate but equal persons.

As confusing as the Trinity may be, it is how the church has collectively come to understand who God is. We proclaim this understanding throughout the order of worship: the presider and the assembly greet each other in the name of the triune God, and later we proclaim our belief in the Trinity when we recite the creed.

It's not a mistake that the reading for today includes the Great Commission: to make disciples of all nations, "baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19). Whenever we gather to perform the ritual of baptism, we begin by declaring our faith in God who created us, redeemed us, and sustains us. Through baptism we become children of God, and God makes a promise to be with us always. Understanding that promise is the key to understanding the triune God. The Trinity is God who created us, saved us, and supports us in our lives of faith. The Trinity is God who loves us deeply and passionately and who desires our love. The Trinity is God being present in our lives even to the end of the age.

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**Communion Song “O Living Breath of God”**  
*(Please remain quiet after singing the hymn)*

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**Blessing**

**Post Communion Prayer**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: AMEN!

**Sending Song “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”**

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C: AMEN

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

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 † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*Gathering Song “Come Join the Dance of Trinity”**

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\*Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

**\*Kyrie**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P: We pray in your name.  
 C: AMEN!

**\*Lord's Prayer**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior taught us:

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**

P: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Lamb of God**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be 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**

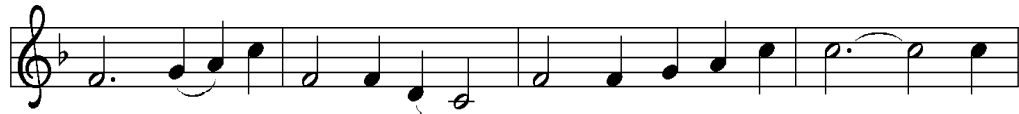
It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that....and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*Words of Institution**

**First Reading: Genesis 1:1--2:4a**

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**Responsive Psalm 8**

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<sup>1</sup>O | LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in-  
| fants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to  
silence the foe | and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers, the moon and the  
stars you have set | in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them, human  
beings that you should | care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less | than divine; with glory and hon- | or you  
crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands; you have put  
all things un- | der their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all | flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts | of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea, and whatever passes along the  
paths | of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O | LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

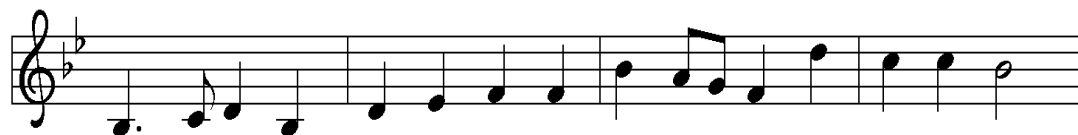
**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

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Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints  
greet you.

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

**\*Alleluia**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

**\*Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

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<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*(After the reading)*

**P:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ!

**Message**

**The Rev. Valerie Anne Strickert**

**Sermon Song**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”**

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**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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 the People**

*(Please respond: Hear our prayer)*

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offering**

*(Please remain quiet during the offering)*

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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