

# **Holy Trinity Sunday**



**June 7, 2020**

# Welcome to *Grace*

We give thanks that you have come to Grace to worship in God's house.

To our guests — We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith yours.

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*At creation God made all that exists out of just his spoken word. He made human beings in his own image and put them just below the angels in a special place in creation as caretakers of the world. When Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection, he entrusted them with a special and particular calling — to share the Good News of Christ with the world he loves and make disciples who do the same.*

### PRELUDE

"O Day of Rest and Gladness" - arr. Janet Linker

Linda Hoch

## **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 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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful Father,  
C **we confess that we are in bondage 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 Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and,  
for his sake, 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.  
C **Amen.**

## **The Gathering**

### **PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN

“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.

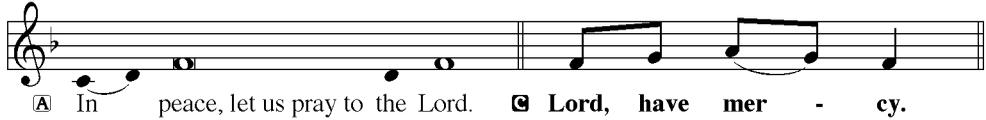
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

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!

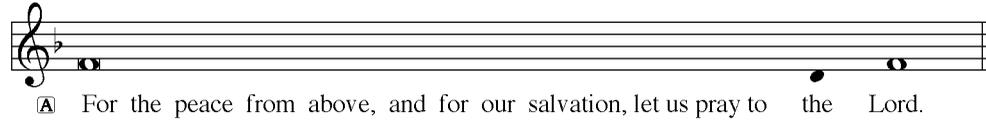
## GREETING

- A 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!**

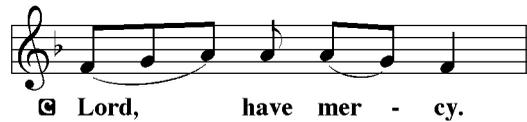
## KYRIE



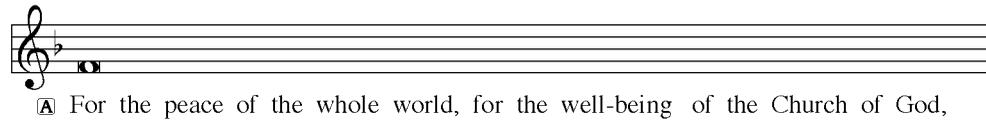
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



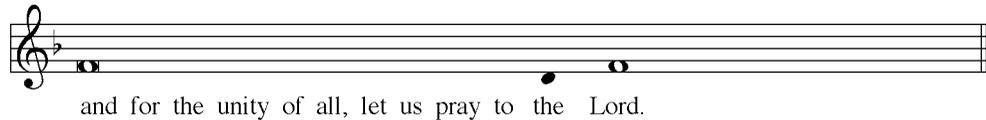
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



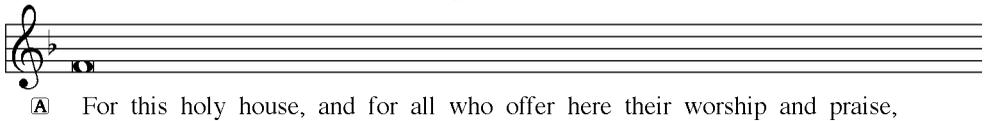
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



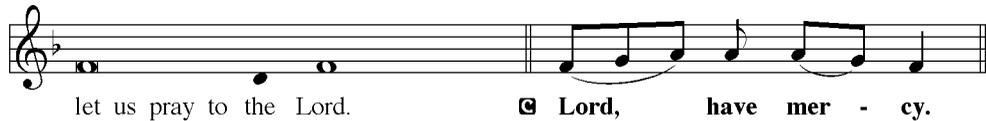
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. C **A - men**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ❶ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ❷ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ❸ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ¶ For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 ¶ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,  
**C** you have given us grace to make the confession of a true faith. We acknowledge your glorious eternal Trinity, and we adore the unity of your majestic work. Defend us by this faith from all adversity and opposition to your way; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## PARISH CONCERNS

### The Word

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

*God created in six days the heavens, earth, seas, and all creatures and called them good. When he created humankind in his own image he called them very good. God gave to the first humans dominion over all that he had made and entrusted them with the care and stewardship of the creation. On the seventh day God rested.*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that

were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. <sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. <sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds — livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>And 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 heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup>And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens 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. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the

seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. <sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created ...

L The word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup>O Lord our Lord,

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

<sup>2</sup>**Out of the mouths of infants and children  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>4</sup>**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

<sup>5</sup>What is man that you should be mindful of him?  
the son of man that you should seek him out?

<sup>6</sup>**You have made him but little lower than the angels;  
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

<sup>7</sup>You give him mastery over the works of your hands;  
you put all things under his feet:

<sup>8</sup>**All sheep and oxen,  
even the wild beasts of the field,**

<sup>9</sup>The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

<sup>10</sup>**O Lord our Lord,  
how exalted is your name in all the world!**

### **SECOND READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

*Peter preached the story of Jesus to the Jews who gathered around him. All who gathered that day were witnesses to Christ's resurrection and sending of the Holy Spirit. The last days arrived and the apostles were given work to do in the name of the one who is the hope of Israel, and the whole world.*

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

<sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right

hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ <sup>29</sup>Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.”’ <sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*As directed, the eleven remaining disciples returned to Galilee where Jesus came among them. By all authority bestowed upon him, Jesus sent his followers out into the world to make disciples of all nations, teaching and baptizing in the name of the Triune God. He promised to be with them always, even to the end of the age.*

<sup>16</sup>The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And 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>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### MESSAGE

Pastor Tom Phillips

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
 bowe are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!”  
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

## **ATHANASIAN CREED**

**A** We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Athanasian Creed.

**C** **Whoever wants to be saved  
should above all cling to the catholic faith.  
Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable  
will doubtless perish eternally.**

**Now this is the catholic faith:**

**We worship one God in trinity  
and the Trinity in unity,  
neither confusing the persons  
nor dividing the divine being.**

**For the Father is one person,  
the Son is another,  
and the Spirit is still another.**

**But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
is one, equal in glory,  
coeternal in majesty.**

**What the Father is,  
the Son is,  
and so is the Holy Spirit.**

**Uncreated is the Father;  
uncreated is the Son;  
uncreated is the Spirit.**

**The Father is infinite;  
the Son is infinite;  
the Holy Spirit is infinite.**

**Eternal is the Father;  
eternal is the Son;  
eternal is the Spirit:**

**And yet there are not three eternal beings,  
but one who is eternal;  
as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings,  
but one who is uncreated and unlimited.**

**Almighty is the Father;  
almighty is the Son;  
almighty is the Spirit:**

**And yet there are not three almighty beings,  
but one who is almighty.**

**Thus the Father is God;  
the Son is God;  
the Holy Spirit is God:**

**And yet there are not three gods,**



but one God.  
Thus the Father is Lord;  
the Son is Lord;  
the Holy Spirit is Lord:  
And yet there are not three lords,  
but one Lord.  
As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge  
each distinct person as God and Lord,  
so catholic religion forbids us  
to say that there are three gods or lords.  
The Father was neither made  
nor created nor begotten;  
the Son was neither made nor created,  
but was alone begotten of the Father;  
the Spirit was neither made nor created,  
but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.  
Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;  
one Son, not three sons;  
one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.  
And in this Trinity, no one is before or after,  
greater or less than the other;  
but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;  
and so we must worship the Trinity in unity  
and the one God in three persons.  
Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.  
It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe  
that our Lord Jesus became flesh.  
For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:  
That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,  
is both God and man.  
He is God, begotten before all worlds  
from the being of the Father,  
and he is man, born in the world  
from the being of his mother—  
existing fully as God,  
and fully as man  
with a rational soul and a human body;  
equal to the Father in divinity,  
subordinate to the Father in humanity.  
Although he is God and man,  
he is not divided,  
but is one Christ.



He is united because God  
     has taken humanity into himself;  
     he does not transform deity into humanity.  
 He is completely one in the unity of his person,  
     without confusing his natures.  
 For as the rational soul and body are one person,  
     so the one Christ is God and man.  
 He suffered death for our salvation.  
 He descended into hell  
     and rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
     and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
 At his coming all people shall rise bodily  
     to give an account of their own deeds.  
 Those who have done good will enter eternal life,  
     those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.  
 This is the catholic faith.  
 One cannot be saved  
     without believing this firmly and faithfully.

## We Worship God Through our Giving

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

Andrew Crist and Martha Crist, Piano duet

"Fairest Lord Jesus"- arr Joel Raney

**CREATE IN ME**

Musical notation for the hymn "Create in Me". The score is written on four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and suitable for piano accompaniment. The lyrics are:

Cre-ate 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 to me the  
 joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy Trinity, you have revealed yourself as one God in three Persons. We praise you for the wonders of Creation, knowing it is to you that we belong. We thank you for coming to us in Christ to redeem us from all that holds us captive. We pray that you would be at work through your Word, so that we would acknowledge and honor you in all that we do. Lord in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Father in heaven, your Son prayed that we may be protected in your name. Protect us today from all calamities and distresses that may befall people in our world, in our nation, in our communities, and in our lives. May we always look to you for health, safety, and healing in your righteous name. Lord in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Eternal God, you are victorious over sin, death, and all that separates us from you. Draw near to all who feel alone in isolation, illness, or suffering especially Grace Sima, Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Shirley Wortman, Janice Hardick, Yvonne Cline, Joan Hassler, Eileen Damm, Chris Figge, Shawn Turnbull, Coleen Wooster, Phyllis Bale, those we name out loud and silently in our hearts.... Fill them with your heavenly presence and remind them of your great mercies and love. Lord in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Lord of the Sabbath, be with all those who are taking time off of work to rest and be regenerated. Help us to hear and know you in our keeping of the Sabbath so that we might be renewed for work in your kingdom. Draw us into all wisdom as we attend to your holy Word in our lives. Lord in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
**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 Sending

### BLESSING

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**C** **Amen.**

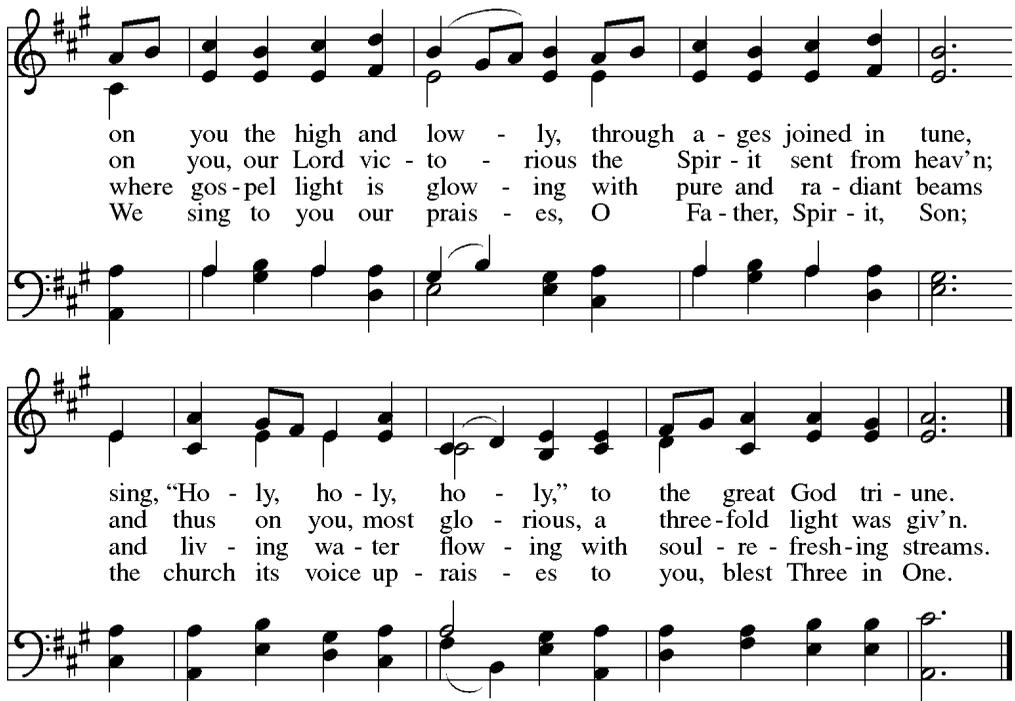
### SENDING HYMN

### "O Day of Rest of Gladness"

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;  
3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n-ly man-na falls;  
4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:  
on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,  
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,  
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;  
where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams  
We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.  
and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three - fold light was giv'n.  
and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.  
the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

**DISMISSAL**

Children            Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C**                        **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

**Linda Hoch**

"Holy, Holy, Holy" - arr. Piet Post

**Today's flowers are given by...**

*Joe and Shirley Moleno in celebration of grandson Brice Graves birthday.*

**Remember in our prayers...** *Grace Sima, Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Shirley Wortman, Janice Hardick, Yvonne Cline, Joan Hassler, Eileen Damm, Chris Figge, Shawn Turnbull, Coleen Wooster, Phyllis Bale*

**Notes & News**

**WELCOME, GUESTS!** We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us.

**Save the Date:** Grace is planning to resume corporate services Sunday, June 21, both 8:15am and 11:00am. More information to come.

**Church Hours:** During this time, access to the church will be restricted so please contact the church office ahead of any visit, 614-882-3026.

**Music at Grace:** Join Lora Moore Fridays at 9:30am for a Facebook Live broadcast at <https://www.facebook.com/GraceEvangelicalLutheranWesterville/> !



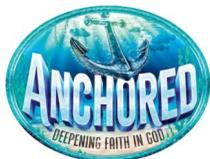
She will be sharing prayer, a short devotion and some singing. Hope you will sing along! Invite your friends and family! Don't worry if you missed last week or don't have FaceBook, it will also be at our website: <https://www.grace43081.org/facebook-live-replays> .

## **YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Vision Statement:** To nurture Youth and Family in Christ through Bible based teaching, music, activities and community outreach.

**"Anchored, Deepening Faith in God"** is this year's Vacation Bible School program. At



Anchored VBS, kids will go on an underwater adventure where they'll discover that God is faithful! This VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch. Cool Bible songs, Sea Crafts, and Bible adventures are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. Participants registering before June 17, 2020 receive an extra surprise in their VBS pack. Due to shipping deadlines we cannot

accept registrations after June 28. We are limiting VBS to 50 kids. To register: [vbspro.events/p/grace43081anchored](https://vbspro.events/p/grace43081anchored)

Registrants will receive an email the week before VBS with VBS packet pick up information.



### **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES**

#### **Eli Christian DeTemple**

Eli is a 2020 graduate of Westerville North High School. He was a three sport athlete in each of his four years as a Warrior and a four year letter winner in Wrestling.

Eli will be attending Bowling Green State University where he plans to Major in Chemistry and Physics Education.

#### **Emma George**

Emma is graduating from Westerville Central High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society. She has been in the Westerville City Schools for her entire schooling, attending Longfellow, Hanby and Genoa Middle School.

Emma ran Cross Country and Track in Middle and High School.

She will be attending the University of Cincinnati in the Fall majoring in Business.

### **Brendan King**

Brendan is graduating from Olentangy Berlin High School.

He played three years of H.S. soccer; two years at Olentangy H.S. and one at Olentangy Berlin. Also four years of club soccer for FC42.

Brendan participated in Teachers Academy his senior year. He will be attending Univ. of Cincinnati this Fall in the College of Arts and Sciences.

### **Abigail Kotik**

Abbie graduated Summa Cum Laude from Miami University at Oxford. Abbie is an early childhood education graduate with 4-5 endorsement. While at Miami she held various leadership positions on the Club swim team and was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Abbie was also was a member of the Urban Cohort and participated in Best Buddies.

## **REACHING OUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY**

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**FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS** *Let all that you do be done in love". (1 Corinthians 16:14)*

### **June Grocery List:**

*Canned chicken/tuna; peanut butter, canned soups, cereal, mac and cheese; spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, frozen chicken or beef, quart Ziploc Bags; shampoo and body wash; diaper sizes 5 & 6; and fresh produce is always welcome, especially early in the week. We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. WHILE THE CHURCH IS CLOSED TO SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES PLEASE TAKE ALL ITEMS DIRECTLY TO W.A.R.M. along with any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products directly to WARM. Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.*

### **Changes for Westerville Habitat Partnership, one of Grace Lutheran's missions:**



Involvement with Westerville Habitat Partnership has changed this year, as many things have changed! Volunteers are unable to help build the Habitat for Humanity Homes, including large groups of corporate volunteers, the ReStore was closed for business so income diminished, and WHP's spring food fundraisers at City BBQ and Panda Express were cancelled, and our summer Tapestry of a Tour in Uptown Westerville has been cancelled

Please help us if you are able! You can do that by donating either (1) in your donations you send to the church in a check made out to Westerville Habitat Partnership, or (2) online on Westerville Habitat Partnership's website.

2020 is going to be a big year for us! Please help us to still make it great despite the cancellation of some of our Fundraisers! We have four families approved and waiting for us to help build their forever homes! They are all living in bad housing situations.....three families overcrowded into tiny apartments or mobile homes and one single woman in a non-handicap apartment although she is confined to living in a wheelchair! Please help us to still help them without our normal fundraisers! Just Donate!

One good news item about WHP is that we are still organizing and planning a Wall Build of a home on Otterbein's campus in August once the Otterbein University students return for the fall semester. This could be a fun family event for you! Look for more news in Grace's bulletin! We will teach you how to handle a hammer! We do not have news about the annual Christmas Concert uptown or the Soup for Shelter dinner at this moment! Contact: Joanne Figge or Lois Rumph

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### Scan to *Simply Give*

This QR code connects you to the mobile version of Grace's online giving page to give you a quick and easy way to access our webpage without having to type out a long web address. Through this link, you can create a one-time or on-going donation and to specify where you want your gift to be applied. The *Simply Giving*® Program (endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union) is an automated stewardship program that helps members give generously. Scan to *Simply Give* today.

**Financial Update:** If you would like a copy of the full monthly Treasurer's report as presented to Council, please reach out to the Treasurer, Melissa Hodek, at [melissa.hodek@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.hodek@gmail.com) and it will be emailed to you.

April 2020	Pledged	Collected	Excess/ (Deficit)
MTD	\$ 36,667	\$ 32,060	\$ ( 4,607)
YTD	\$146,668	\$ 135,335	\$ ( 11,333)

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## Serving Today

PRESIDER/ PREACHER	Pastor Tom Phillips
SENIOR PASTOR	Pastor Nick Hopman
ASSISTING MINISTER	Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Lora Moore
CANTOR	Sue Mahrt
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
PSALM	Dave and Lora Moore
READINGS	Heather Bush
VIDEOGRAPHER/	Eric Bush
PRODUCER	

# *Listening for the Promise*

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

**Holy Trinity Sunday – June 7, 2020**

*“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.” (Matthew 28:20)*

Although the doctrine of the Trinity is a great mystery, it has many practical implications for a Christian worldview. For one thing, it shows us that God is fully personal, and this fact makes Christianity distinct from other religions. Let’s see why this is so.

Essential to personhood is being related to other persons since relationships define who someone is. This is also true for divine persons. The Father is only Father in relation to the Son. The Son is only Son in relation to the Father. And the Holy Spirit is only Holy Spirit as the bond of love between the Father and the Son. Because of these relationships, the triune God is fully personal. He is personal through and through.

In contrast to the Trinity, however, Allah is impersonal since he is unrelated to anyone “prior to” creation. Moreover, in some schools of Hinduism, ultimate reality is explicitly impersonal. Here an impersonal substance creates and destroys the cosmos by cycles of expansion and contraction. Finally, in Buddhism ultimate reality is also explicitly impersonal with an impersonal process replacing the impersonal substance of Hinduism.

In non-Christian religions, an ultimate impersonalism prevails. As a result, personal realities like love, goodness, meaning, purpose, and knowledge have no root in the ultimate level of reality. In Christianity, by contrast, an ultimate personalism prevails since the entire creation is governed by the meaning and purpose of the fully personal, triune God. Hence, it makes sense to speak of personal realities like love, goodness, knowledge, etc. since they are rooted in the ultimate level of being. Of course, non-Christians also believe in these things, but they can do so only because they live in a world that is created and sustained by a fully personal God. So it is that only by faith in the ultimate mystery of the Trinity does created reality become less mysterious for us. This is the Christian worldview.

**Prayer:** Almighty God, cause us to see how your triune nature shapes every aspect of our thought and lives. Amen.

## Go!

*Find the 30 bold words from Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV)*

G S S E B H V M S D J R E G J  
C N M A E A O D E T C E R I D  
C A I A W U P P L B D L S E S  
N R V H N B I T P J Q E V U S  
G E F T C H O X I W V V P O S  
N T A Q S A Q B C Z X E N C E  
R I I R D N E N S W I N Q O E  
N H O L Y Q O T I E Z N D M L  
M W R E H T A F D H R E G M I  
A U T H O R I T Y E T V D A L  
N A T I O N S E I B G L E N A  
A L W A Y S A E U R O A K D G  
N E V I G R Y O M H I B A E A  
A T P D T S D D E O O P M D L  
J B J H F P E B U X S R S L L

**N**ow the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

## Whom You Crucified

*Find the 44 bold words from Acts 2:29-36 (ESV).*

C T H G I R A I S E D N O B F  
D N A H P X D B U S O I U M L  
J I D E R U O P A I P R T O E  
E A V W C T G I T N I I H T S  
S T N A D N E C S E D C R W H  
U R F C D B E H D R R O O I P  
S E O R R R O D P A A R N N T  
W C O R R U P T I O N E E E T  
A L T U O Y C R H F R E L X D  
S E S S E N T I W X N P U A F  
E E T J E A E X F E D O J L A  
R I O K P P R O M I S E C T T  
O H O L Y H S I S N E V A E H  
F P L A S C E N D I E D W D E  
S C H R I S T H A D E S X X R

Brothers, I may say to you with **confidence** about the **patriarch David** that he both **died** and was **buried**, and his **tomb** is with us to this day. Being therefore a **prophet**, and knowing that **God** had **sworn** with an oath to him that he would set **one** of his **descendants** on his **throne**, he **foresaw** and **spoke** about the **resurrection** of the Christ, that he was not **abandoned** to **Hades**, nor did his **flesh** see **corruption**. This **Jesus** God raised up, and of that we all are **witnesses**. Being therefore **exalted** at the **right hand** of God, and having received from the **Father** the **promise** of the **Holy Spirit**, he has **poured out** this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not **ascend** into the **heavens**, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I make your **enemies** your **footstool**.’” Let all the house of **Israel** therefore know for **certain** that God has made him **both Lord and Christ**, this Jesus whom you crucified.

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### Holy Communion

Every Sunday Morning — 8:15 & 11 am

*Join us for fellowship  
and refreshments after  
each service.*



Learning for Children & Youth- 9:30 am  
Learning for Adults— 9:45 am

**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church** has been serving the Westerville community for more than 108 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. Grace also supports Lutheran Social Services programs like Faith Mission and provides weekly meeting space for Boy Scout Troop 007 and three AA groups.

**Vision Statement:** We envision Grace to be a welcoming Christ-centered community of faith, inviting all, growing in discipleship, sharing in ministries.

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community.