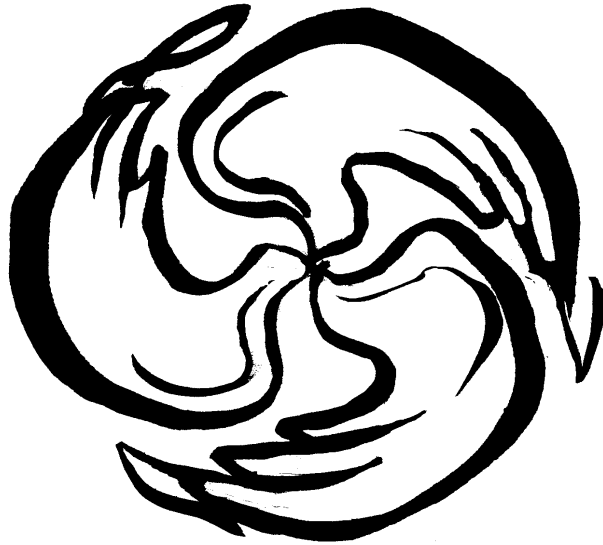


The Holy Trinity

8:00 & 9:30 a.m. May 30, 2021

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dickinson, ND



~ Welcome To Worship ~

Here, God prepares us for a life of
Showing Up With Love for the Neighbor Near and Far

If you are new here, **welcome!** We are so glad you've come to worship in-person or online. If you are worshipping online, you may find it helpful to prepare a worship space around you. Light a candle and gather bread and wine (or juice). If you are in the church building, here are some helpful tips:

Bathrooms are located out the side doors. A handicap bathroom (with a changing table) is across from the nursery.

Children are always welcome. Worship activity bags are in the entryway. The nursery is open but not staffed.

Hearing-impaired. If it is difficult to hear any of the service, please ask an usher for a personal amplifier.

Holy Communion is celebrated at each worship service. The table is open to all who believe in the redeeming power of Christ's love. Please ask the server if you need a gluten-free wafer.

Livestream Worship (9:30 am). Audio / Video are "live" on our Facebook page before and after service. A reminder that conversations may be heard on the internet.

To continue to protect and welcome all people - including people who are most vulnerable to Covid-19, people who cannot access a vaccine, and those for whom the vaccine is not as effective - we ask that all people (vaccinated and unvaccinated) continue to wear a mask while in worship.

Worship all week by liking "Devotions from the Badlands" on Facebook, provided by area ELCA clergy.

St. John's Mission Statement: Living in Service to Christ

Presiding & Preaching: Pastor Joe Natwick

Organists: Cheryl Hewson

- Gathering -

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

A: Amen.

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

L: God, our provider,

A: it is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished by Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

A: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: #412 Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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GREETING

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

A: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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.

A: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD

Refrain *(may be sung continuously)*

Congregation:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. *to Verses*

Verse 1

(Refrain begins)

1. You are God: we praise you. You are Lord;
we ac - claim you. You are God e - ter - nal;
all cre - a - tion wor - ships you. *to Refrain*

Verse 2

(Refrain begins)

2. All the an - gels in the heav - ens chant your
praise in end - less song! Ho - ly, ho - ly,
to Refrain

Verse 3

(Refrain begins)

3. The a - pos - tles all praise you. All the
proph - ets ac - claim you. All the mar - tyrs and your
faith - ful peo - ple wor - ship you. *to Refrain*

Verse 4

(Refrain begins)

4. God, Cre - a - tor, we praise you. Je - sus the
Christ, we a - dore you. Spir - it of the
Liv - ing God, we wor - ship you. *to Refrain*

– Word –

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 (p. 622)

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**²Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.

**⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17 (p. 1030)

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE:

Congregation:

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

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GOSPEL READING: John 3:1-17 (p. 968)

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

A: Glory to you, o Lord

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, o Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Joe Natwick

HYMN OF THE DAY: #548 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture;
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;

from this meal of love and grace;
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
God has called us to re - ceive;
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;

may we through such love en - vi - sion
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion

whose we are, and whose, our praise.
to re - lease and to con - sole.
Spir - it - ed then let us live.
from this day and un - to death.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

God, the won - der of our days.
Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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Today at 9:30 am

**WE CELEBRATE
the BAPTISM of**

**Autumn Alice-
Rae Buzalsky,**

Daughter of
Samantha &
Trevor Buzalsky.

*Sponsors are Allie
Schmidt, Kelsie &
Skylar Schaefer*

HYMN #677 This Little Light of Mine vs 1 (9:30 am)

**This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,**

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

APOSTLES CREED (9:30 am)

**A: 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**

NICENE CREED (8:00 am)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayer response: L: Lord in your mercy,

A: Hear our prayer

SHARING THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

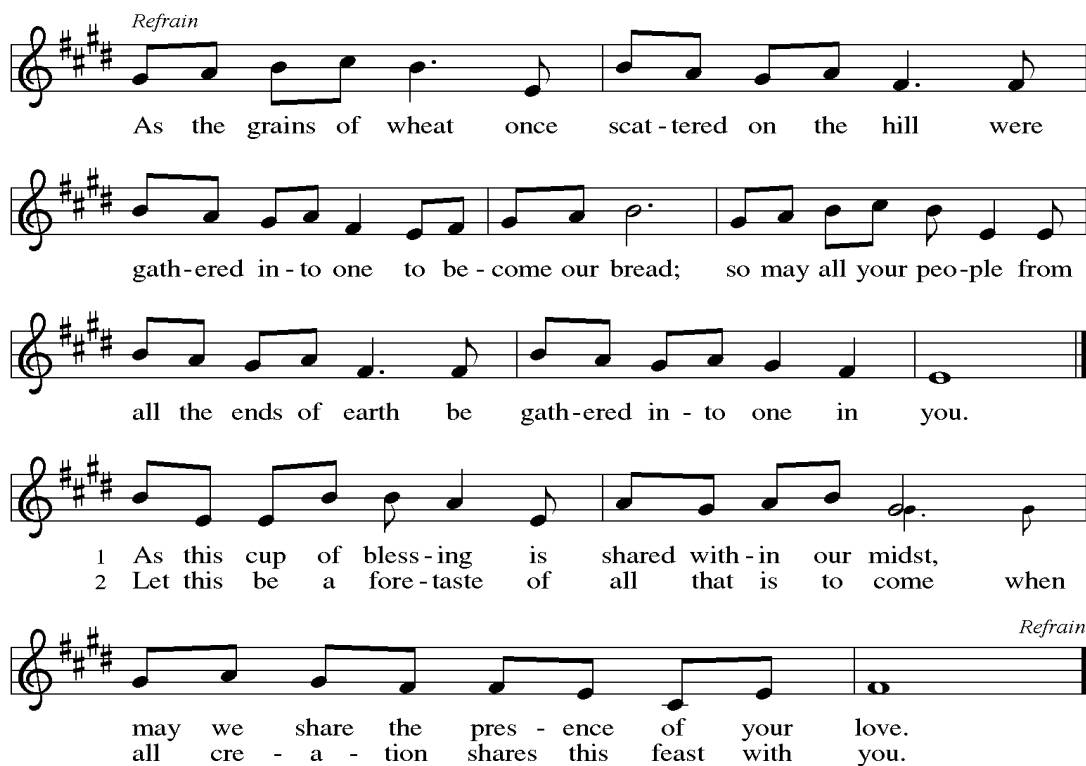
- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: #465 As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

A: Amen.



SCAN ME

to make an
electronic
contribution!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

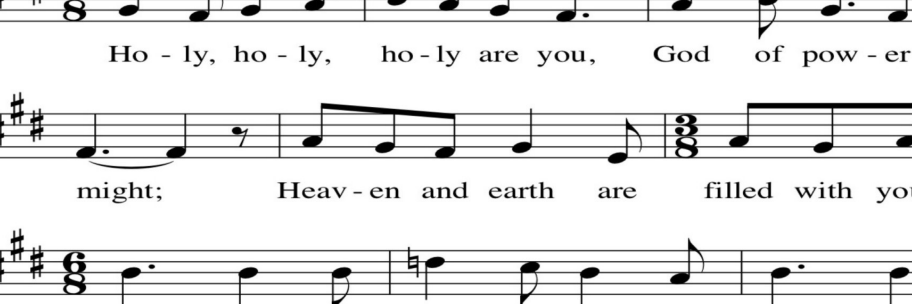
right to give God thanks and praise.

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L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

Congregation:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

- Distribution of Bread & Wine -



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
 3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
 4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

A: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Thanks Be to You



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



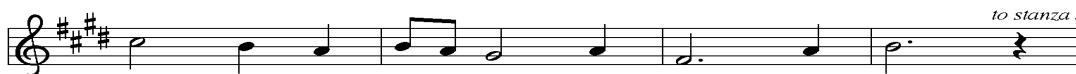
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



The risen Christ
invites us to this
table.
Come, eat and be
satisfied.

Please extend your hands to receive the sacrament or fold your hands for a blessing.

All are welcome to feast at the table



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sending -

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

BLESSING

Presider: May God bless and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor and ☩ give us peace.

Presider: *Congregation:*

— give us peace. A - men.

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU TO THE WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Assisting Ministers: 8:00 am Michael Stevenson 9:30 am Kayla Begger
Ushers: 8:00 am 9:30 am JD Thatcher

Camera: 9:30 am Jackson Halvorson

WHAT'S COMING UP ...

- Are you a visitor?
- Interested in becoming a member?
- Need to talk with a pastor or update your information?

June 4th: Western ND Synod Assembly in Minot, ND. Voting delegates who will represent St. John are Seth Poland, Ashley Poland, Gene Johnson & Lorie Johnson.

SUMMER WORSHIP: We will continue the current worship schedule -

Sundays 8:00 am (onsite)
9:30 am (onsite, livestream, KDIX radio)

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: We will begin our "Summer Hours" on June 1st -

Monday—Thursday 9:00 am—12:00 pm | 1:00 pm—4:00 pm

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