

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am June 4, 2023

Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.

Holy Trinity Sunday



Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

Based on Psalm 8

Pastor O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
All **Whose glory is set above the heavens.**

Pastor When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
All **the moon and the stars you have established,**

Pastor Who are we that you should be so mindful of us?
All **Who are we that you should care for us?**

Pastor You have made us little less than divine;
All **with glory and honor you crown us.**

Pastor You have us to rule over the works of your hands;
All **You have put all things under our feet.**

Pastor O LORD our Lord,
All **how majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen! Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG

Celebrate the Lord of Love

WORDS and MUSIC: Paul Baloché, Ed Kerr

♩=116-124

E A2 B E

Trade your heav - y heart for a heart of joy;

A2 B

cel - e - brate what God has done.

E A2 B E

Join the song of praise as we gath - er here;

A2 B E A2 B

cel - e - brate the Lord of Love. Je - sus is our Lord;

E A2 B

he is reign - ing here. We de - clare, "His king -

E A2 B E

dom's come." Dark - ness has to flee in his ho - ly light;

A2 B E *Fine*

cel - e - brate the Lord of Love.

A B E A B E

All cre - a - tion sings; hear the o - cean roar.

C#/E# F#m7 B7sus *D.C. al Fine*

Let the earth pro - claim that Christ is Lord.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor We are called to follow Christ. We are called to obey Jesus' commandment to love one another. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

All **Loving God,
we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts.
Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness,
that we may be filled with your joy.**

Pastor The promise of our faith is that we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of the Church of Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered to be witnesses of God's love that we know through his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Please stand and sing.

Text: James Tallman
Music: anonymous
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What a mighty word God gives

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has a D major chord above it. The second staff has A/F# and Bm7 chords above it. The third staff has G/A, D, and G/E chords above it. The fourth staff has D/F#, G, D/A, A7, and D chords above it. The lyrics are: 'What a mighty Word God gives! When he speaks, our faith is fed. Give us, Lord, our dai - ly bread. God sent us the on - ly Son, who for us the vic - try's won. What a mighty Word God gives!'

What a mighty Word God gives!

What a mighty Word God gives!

When he speaks, our faith is fed. Give us, Lord, our dai - ly bread.
God sent us the on - ly Son, who for us the vic - try's won.

What a mighty Word God gives!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.
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.

All **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ THE WORD +

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

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

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.

Reader Word of God, word of life.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] 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.

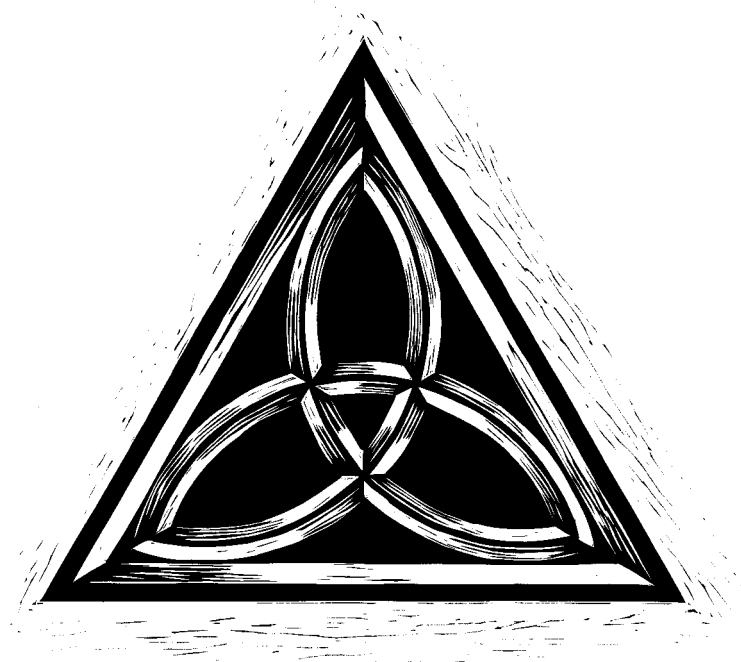
Reader Word of God, word of life.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and sing.

Wind of the Spirit

Wind of the Spir - it, move fresh as we wor - ship and
fill us with hope ev - 'ry day.
Breath of cre - a - tion, blow life in our be - ing, and
gift us with pur - pose, we pray; so our
life is filled with mean - ing, and love is what we're breath - ing in the
wind of the Spir - it, wind of the Spir - it.

Text: Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami
Music: WIND OF THE SPIRIT, Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami



Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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."

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

God Created the Heavens and the Earth
Pastor Sandy Kessinger

Please stand and sing.

Oh, Come, Let Us Sing

Refrain



Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for

Last time to coda ⊕



joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion! Oh, come, let us sing to the



Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion!



1 Oh, come, of - fer thank - ful - ness to God. Let us
2 Your hands hold the cav - erns of the earth, and the
3 Oh, come, let us wor - ship and bow down; let us



raise a glad shout to God with psalms. For the
heights of the hills be - long to you. Your
kneel be - fore our cre - a - tor, God. We are



Lord is a great and might - y God rul - ing
hands have cre - a - ted the vast sea, and you
yours, the . . . peo - ple of your field and the

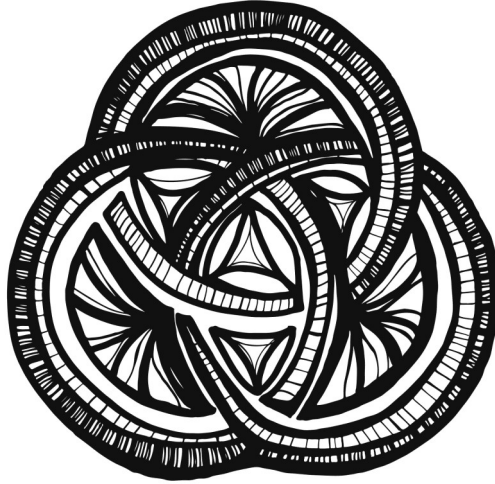
Refrain ⊕ *Coda*



high o - ver all.
formed the dry land. our sal - va - tion!
sheep of your hand.

Text: "Venite," Psalm 95:1-7a, adapt. Ben Houge
Music: ORLANDO VENITE, Ben Houge

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NICENE CREED

Asst. Min. With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Congregation **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

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:

Asst. Min. God, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayer:

Pastor Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
All Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Pastor May the peace of the Lord be with you always.
All And also with you.

Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."

Sit

+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Offering plates are found at the front of the worship space by the baptismal font and in the back of the church as you leave our worship space. Please give as you are able.

Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.

OFFERING MUSIC

"10,000 Reasons" by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman, Youth Choir

OFFERTORY

We are an offering

Text and music: Dwight Liles
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The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.' Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, C², Dm⁷, C²/E, C/E on the first staff; F, C/E, Dm⁷, Dm⁷/G, C on the second staff. There are triplets of eighth notes in the second staff.

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray.
All **Holy God, you abide with your creation
and in Jesus Christ, you gather us at your table.
As you stayed with your disciples for an evening meal,
so now stay with us.
As we receive these gifts of bread and wine,
open our hearts to share what we have received,
the abiding love of Jesus, our risen Savior.
Amen.**

+ COME TO THE TABLE +

Pastor Friends in Christ, this joyful feast unites us.
God has gathered all his people from around the world to commune at his table.
All **And so we come from the East
and from the West,
from the North
and from the South.**

Pastor The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts,
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
All **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.**

Pastor Come, for all is now ready.
Please sit.

INVITATION TO COMMUNE

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine are invited to come forward for a blessing.

You are an important part of our faith community.

For those taking Holy Communion:

Pastor will give verbal instructions on how Holy Communion will be distributed.

All sing.

White As Snow

Leon Olguin

B \flat /C F Dm

White as snow, white as snow, though my

Gm⁷ C⁷_{sus} C⁷ C⁷_{sus} F

sins were as scar - let, Lord, I know, Lord, I know -

Dm Gm⁷ C⁷_{sus} C⁷

that I'm clean and for - giv - en. Through the

F²/A B \flat 2

pow - er of Your blood, through the

F²/A B \flat 2

won - der of Your love, through

Dm⁷ Gm⁷ C⁹_{sus}

faith in You I know that I can be

C C⁷_{sus} F

white as snow.

Please stand.

Pastor

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood,
strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

All

Amen.

PRAYER

Asst. Min.

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All

Amen.

+ THE SENDING +

BENEDICTION

Pastor

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

All

Amen.

SENDING SONG

All sing.

The River Is Here

Revelation 22:1

$\text{♩} = 120$ *With energy*

E (no3) E (no3)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in the key of E major (indicated by four sharps: F#, C#, G#, D#) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as 120 beats per minute with the instruction 'With energy'. The score begins with a repeat sign and a key signature change to E major. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. Above the staff, the letters 'A', 'E', 'B', and 'E' are placed above groups of notes, likely indicating chord progressions. The lyrics are written below the staff, with two verses. The first verse is '1. Down the moun - tain the riv - er flows, and it' and the second is '(2.) riv - er of God is teem-ing with life;'. The melody continues with more notes and rests, with the letters 'A', 'E', 'B', and 'E' appearing again above the staff. The lyrics continue: 'brings re - fresh - ing wher - ev - er it goes. all who touch it can be re - vived, and'. The melody then continues with the letters 'A', 'E', 'B', and 'E' above the staff. The lyrics continue: 'Through the val - leys and o - ver the fields the those who lin - ger on this riv - er's shore will'. The final line of the melody has the letters 'A', 'E', 'B', and 'E' above the staff. The lyrics conclude with: 'riv - er is rush-ing and the riv - er is here. The come back thirst - ing for more of the Lord. The'.

1. Down the moun - tain the riv - er flows, and it
(2.) riv - er of God is teem-ing with life;

brings re - fresh - ing wher - ev - er it goes.
all who touch it can be re - vived, and

Through the val - leys and o - ver the fields the
those who lin - ger on this riv - er's shore will

riv - er is rush-ing and the riv - er is here. The
come back thirst - ing for more of the Lord. The

riv - er of God sets our feet a - danc - ing; the
 riv - er of God fills our hearts with cheer. The
 riv - er of God fills our mouths with laugh - ter, and
 we re - joice for the riv - er is here.
 2. The 3. Up
 to the moun - tain we love to go to find the pres - ence
 of the Lord. A - long the banks of the riv - er we run; we
 dance with laugh - ter giv - ing praise to the Son. The
 CODA
 riv - er is here, and we re - joice for the riv - er is here.

DISMISSAL

Asst. Min.

All

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE**

*Please join the Redeemer family outside Crossroads foyer area
for fellowship and refreshments.*

Authority and Assurance

When the eleven disciples arrived at the mountain to which Jesus had directed them, they might have been surprised or overwhelmed by his commission to make disciples, baptize, and teach.

At first glance, this description of their future ministry maybe felt like a tall order. But remember, they'd been watching and learning. And on either side of these ministry specifics are promises they surely found comforting: first authority, then assurance. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18), Jesus said. This is authority in the best sense of the word, offered with confidence, love, and respect. The disciples are empowered to do the ministry Jesus is asking of them. And next, they are given assurance in these final words from Jesus, which serve as a benediction—"I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20). Whatever the outcome—trials, or joys that come along the way as they disciple, baptize, and teach—Jesus will be present with them.

This call is not just for the eleven but for us as well. We are called to heal the brokenhearted, care for the earth, and work for peace in the world. This commission comes to us in baptism. And having been baptized in the name of the triune God whom we celebrate this festive day, the newly baptized—whether child or adult—is presented to the assembly and welcomed into the mission we share, invited to join in "giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world" (ELW, p. 231).

Jesus sends the disciples from the mountain, and sends us empowered with the same authority and assurance that we do not go alone.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship.

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Sunday Services

9:45 am for the contemporary service and 8:30 am and 11 am for traditional services

Next Sunday's Scripture:

Hosea 5:15-6:6 Psalm 50:7-15 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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