

**“Holy,
holy, holy
is the Lord God
Almighty,
who was,
and is, and is
to come.”**

Revelation 4:8

July 18, 2021

**8th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m.**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Week 1 of the Book of Revelation Sermon Series

God the Creator

Revelation's vision of the heavenly throne room now introduces people to God, who is the Creator. The scene pictures a rightly ordered universe in which God is at the center. Around the throne are four living creatures, who represent the created order. The creatures' faces are those of a wild and a domestic animal, a bird, and a human being. The one with the human face does not take the central place of God, but with all creation joins in praise of God. The elders are the heavenly representatives of the community of faith. As they cast down their crowns before the throne, they recognize that God and not the elders is Lord of all. God is praised for being the Creator of all things.

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Those present may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the leader begins.

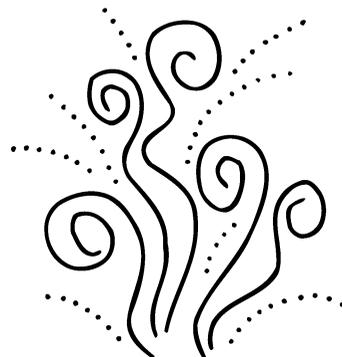
In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

A reading from the Psalms: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace. (*Psalm 29:3, 11*)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.



Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.

Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.

You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters:

Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well.

The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.

Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.

Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.

Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Opening Hymn – *Be Not Afraid*

Hymn text can be found on page 15 of today's bulletin.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-27

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So 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. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And 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, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ 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." ²¹ 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. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.



²⁴ 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. ²⁵ 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.

²⁶ 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."

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm – Shepherd Me, O God

Psalm text can be found on page 16 of today's bulletin.

Second Reading: Revelation 4:1-11

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." ²At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

"Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come."

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

¹¹"You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 17:1-5

The holy Gospel according to John the 17th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**Children's Sermon****Sermon****Hymn of the Day – *Come to Me*****Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

Offering Prayer

As a parent accepts the earnest gift of a child, accept now the offerings we bring to you, out of love and hope for the healing of the world. In the name of our savior, we pray.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.

Blessing

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✝ be upon you now and forever.

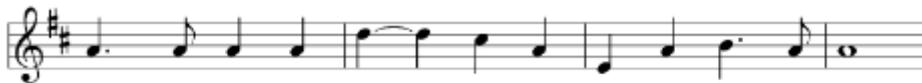
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy



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 made blind by sin 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!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Interim Pastor	Rev. Dave Daubert
Deaconess	Andrea Delaney
Guest Leader	Chaplain David Rohlwing
Organist	Matthew Wahl
Guest Soloist	Robert Balsamo
Radio Host	Frank Imhoff

Special Offerings

Radio Hour	Is sponsored by Jean Goodwin in celebration of her 90 th Birthday.
Altar Flowers	Are sponsored by Jerry & Diane Helland in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary on July 16.

Note on Special Offerings

Please consider sponsoring Radio Hour (\$100), 7-Day Candle (\$8), Bulletins (\$25), or the Newsletter (\$50). **The Radio, printed bulletins for those who aren't online & unable to attend in person and the Newsletter are vital communication ministries during this time!**

We are still asking everyone to wear a mask in the building (*out of concern for those who haven't received the vaccine yet, especially those under 16*). Also please continue to wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer provided, and observe the blue marks on the pews. Thank you!

Pastoral Care

If you need pastoral care please reach out to Chaplain David Rohlwing or Deaconess Andrea Delaney.

Chaplain David: home 847-695-2745 or email: dwrohlwing@att.net

Deaconess Andrea: cell 847-504-7029 or deaconessandrea@holytrinityelgin.com

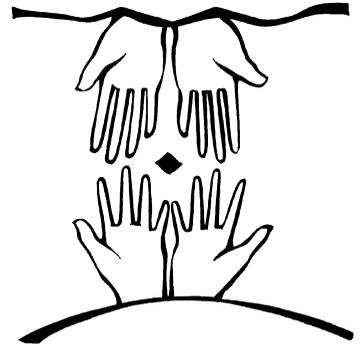
Church office: 847-742-2025

Our Tithes & Offerings

When we practice gratitude, we begin to understand that everything is a gift from God and we can praise God for the gifts we have received which, in turn, leads us to be generous stewards of those gifts. As we seek to gather an offering for the mission of Holy Trinity in these times, we thank you for your sustained giving and support!

Ways to Give to Holy Trinity

1. Drop your donation into the offering plate before or after worship
2. Mail a check to the church
3. Give online through our website: holytrinityelgin.com
4. Give+ through Vanco – sign up on your phone (it's an APP)
5. Simply Giving – call the church to get signed up for a regular offering



Regular Offering last week was \$5,225

Announcements

Caring Team

Coffee and Treats and a Short Meeting **Wednesday July 21 @ 10:00 a.m.** at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. RSVP Mary or Bruce Cook

National Night Out

Tuesday August 3 @ 5:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. All are invited! Donations of cans of pop (Coke, Diet, Sprite) are appreciated.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Elgin Area Alzheimer's Association Support Group meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 10:30. Our support group provides a safe place for caregivers, family, and friends of persons with dementia to: Develop a support system; Exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and possible solutions; Talk through issues and ways of coping; Share feelings, needs and concerns and Learn about community resources.

If you feel you can benefit from this support group contact Chaplain Dave at dwrohlwing@att.net or 847-695-2745.

Summer Visioning Work

To be a part of building the future, it helps to have some idea of where God is leading us. We can never know everything about it – some of it becomes visible only as it happens. But vision work is still an important part of what it means to be the church. As scripture reminds us, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

As we work through the next phase of the interim work here, we want to spend time thinking and dreaming about God's dream for our ministry together. That vision is grounded in scripture, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and connects with the context in which we find ourselves called to join in with God at work in the world.

To do this well, we want to involve as many people in this as want to be involved. That means inviting each of you to set aside some time to join in a group event where we ask some key questions and listen to your responses. We hope to do so in a way that encourages us to listen to God together. This will help us all discern what might be next for our congregation.

There will be one more listening session on **Saturday, July 30th at 9:00am** at Holy Trinity.

You are invited to participate if you have not already done so. These sessions will give us a chance to explore what we hear God saying to us as a congregation, how we are being called to participate in God's ongoing work in Christ, and share a vision of what we believe God is calling us into in our next chapter of ministry moving forward.

Holy Trinity Ministry Calendar

- Sun 7/18** Congregational Forum – 10:30 am in the Sanctuary & On-line
Soup Kettle – 2pm Set up; 5:30 dinner in Lind Hall
- Tue 7/20** Church Council Meeting – 6:00pm in Community Center.
- Fri 7/23** Soup Kettle – 2pm Set up; 5:30 dinner in Lind Hall
- Sat 7/24** Worship Service at 5:00 PM – Inside
- Sun 7/25** Worship Service at 9:30 am
In Person: Sanctuary Radio: WRMN 1410 AM Live Stream:
holytrinityelgin.com
Soup Kettle – 2pm Set up; 5:30 dinner in Lind Hall
- Tue 7/27** Quilting Group – 9:00am to Noon in Lind Hall
- Wed 7/28** Children & Youth Summer Ministry 10:00 – 11:30 outside
Alzheimer’s Support Group Meeting – 10:30am
Contact Chaplain Dave at dwrohlwing@att.net or 847-695-2745
Communication Team Meeting – 6:00pm
- Tue 8/3** National Night Out – 5:00 p.m.



Upcoming Commemorations

July 22 - Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

July 23 - Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.

Be Not Afraid

1 You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words to foreign men
And they will understand
You shall see the face of God and live

Refrain:

Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest

2 If you pass through raging waters in the sea
You shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames
You shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell
And death is at your side
Know that I am with you through it all

Refrain

3 And blessed are your poor
For the kingdom shall be theirs
Blest are you that weep and mourn
For one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of me
Blessed, blessed are you

Refrain

Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

- 1** God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*
- 2** Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain*
- 3** Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*
- 4** You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain*
- 5** Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

