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The Holy Trinity

“PRAISE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST”

*Whoever you are...
Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...
YOU are WELCOME here!*

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Gathering Music

Our celebration begins with this morning's pre-service music selection. Use this time to prepare your heart for worship by reading and meditating on the lessons for today.



Invocation and Prayer

Introduction of Today's Theme

Leader: In the Gospel of Matthew, the risen Jesus is worshipped by His disciples. Jesus states that all authority has been given to Him. Jesus gives them the "Great Commission," to make disciples of all nations. And in this command, the Trinity is there, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And Jesus makes a tremendous promise: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign God, You are neither made nor fashioned by anyone. Wonderful beyond measure, You are faithful, Father, servant Son, and enlivening Spirit.

All: Holy Father, send Your Holy Spirit to us who know not how to pray as we ought, that He may help us in our frailty.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, that we may show Your fruit in our lives: charity, peace, equanimity, kindness, generosity, long-suffering, patience, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity.

All: Father of all powerful, You have sent the Spirit of Your Son into our hearts, so that we cry: Abba, Father, make us submissive to Your Spirit, that we may be Your heirs, and co-heirs with Jesus.

Leader: Let us pray: O God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in whose name we are baptized and into whose fellowship we have been received. We cling in faith to You, the only God. We praise You, dear Father, for having loved us and sent Your Son to die for our sins. We praise You, dear Jesus, for having redeemed us from our sins by sacrificing Yourself for us. We praise You, Holy Spirit, for having sanctified us, for You gave us faith and through faith cleansed us from sin. O Triune God, enable us always to believe and obey, and to worship and confess You; Creator, Redeemer and Sanctified, one God, eternal and all-glorious forever. Amen.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Leader: Lord, we confess.

All: Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to You that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, Lord. We have been deaf to Your call to serve, as Jesus served us. We have not been true to the mind of Jesus. We have grieved Your Holy Spirit.

Leader: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done, for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, for all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us. Restore us, good Lord, and let Your anger depart from us; Favorably hear us, for Your mercy is great. Accomplish in us the work of Your salvation, that we may show forth Your glory in the world.



Opening Song: "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" – LW #290

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD *(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGE 7-8)*



First Reading: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

Reader: This is God's Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11 – 13

Reader: This is God's Word.

All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16 – 20

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.



Song of the Day: "Holy Holy, Holy" – LW #168

Message: "Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost" – Pastor Tom Hurley

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

† Apostles Creed – *(All speak together)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers – Congregation response, “Hear our prayer.”

Offering – The offering plate is by the door as you exit today.

Lord’s Prayer:

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.



WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE

Closing Litany:

Leader: We worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their essence.

All: For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, and that of the Holy Spirit still another. But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty co-eternal.

Leader: What quality the Father has, the Son has, and the Holy Spirit has. The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, the Holy Spirit is uncreated.

All: The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable, the Holy Spirit is immeasurable. The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal. And yet there are not three eternal beings; there is but one eternal being.

Leader: Thus, the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. The Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord.

All: Nothing in this trinity is before or after, nothing is greater or smaller; in their entirety the three persons are co-eternal and co-equal with each other.

Leader: My Lord and my God! Amen!

Benediction

Leader: As our services comes to a close today, may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Closing Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” – LW #451

Announcements

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FORUM – No Adult Forum Monday. Adult Forum will resume the following Monday.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD TODAY: **SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:**

Lay Leader: Nelson Gremmels
Comm. Assistant: *No Comm**
Ushers/Greeter: Chuck & Elfi Bakken
Reader: Diana Goebel
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: *Cecilia Bowman**
Counter: Chuck Bakken
Fellowship: Diana Goebel

Lay Leader: Nelson Gremmels
Comm. Assistant: *No Comm**
Usher/Greeter: John & Gail Hutson
Reader: Doug Holm
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: *Daina Vitols**
Counter: Shirley Gremmels
Fellowship: John & Gail Hutson

**No Communion on these Sundays. Altar person will fill the candles on the Altar, change and light the hanging candle.*

BIRTHDAY: Xanthia Warren

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: None

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Dwight & Joseph Worthington (*Grandsons of the Bakken's*), Esteban Ramirez (*Grandson of Mercedes See*), and 1st Lt. Charles Gremmels (*Son of Tom & Kevin Gremmels and Grandson of Nelson & Shirley*).



SURGERY/ILLNESS/PRAYER REQUEST:

Jules Schindler – He is suffering from dementia and hallucinations. Pray for Elena as she takes care of him.

Fern Johnson – Continued prayers for her asthmatic condition, and prayers for her daughter, **Jerda's**, hip problem. Jerda will receive hip surgery in June.

Lance Desmond – Prayers for healing from recent medical procedure, and for a kidney replacement, as he continues dialysis.

Dan Bastien – Prayers for healing and recovery from double knee surgery.

Kathleen Miller – Prayers for recovery after spinal stenosis surgery.

Ken Benson – Prayers to heal his broken shoulder, and continued healing from cancer.

Carmen Roncancio – Prayer for God to provide peace of mind and a resolution for her family.

Alberta Winterboer – Suffered a stroke and is recovering (*Brigitte's ex-Mother-in-law*).

Xanthia Warren – Prayers for sustaining health.

Mike Gremmels – Prayers for successful recovery after surgeries.

Bret Winterboer – Prayers for continued strength, recovering from stroke (*Brigitte's son & Ken's grandson*).

First Reading: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

In the very first chapters of the Bible, the creation of heaven and earth, and all that is in them, is described. It is notable that the Spirit of God is recognized in verse 2, hovering over the waters. The Trinity can begin to be recognized also, in verse 26, when the plural is used for God when describing the creation of man. God recognizes all He created as very good, and He rests on the seventh day.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. ³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. ⁶ And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. ⁹ And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from 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 water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in

our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” ²⁹ Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. ⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11 – 13

We must be a people of encouragement who seek out restoration in times of disunity. We are the children of God, so may God fill us with His love and peace.

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³ All God’s people here send their greetings.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16 – 20

In the Gospel of Matthew, the risen Jesus is worshipped by his disciples. Jesus states that all authority has been given to him. Jesus gives them the “Great Commission,” to make disciples of all nations. And in this command, the Trinity is there, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And Jesus makes a tremendous promise- I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”