



*Evangelical Lutheran
Church of the Holy Trinity*

*The Holy Trinity
May 30, 2021*

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

Procedure for Communing: We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

(The assembly faces the cross at the rear of the church for procession.)

Opening 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!

Apostolic Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

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.

Amen.

A reading from Isaiah 6:1-8:

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5 And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

(Saturday psalm will be spoken responsively, Sunday psalm will be sung responsively by Cantor and congregation.)

- 1 Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- 6 the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- 8 The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**
- 9 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as sovereign for- | evermore.**
- 11 O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

A reading from Romans:

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – 13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

**Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
God’s glory fills the whole earth.**

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel.)

1 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.
2 He 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.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 4 Nicodemus 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?” 5 Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 8 The 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.” 9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

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

16 “For 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.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

God Loved the World

(The congregation may sing the entire hymn.)

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Nicene Creed

With the whole Church in Christ, we confess our faith.

**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

A: Let us come before the triune God in prayer, responding, “Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

(Brief silence)

A: We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; for our pastors, musicians and other leaders; for our Reformed: Always Reforming committee that is moving with the Spirit in renewing the face of Holy Trinity. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. We pray for those places that we love to go -- Pymatuning, Lake Erie, the Allegheny River, Kinzua, the Allegheny National Forest. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. We pray especially for the strife between Israel and Palestine. Open our eyes to the humanitarian crisis there. We pray for those who lead, around the world. Give them hearts to serve. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD or any other mental health concerns. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for this worshiping community, that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith. We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Are there others for whom we should pray?

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

C: **Amen.**

Peace

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

Meal

Music as the meal is prepared

Interlude on *Rockingham*

(Near)

(The assembly stands. The deacon, on behalf of the people, prays.)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you open your hand, filling our lives with all good things and renewing the face of the earth. We offer these gifts in thanksgiving for all that we have received from your bounty. Accept them for the sake of him who offered his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are indeed holy,
almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty
of your glory.

You so loved the world
that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone
who believes in him
may not perish
but have eternal life.
We give you thanks
for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things
for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Breaking of Bread

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

Communion of the Faithful

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(Following the Communion the assembly stands for the blessing.)

Music during communion

Appointed hymns

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

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.

Amen.

Sending

Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

(The congregation may sing the entire hymn.)

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,
 bove 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.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Finale on *Grosser Gott*

(arr. Bish)



Serving Tonight

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Pianist Maidene Hackett
Liturgical Deacon Barbara Swartz

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist Maidene Hackett
Cantor Mary Beth Bradley
Liturgical Deacon Linda Armstrong
Communion Assistant Alyssa Martin
Lector Judi Moinet
Acolyte Jackson Weaver
Head Usher Judy Leary
Altar Guild Marj Stubert
Mary Beth Bradley

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Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Martin Roth, Pastor Emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
The Rev. Brian Riddle, Thiel College Campus Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

Attendance at the Saturday, May 22, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Service: 23. Attendance at the Sunday, May 23, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Service: 85. Total: 108.

Columbarium Flowers

The flowers in the columbarium have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband Bud by Louise Gilmore.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, May 30, 2021, *The Holy Trinity*

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, May 31, 2021

Memorial Day (Office closed)

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Scholarship Deadline

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion

Thursday, June 3, 2021

10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Saturday, June 5, 2021

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
(with prayer for healing)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 6, 2021, *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, June 7, 2021

7:00 p.m. Property Committee

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion

Council reports due today

Thursday, June 10, 2021

10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion

5:00 p.m. Officers' Planning Meeting

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

8:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Friday, June 11, 2021

Northwestern PA Synod Assembly, Virtual

Saturday, June 12, 2021

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Office Coverage Needed

I am looking for office coverage for the week of Monday, June 14 through Friday, June 18.

The days are broken down into 2 shifts - 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Duties include answering the phone and assisting members or visitors that stop in.

If you are a member and would be interested in volunteering for a shift, please call me at 724-588-8870 or email me at holytrinitygreenville@verizon.net

Thank you in advance for helping me have time away. *Tammy*

Lutherlyn Camperships

Camperships are offered to our members to spend a week at Camp Lutherlyn this summer. **It's now time to register for camp.** A \$250.00 Campership, approximately half of the cost of basic camp, will be provided for all Holy Trinity campers. You are asked to visit www.lutherlyn.com for dates, prices, details, and registration. For additional information please call 724-865-2161 or registrar@lutherlyn.com.

Holy Trinity Graduates to be Honored June 13

On **Sunday, June 13**, we will recognize and honor our graduates of High School, College, and Graduate Programs. Because of COVID concerns, however, gathering and eating at the same time in such a crowded space is not advisable. Therefore, as a congregation we will have the opportunity to greet and congratulate our guests of honor immediately after worship in the narthex, after which the graduates and their families will be invited downstairs to Trinity Hall for a cake reception. Thank you for your understanding about this.

Good Shepherd May Request

The Good Shepherd Center is our church community social service agency that supports the needs of many in the area. The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **May is peanut butter or breakfast foods.** Donations may be taken direct to the Food Pantry or placed in the marked box in the cloister.

Second Mile Giving for May – Lutherlyn Camperships

In May, we are seeking to assure that no child will ever be turned away from Lutherlyn due to financial circumstances. This is possible through support for the Campership program.

Lutherlyn combines the love of God, fun, friends, Bible study, worship, opportunities to hear the Word of God in exciting ways, and a few surprises into unforgettable Life Changing Adventures in Faith. Their gals are to provide the highest quality programs possible, to serve all community income levels, and to preserve camp for generations to come.

You may place your contribution in the offering plate in an envelope clearly marked, “Second Mile Giving.” All Second Mile contributions received during the month of May will be given to the designated cause.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before your call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Donnie L. (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)	Jim
Donald (cousin of Fran Black)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Jerry Smith	John L (father of Catherine Mott)
Dan (friend of Carol and Bonnie Long)	Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
Aaron (friend of Dave and Judy Leary)	Carl
Bruce (brother-in-law of Mary Reames)	Paul
Irlean (mother of Billie Hollenbaugh)	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)
Donnie K. (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift)	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)
Marie (sister-in-law of Henry and Ruth Heil)	
Lori McCann	

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Kate (Zgnoc) Slack (friend of Paul and Sue Bittler)
Betty Good
Kevin Crose (friend of Carol and Bonnie Long)
Bruce Reames (brother-in-law of Mary Reames)

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)
Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)
Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)
CDR Ryan Leary, USN, Operation Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)
Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)