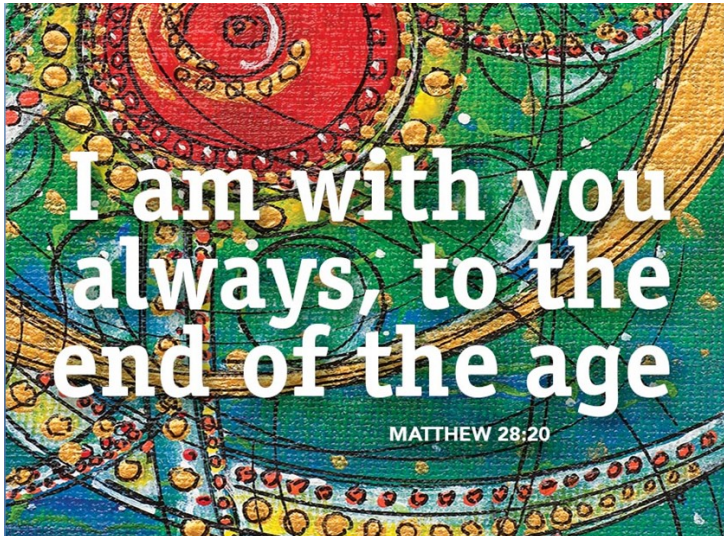


The Holy Trinity

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 7, 2020



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

408 NORTH SIXTH STREET, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA 16601

(814) 943-3972 | PASTOR HESS (814) 695-8346

E-MAIL OFFICE@TRINITYALTOONA.COM



VISIT TRINITY ONLINE

TrinityAltoona.com | Facebook.com/TrinityAltoona

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.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Every Member Ministers
Elizabeth Hess Pastor
Ralph Grove Organist
Cindy Finnegan Minister of Music



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-WORSHIP MEDITATION:

PASTOR: Let us read together Mark 12:28-31 (the Jesus Rule)

ALL: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.

PASTOR: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

PRELUDE

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

*GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray....

C: 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.

FIRST LESSON 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.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

O LORD our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants
 and children;**
**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and
 avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
 human beings that you should care for them? R**

Yet you have made them little less than divine;
 with glory and honor you crown them.

**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under their feet:**

all flocks and cattle,
 even the wild beasts of the field,
**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
 and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

O LORD our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth! **R**

SECOND LESSON 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.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the Twenty-eighth Chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to your, O Christ**

FOR THE CHILDREN

SERMON

*APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Each of you shall bring such a gift as he can in proportion to the blessing which the Lord your God has given you” Deuteronomy 16:17

OFFERING

THE PRAYERS

A Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

A Lord in your mercy

C **hear our prayers**

The prayers conclude:

P Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C **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**

***BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you
 The Lord make his face shine on you
 and be gracious to you
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace

C 
 A - men

The musical notation consists of a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a five-line staff and consists of four notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a half note on C5. The notes are connected by a slur. The piece ends with a double bar line.

***CLOSING HYMN #**

***DISMISSAL**

Mark 12:28-31

C **Love God, Love others.**

***POSTLUDE**

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS

Jim Aungst
Ted Baird
Tyler Bennett
Tina Chestney
Church HealthTeam
Church Council
Don Corl
Gary Crownover
Sondra Deffibaugh
Jane Eamigh

Jim Gosnell
Debbie Gracey
Paul Hamilton
Pastor Ralph Hamer Family
Ron Heiss
Kristina Henderson
Dave Hoover
Martha Jones
Janice Knee
Jessica McGraw

Bill McLaughlin
Cindy Murphy
Ken B. Myers
Ray Nycum
Jaden Rhode
Shannon Family
Bill Thompson Jr.
Jasmine Wilkins

SHUT IN MEMBERS

Chris Burda
Ron Green
Ken Kumpf
Marie Laich
Dawn Mangus
Bob Nearhoof
Arlene Roessing
Robert Streightiff

ARMED FORCES

Sarah Brown
Jason Buck
Jim Buchanan
Kyle Eberhart
Nathan Frank
Justin Patz
Jason Smith
Eric Sweet



FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Janet & Charlie Aungst
Scott Aungst
Sandy Badorrec
Deb Bender
Frank Bennett
Kris Bennett
Pat Burk
Dorothy Bush
John Bush
Tracee Cole
Scott Corl
Jim Cox Family
Sandy Daddorek
Jim Deffibaugh
Jordan DeFrancisco
Audrey Deiluliis
Miles Dunkelbarger
Nancy & Bill Filler
Elisie Fogel
Haley Gehret
Dawn George
Amanda Gregg & Daughters
Ann Hanczaryk
Katie Hanczaryk
Charles W. Harpster

Don Haslem
Danielle Hatfield
Dave Hogan
Jack Hoyne
Judy Johnson
Tom Klevan
Pastor John Klingeman
Kaylee Kruise
Lucya Kunkel
Jean Lane
Janelle Lehr
Raija Lind
Janet Luciano
Sharon Mayers
Barb McConnell
Bob McConnell
Eddie McGee
McGilvery Family
Sharon McKeehan
Vicki Medeiros
Janelle Messner
Denny Miller
Harry Miller, Sr
Moore Family
Morning Family

Debbie Muccitelli
Rudy Muccitelli
Wyatt Nite
Bob Noel
David Orr
Zach Porta
Abby Remendowski
Katie Riggleman
Carl Ruckinger
Michael Ruckinger
Nora Ruckinger
Bill Senitko
Melvin Settle
Ronald Settle
C. Richard Shaffer
Harper Sigrist
Denny Sullivan
George Sultage Sr
Robert Thomas Family
Paul Wallis
Mary Walter
James Wilt
Steve Wood

TRIUNE GOD, TRIUNE CHURCH

On this Trinity Sunday, we hear Jesus' final words to his disciples. They are words of sending, command, and blessing. They include the great promise, comfort, and empowerment: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20).

The rest of Jesus' message is all about what happens *until* the end of the age. In the meantime, the church is active in sharing the good news, baptizing, and teaching the way of Jesus. This is done at Jesus' command and under his authority with people of all nations. The word "nations" doesn't quite capture the breadth of what Jesus means. The actual term in Greek is more expansive, including all ethnicities and cultures. Instead of a blank, monochromatic sheet of paper, the church is a colorful patchwork quilt of people pieced together, stitched together, and united in the love of Christ.

Today we celebrate that we know God as Trinity. The Trinity serves as a model for the life of the church: God is not one-dimensional, but multifaceted. The Trinity is not monochromatic, but rather a swirling, colorful dance. There is no division in the Trinity, but an indwelling of the Spirit, the gentle authority of Christ, and the blessing of the Father.

In a world that is often polarized and divided, and in which marginalized groups face persecution and strife, we are called as followers of Christ to live beyond borders and division. The church is to be a gathering of peoples made up of every type of human distinction. By gathering all varieties of people into Christ, we live into the embodied reality of our triune God. May we be emboldened to do so, knowing that we are accompanied and empowered by our Savior "to the end of the age."



From sundaysandseasons.com.
Copyright © 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.