



*We are one family of God,
inspired by the Holy Spirit to welcome everyone,
to serve our neighbors,
and to share God's love and saving grace.*



Holy Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Spirit of God, Descend (Morecomb, arr. John Helgen)
(Chancel Choir; Krysta Flaharty, flute)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- The Kiddos' Corner is located at the North side of the Sanctuary. Activity Bags are located inside the main entrance. Please utilize these resources as needed throughout our worship service.
- Thank you to our Worship Assistant, Sherri Taylor, to our AV technicians, John Rekow and Matt Scherer, to the Chancel Choir, Chancel Chimers, Servant Song, and Krysta Flaharty for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Holy Spirit, You are Welcome Here (Bryan & Katie Torwalt)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose word never fails, and whose promise is sure.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: Merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned against you and our communities.
We have squandered your blessings and hoarded your bounty.
We have failed to be honest and have lacked the courage to speak.
Forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst and offers boundless grace when we fail.

Receive the gift of God's mercy: all of us are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest (ELW pg. 148)

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. Almighty Three-in-One,

C: **we worship your glory and praise your power. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, as you dance and live in endless joy and love, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1: 1-2:4a

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, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So 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. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And 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. ²⁵God 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. ²⁶Then 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.” ²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God 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.” ²⁹God 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And 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. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104 (Refrain in the back of the bulletin)

Send Forth Your Spirit (Marty Haugen)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority

in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and 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 our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE “Beyond the Boxes” (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY *In the Light of Your Promise* (Pastor Laura Laughlin and Tom Paulson)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: With the whole church on earth, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

C: 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 THE PEOPLE

P: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Holy Now (Peter Meyers) (Servant Song)

The offering will be received in offering plates during worship. To give by phone with *Text-to-Give*, text 833-497-3991 with the amount that you would like to contribute. To give online, visit our website and click on the *GIVE+Online* icon. We give thanks and praise for all gifts!

OFFERTORY

God’s Work, Our Hands (sung to *Earth and All Stars*) (ACS 1000, vs. 1)

God’s work, our hands: working together,
building the future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt’ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky,

C: you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION GREETING

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

- P: God, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C: **Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. The congregation will be invited, by rows, to come forward and receive a wafer and a cup with either wine or grape-juice. Allergen-free elements are available upon request. Children who are not yet communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing! If you need to be served at your seat, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION *Let There be Peace on Earth* (Sy Millier & Jill Jackson, arr. Arnold Sherman)
(Chancel Chimers)

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

- P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.
P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

- P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed,
bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.
C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Praise the Father, Praise the Son* (Chris Tomlin & Ed Cash)

DISMISSAL

- P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.
C: **Thanks be to God. We will!**

SENDING MUSIC *Praise the Father, Praise the Son* (reprise)

Announcements

Installation of Memorial to Survivors of Sexual Violence: May 22

We celebrated the installation of the Memorial to Survivors of Sexual Violence at the Crown of Glory entrance on Monday, May 22. The memorial is created by artist Michele Gutlove, commissioned by Bishop Bill Tesch of the Northwest Area MN Synod, Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead, and Crown of Glory to create these art pieces as beacons of hope and healing for all survivors of sexual violence. Crown of Glory will be one of three sites in the nation to host these beautiful pieces of art. More information, including pictures of the installation, will be shared in the coming weeks. Thanks be to God!

Partner Bible Study: June 4

Our sixth and final session of Animate: Practices will be on Sunday, June 4 from 6:00—7:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall. Childcare will be provided by Krysta Flaharty, Director of Children's Ministry. Please contact Pastor Laura if you plan to attend or have any questions!

VBS 2023: "Operation Restoration"

This year's VBS theme will be "Operation Restoration: Mending God's World." Kids will learn about the connections between mending actions and Bible stories. VBS is July 31—August 4 at Crown of Glory. Please visit our website (crownofglory.org/vbs) for volunteer and participant registration.

Volunteers: We could still use help with AV Tech, a Nurse, and Small and Large Group leaders. Please reach out to Miss Krysta at krysta@crownofglory.org if you can help!

Church Rummage Sale Team

We are looking to form a team to organize a Church Rummage Sale fundraiser this summer. Please reach out to Sarah Morrow at 952-270-3158 or sissybmorrow@gmail.com if you are interested in helping. A kickoff meeting will be scheduled soon.

Join the Softball Team!

It's that time of year again to sign-up for softball. The league is co-ed and plays every Monday from June to mid-August. Players should be 14 or older. Practice will be held on June 3rd from 10:00 AM to noon on Lion's Park #1. The first game is June 5th on Lions 3 at 7:30pm. If you would like to play some or all the games, please contact Grant Taylor at 952-210-7678 or email at grantataylor@hotmail.com.

Psalm 104 Refrain

SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT

Psalm 104, adapt. MH Marty Haugen

Send forth your spir - it, O God, send

forth your spir - it, O God, and re - new the earth, re -

new the earth, send forth your spir - it, O God.

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Tom Paulson's Music Notes

I can still hear my young know-it-all self, “Why do I need to know what the Trinity is? It seems like nothing more than a mental exercise.” As a 20-something, I was fortunate to serve with Pastor Gary Anderson at Incarnation Lutheran in Shoreview. I remember Gary preaching about the Trinity as a framework for understanding God: Creator, in whom we live and have our being, Jesus, ultimate sacrificial love and example for living, and the Holy Spirit, God’s presence and source of our strength and courage. Gary taught that understanding the Trinity also impacts our understanding of God’s call in our lives. I now see Gary as a good mentor! Listen for these themes in our music this week –

“Holy Spirit, you are welcome here,”

“Glory to God in the highest,” and in particular,

“In the light of your promise, give us your peace.

In the shadows of this world, send us your Spirit.

In the questions of tomorrow, surround us with your love.

From the depths of our hearts, our prayers rise to you.” (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

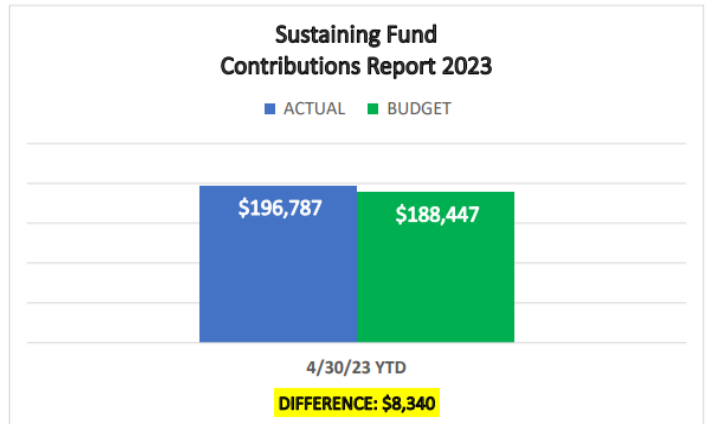
Perhaps Gary was right. Knowing what the Trinity is helps us understand what and who God is, and why we strive to live as followers in the way of Jesus.



Financial Update



To give via Venmo, scan the QR code.
Include the amount you would like to
contribute and the fund you are giving to.



As of 4/30/23, our budget projected total contributions YTD to be \$188,447 based on prior year trends. However, our actual contributions YTD are \$196,787. A difference of \$8,340 from our expected budget. Your gifts make a difference!

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Please Note: No food or drink is allowed in the Sanctuary,
with the exception of water and Holy Communion.

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00-5:00 p.m.

Summer Worship Schedule: Wednesday 6:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.
