

St. Matthew 28:19

“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.”

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

June 7, 2020

- Prelude *My Peace I Give You* by B. Heastings
- The Spirit of Joy* by D. Paxton
- God of the Ages* arr. Roger Summers
- *The Processional Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* (ELW) No. 413
- *The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94
- P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**
- P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.**
- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive 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: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**
- *The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138
- 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.**
- *The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138
- P:, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C: Amen.**
- *The Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast* (ELW) No. 140

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



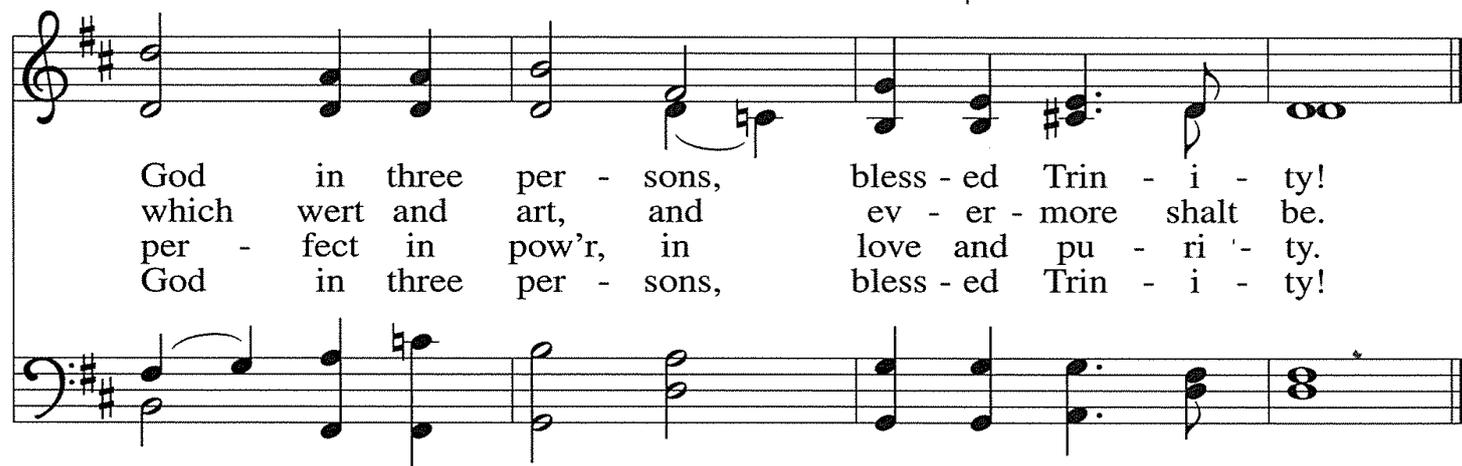
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



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.



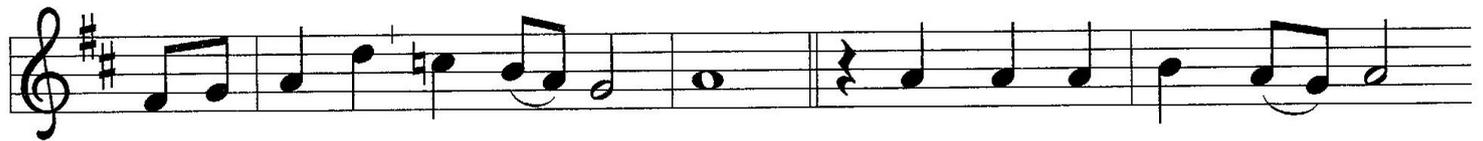
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



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!

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

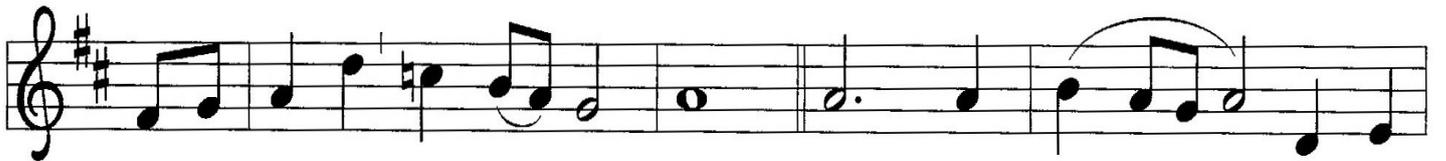


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to make the confession of a true faith. We acknowledge Your glorious eternal Trinity, and we adore the unity of Your majestic work. Defend us by this faith from all adversity and opposition to Your way; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

(Bell Choir)

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 8

¹O Lord our Lord, how exalted is Your Name in all the world!

²Out of the mouths of infants and children

Your majesty is praised above the heavens.

³You have set up a stronghold against Your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**⁴When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
the moon and the stars You have set in their courses,**

⁵What is man that You should be mindful of him?
the son of man that You should seek him out?

**⁶You have made him but little lower than the angels;
You adorn him with glory and honor;**

⁷You give him mastery over the works of Your hands; You put all things under his feet:

⁸All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁹The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

¹⁰O Lord our Lord, how exalted is Your name in all the world!

Anthem

Come, Thou Almighty King

(Bell Choir)

Second Reading:

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung)

(ELW) page 142

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Gospel:

Matthew 28:16-20

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

The Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

*The Hymn of the Day

God, Whose Almighty Word

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*The Athanasian Creed

Insert

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

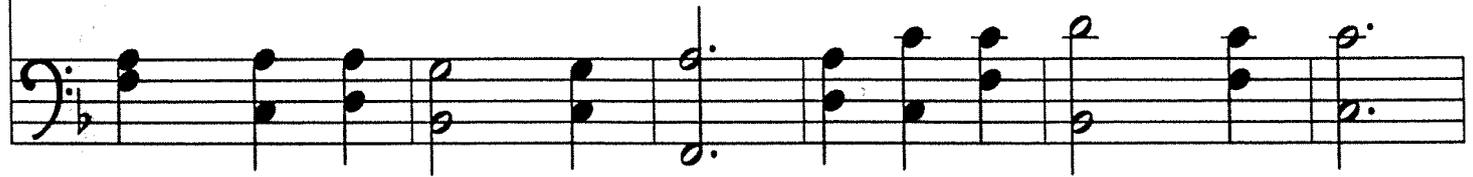
P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - mighty - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; 'move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.



*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

Melody

R. Schuman

*The Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

(ELW) No. 188

*The Great Thanksgiving

(ELW) page 144

* 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.

Lamb of God

(ELW) page 146

The Distribution

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

(ELW) No. 471

Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

*The Benediction *(sung response)*

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, Go Only Wise

(ELW) No. 834

*The Dismissal *(response)*

C: Thanks be to God.

*FLC Sending Hymn

Be The Love of Christ

arr. Michael Showalter

Roger Thornhill

Postlude

A Hymn of Glory, Let Us Sing

by Henry Eggleton

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some longer note values. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system shows the continuation of the piece. The treble staff has some longer note values, including a half note. The bass staff maintains the accompaniment.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the musical progression. The treble staff has a mix of note values, and the bass staff provides a consistent accompaniment.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth and final system on the page concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a final chord and a double bar line. The bass staff also concludes with a final chord and a double bar line.

Let Us Break Bread Together

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1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are numbered 1, 2, and 3, corresponding to the three parts of the hymn.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are now in lowercase and end with a period.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are in lowercase.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

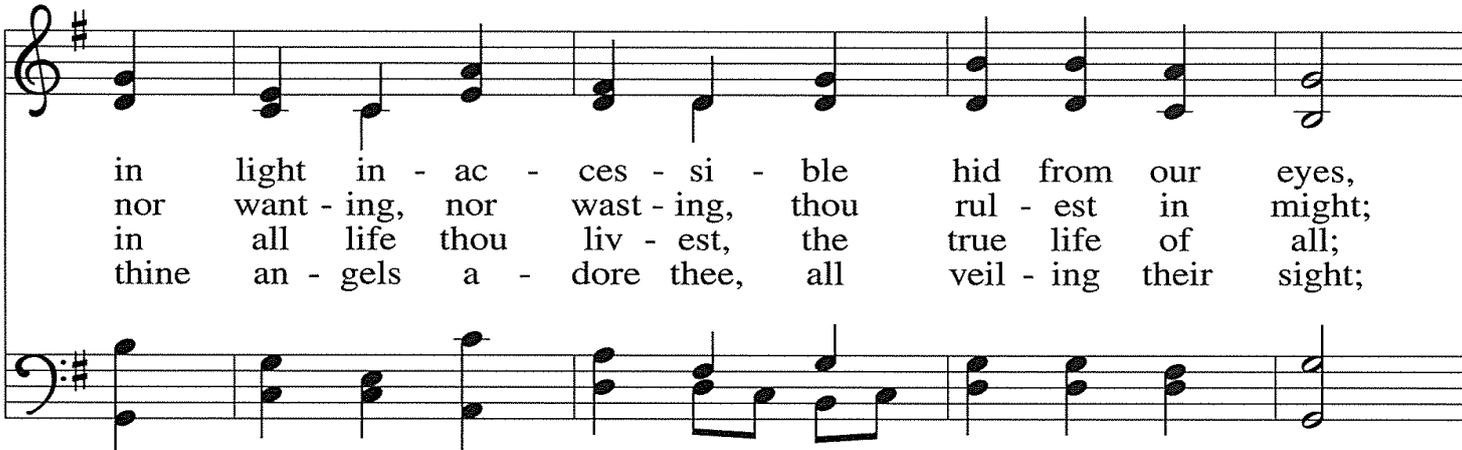
The final system of music concludes the piece. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are in lowercase.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

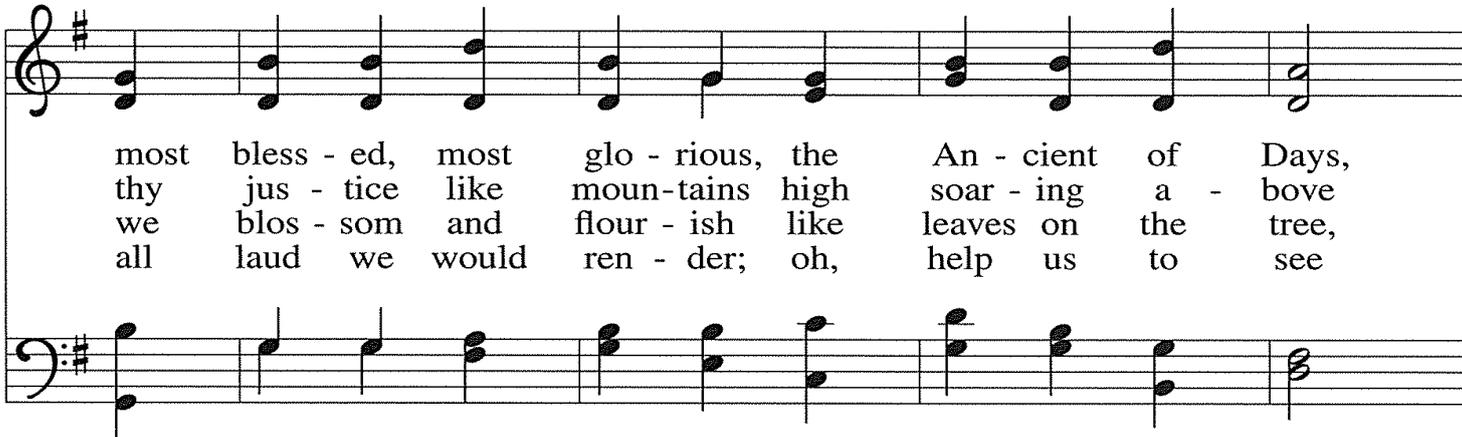
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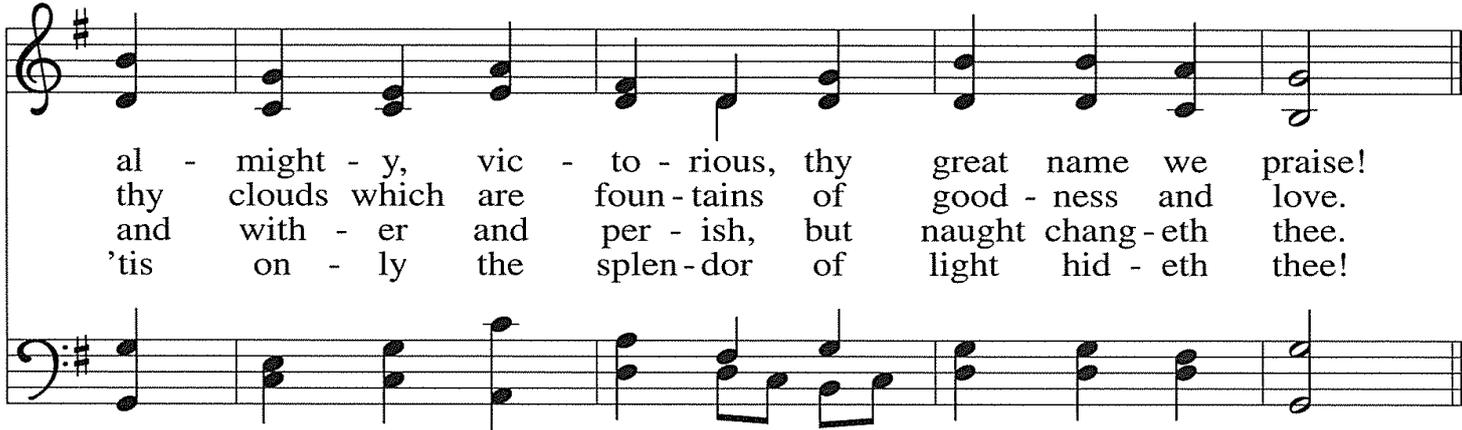
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Leo Shawin by his loving wife Tillie, daughters Carol, Kathy, and Cindy in honor of his 93rd birthday on June 9th. A donation is being made to the Roof Fund.

The Lay Reader is Kris Briggs.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Janet Burke, Shari Kienzle, Lay Pastor Judd Lacko, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky, Julie Davis, Amy Verderber, Joanne Reck, Byron Christian, Chiquita Pearson, Maureen Curry, Phyllis Daniels, Patricia Zabloutny, Stacy Carrol, Shirley Johnston, Sandy, Colleen & her sister, Tillie Shawin, Bob & Paula Beatty, Maureen, Tim & Sharon, Lisa and Scott, Amie Buel, Billie Sue Serbak, Mike & Diane Burns, Carl Hildreth, Dawn Berkebile, Herb Lindberg, Gloria Sloan, Rhonda Hendrickson, Doug Mazzotti, Laurie Parker, Mary Lou Cotton, Colleen Mancini, Beth McFeeley, John Porter, Amanda Becker, Catherine Williams, Rich, Fred Dupas, Donald Huttic, Mike White, Terry Divelbliss, Dan, Amy Dash, Penny, Jack McDaniel, Ryan Horan, Karson, Keith Dudley, Betty Johnson, David Lacko, Bob Hillbery, Bailey Spencer, Joanne Marker, Bruce Kreutze, Nicole and her daughters Valerie Brook and Bria Elizabeth, Leah, Pastor Rod Dondorf, Esther Duncan, Melissa McCabe, , Robin Ames, Karrah, Charlotte and Ellie, Brad Schmidt, Lou Washowich, Mary DeCarlo, Isaac Christian, Naval Dr. Matthew Christian, Barbara Mounts, and Emogene Salvucci.

Please join us for Coffee Hour following the service.

Counters and Greeters today are L. Coleman; S. Rea; R. Williams.

Next Sunday, Worship Service begins at 10 AM for the summer.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia. Please consider this as a call to help others in need.

The Flower Chart for 2020 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2020. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2020. Please sign up.

Bell Choir Practice on Thursday from 7-8 PM.

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Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Holy Trinity Sunday - June 7, 2020

“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.” (Matthew 28:20)

Although the doctrine of the Trinity is a great mystery, it has many practical implications for a Christian worldview. For one thing, it shows us that God is fully personal, and this fact makes Christianity distinct from other religions. Let’s see why this is so.

Essential to personhood is being related to other persons since relationships define who someone is. This is also true for divine persons. The Father is only Father in relation to the Son. The Son is only Son in relation to the Father. And the Holy Spirit is only Holy Spirit as the bond of love between the Father and the Son. Because of these relationships, the triune God is fully personal. He is personal through and through.

In contrast to the Trinity, however, Allah is impersonal since he is unrelated to anyone “prior to” creation. Moreover, in some schools of Hinduism, ultimate reality is explicitly impersonal. Here an impersonal substance creates and destroys the cosmos by cycles of expansion and contraction. Finally, in Buddhism ultimate reality is also explicitly impersonal with an impersonal process replacing the impersonal substance of Hinduism.

In non-Christian religions, an ultimate impersonalism prevails. As a result, personal realities like love, goodness, meaning, purpose, and knowledge have no root in the ultimate level of reality. In Christianity, by contrast, an ultimate personalism prevails since the entire creation is governed by the meaning and purpose of the fully personal, triune God. Hence, it makes sense to speak of personal realities like love, goodness, knowledge, etc. since they are rooted in the ultimate level of being. Of course, non-Christians also believe in these things, but they can do so only because they live in a world that is created and sustained by a fully personal God. So it is that only by faith in the ultimate mystery of the Trinity does created reality become less mysterious for us. This is the Christian worldview.

Prayer: Almighty God, cause us to see how your triune nature shapes every aspect of our thought and lives. Amen.