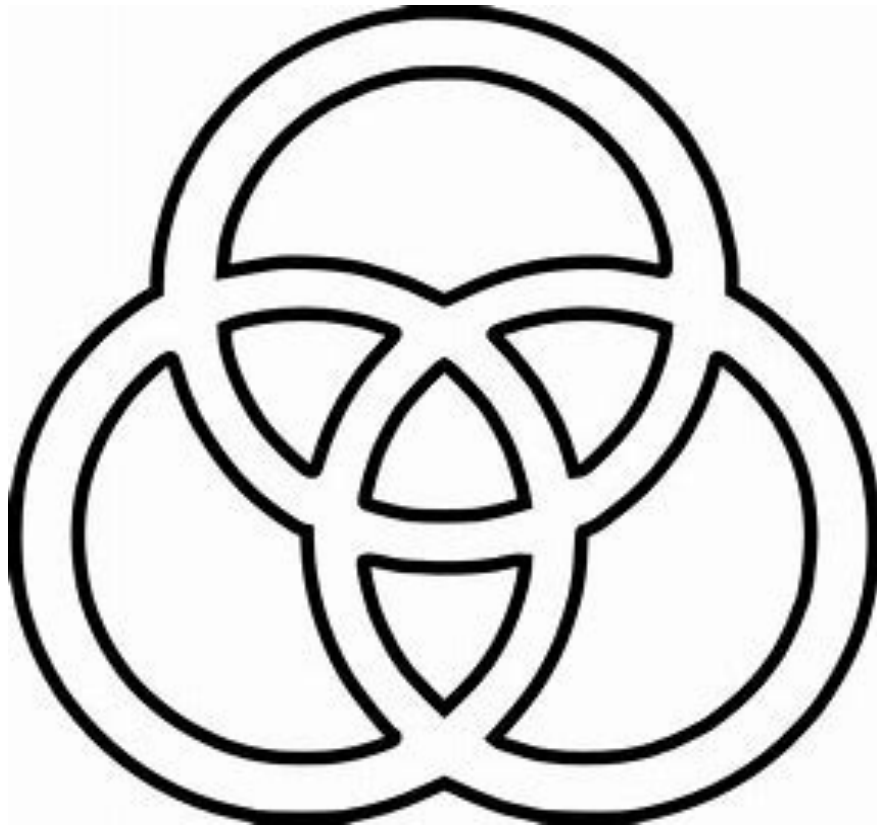


# HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Matthew 28:16-20

“The Great Commission”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

June 4, 2023

Worship Service 10:00 am

Prelude

\*The Processional Hymn *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* (ELW) No. 414

\*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.**

\*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

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

(Bell Choir)

The Psalmody for the Day (read responsively)

Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord, how exalted is Your Name in all the world!

**<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of infants and children Your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.

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

<sup>5</sup>What is man that You should be mindful of him? The son of man that You should seek him out?

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

<sup>7</sup>You give him mastery over the works of Your hands; You put all things under His feet:

**<sup>8</sup>All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,**

<sup>9</sup>The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

**<sup>10</sup>O LORD our Lord, how exalted is Your name in all the world!**

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

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

\* The Gospel

St. 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*)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

read by Dennis Schmidt, Lay Worship Leader

\*The Hymn of the Day

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

(ELW) No. 413

\*The Athanasian Creed

Insert

\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

## The Musical Offering

\*The Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

(ELW) No. 188

\*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.**

Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

\*The Benediction *(sung response)*

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

(ELW) No. 543

\*The Dismissal *(response)*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

**Please continue to pray for healing for Pastor Rob.**

# Holy God, We Praise Your Name

414




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,  
 above 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.

## God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - 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.




## 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!



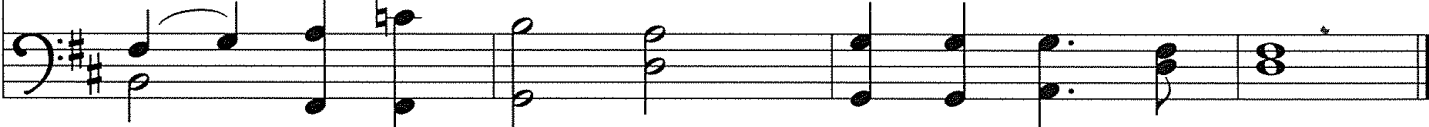

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

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!





## Create in Me a Clean Heart

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

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right".

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your".

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

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -".

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

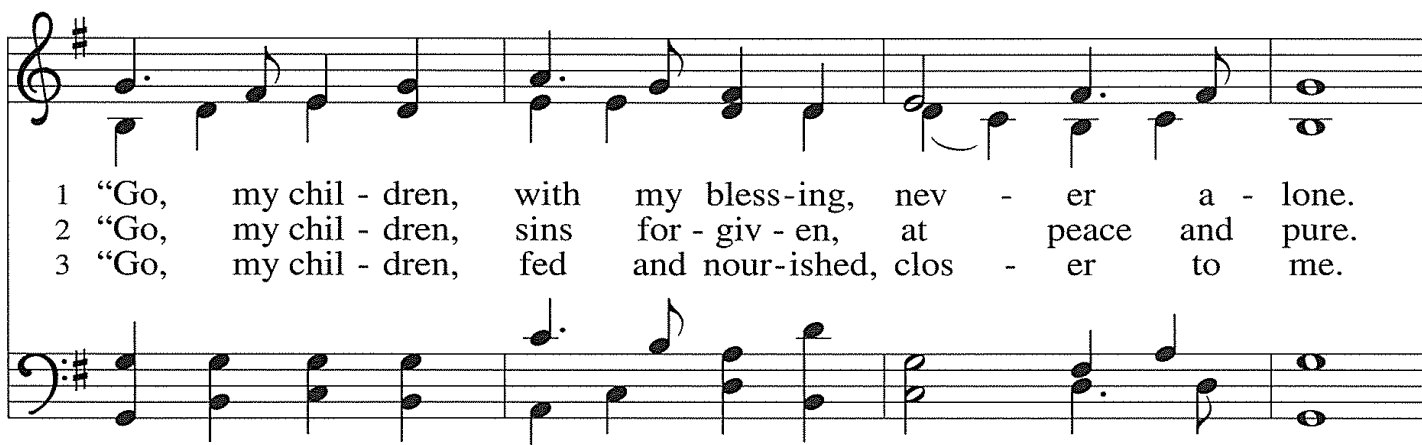
The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,".

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

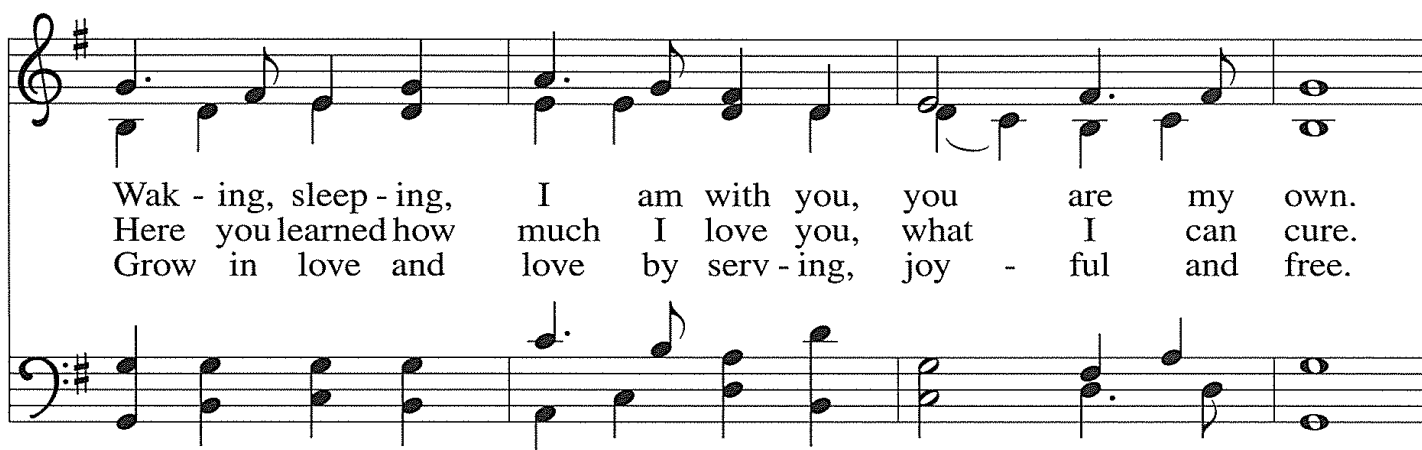
The fifth system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are: "and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.".

# Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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**The Flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God.

**The Lay Reader** is Ron McGoogan.

**Counters/Greeters** today are H. Quedenfeld and L. Sten.

**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 of 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.

**Bell Choir Practice** on Monday at 6 PM.

**The Flower Chart for 2023** 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 2023.** 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 2023.** Please sign up.

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

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**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Janet Burke, Eveline Reihner, Carol, Shari Kienzle, Chiquita, Stacy Carroll, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, baby Isaac Christian, the Pollana family, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, baby Ryan, Dan, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, Richard, Klaus Behrens, Joanne Reck, Bill Stewart, Morgan, Sharon Fritz, Tim & Karen Edwards, Tom Liam, Gary, Daniel, Judy Dombrowsky, Emily Buchleitner, Greg Mason, Alexandra Perry, Lu Mayne, Pat, Chaz Sands, Rev. Phil Gagnon, Jacob, Maxine Banko, Brooke, Ellen, Jacob Orr, USN, Roger, John Bartanus, Becky & Chuck, Rosemary Dittman, Marty Hebrank, Noah Walker, Janet Williams, Nathan, Mary, the Lobach Family, Debbie, Sayward, Jim Walter, Larry and Tillie Simpson, Jim H., Eric Group, Larry Zimmerman, Emerson Dietrich, Daniel Sherman, and Paster Rob.

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FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

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**Church Offering Change:** In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

**Listening for the Promise**  
**Weekly Devotional**  
**Holy Trinity Sunday — June 4, 2023**

“This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.”

-Acts 2:32-33-

Although the doctrine of the Trinity is central to Christian faith, many Christians have trouble with it. To them the view that God is three-in one seems logically contradictory, philosophically abstract, and therefore irrelevant to faith. Moreover, they wonder whether the doctrine is even Biblical or whether it is merely philosophical. As shown below, however, this is a false choice since the doctrine of the Trinity is Biblical in substance and philosophical in form.

In regard to its Biblical substance, the Scriptural data allow us to make seven basic statements which together demand the doctrine of the Trinity. First, from the text above, we see that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are all distinct. Thus, we have three basic statements: 1) the Father is not the Son; 2) the Son is not the Holy Spirit, and 3) the Holy Spirit is not the Father. Second, consider the Great Commission text: “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” (Matt. 28:19).

From this text three more basic statements emerge: 4) the Father is God; 5) the Son is God, and 6) the Holy Spirit is God. Finally, consider the Shema Israel: “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one” (Deut. 6:4). Here we derive our final basic statement: 7) God is one.

Now can you imagine how cumbersome and unwieldy it would be if you had to repeat all seven statements every time you wanted to tell someone about the triune God? You'd say, “Well, God is one, and the Father is God, and the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, but the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father.” Your friends might well question your sanity!

Fortunately, the Church fathers used philosophy as a structural framework to integrate the Biblical data into a more compact form: i.e. God is three persons in one essence. This simple formula integrates the seven basic statements above together with the wealth of Biblical data—only touched upon here—that lies behind them. Thus, the doctrine of the Trinity is fully Biblical in substance even though it is philosophical in form.