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9:00 a.m.

Holy Trinity Sunday, Year A

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**WELCOME**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Creation displays the glory of God, but our sin keeps us from rejoicing in the love God reveals. Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross, and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us so that we can praise God, our Maker, Savior, and life-giving Love. Let us confess our sins that we may receive such grace.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One,

**We confess that we have turned away from you. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then discard. We hurt our neighbors in our words and deeds. We pray for mercy for you are merciful. Forgive us and lead us to your truth. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone, God who is Trinity. Amen.**

The Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer of all the world, and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life, forgives the sins of all who repent. Therefore, you are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all.

**Amen.**

## 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!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.  
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God Triune,

You reveal yourself as one God in three persons, a mighty, creative, life-generating dancer who invites your creation to join you. Catch us up in your love and lead us into your world to call others to follow you with singing and rejoicing.

**Amen.**

## **PSALM 8**

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?**

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!

## **READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The gospel of the Lord.

#### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
saturated with God's grace and forgiveness,  
let us give thanks.

Creator God, fountain of living water,  
your love flows through water,  
sustaining life in all communities,  
nourishing and delighting all creatures of the earth.

We give thanks for your gift of water.  
Water that has been around since life began,  
when the Spirit hovered over the face of the deep.  
Water that Christ was baptized into,  
reconciling all of creation into you—Holy God Triune.

For water and Word at our baptisms,  
and for water and Word at Caleigh, Dylan, and Eli's baptism.

We give thanks for water that floats in the sky,  
where clouds embrace wind, sunlight, and the pull of gravity.  
We give thanks for water that saturates all the earth,  
down to intricate places like the midnight zone of the ocean,  
where bioluminescent life thrives in the darkness.

For your promises show up in the most intricate of places,  
in water that forms rainbows and carves rocks.  
For you, O Creator are in the midst of all things.

As we confirm and affirm faith bound to our baptismal water and Word,  
we ask that you continue to guide us,  
and nourish us with your life-giving water that gushes up to eternal life.

Shower us with your Holy Spirit,  
drench us in your love, and immerse us with your grace.  
Amen.

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Caleigh, Dylan, and Eli, one with us  
in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by  
water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the  
gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your children in the  
gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.  
We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

## **CALEIGH'S FAITH STATEMENT**

### **Bible Verse John 8:12**

*Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."*

I picked this verse because it helps me understand that I still have someone to look up to or follow during rough times. It also shows me that there will be bad things in life, but you can always just look to God or Jesus and they will help you through that situation. You may not realize at first that they are helping you, but once you believe you will know. You can always look up to someone with God and Jesus with you. It also tells me that you are perfect in your own way and God or Jesus will still always help you no matter what. So even when life gets hard, I still know I will have the light of life.

## **DYLAN'S FAITH STATEMENT**

### **Bible Verse John 13:34**

*I'll give you a new commandment, that you love one another.*

This Bible verse helped me better understand God because when you were scared or stressed, you just always have to remember that he is going to help you through those tough times because God loves you. This first helped me better understand myself because it helps to remind me to love one another and never stop loving.

## **ELI'S FAITH STATEMENT**

### **Bible Verse John 8:32**

*The Truth Will Set You Free.*

This bible verse better helps me understand God because God sets people free with his promises. God's promises are always true and faithful. This bible verse better helps me understand myself by staying true to myself because God made me to be myself. I can always find truth in gods words. God's words will always be there when I need them most.

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I present Caleigh, Dylan, and Eli who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Caleigh, Dylan, and Eli:* I renounce them.

People of God, do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **AFFIRMATION**

Caleigh, Dylan, and Eli. You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Caleigh, Dylan, and Eli:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these siblings in Christ and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life...

...

Let us rejoice with our siblings in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. Responding to "God of grace," with "hear our prayer."

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

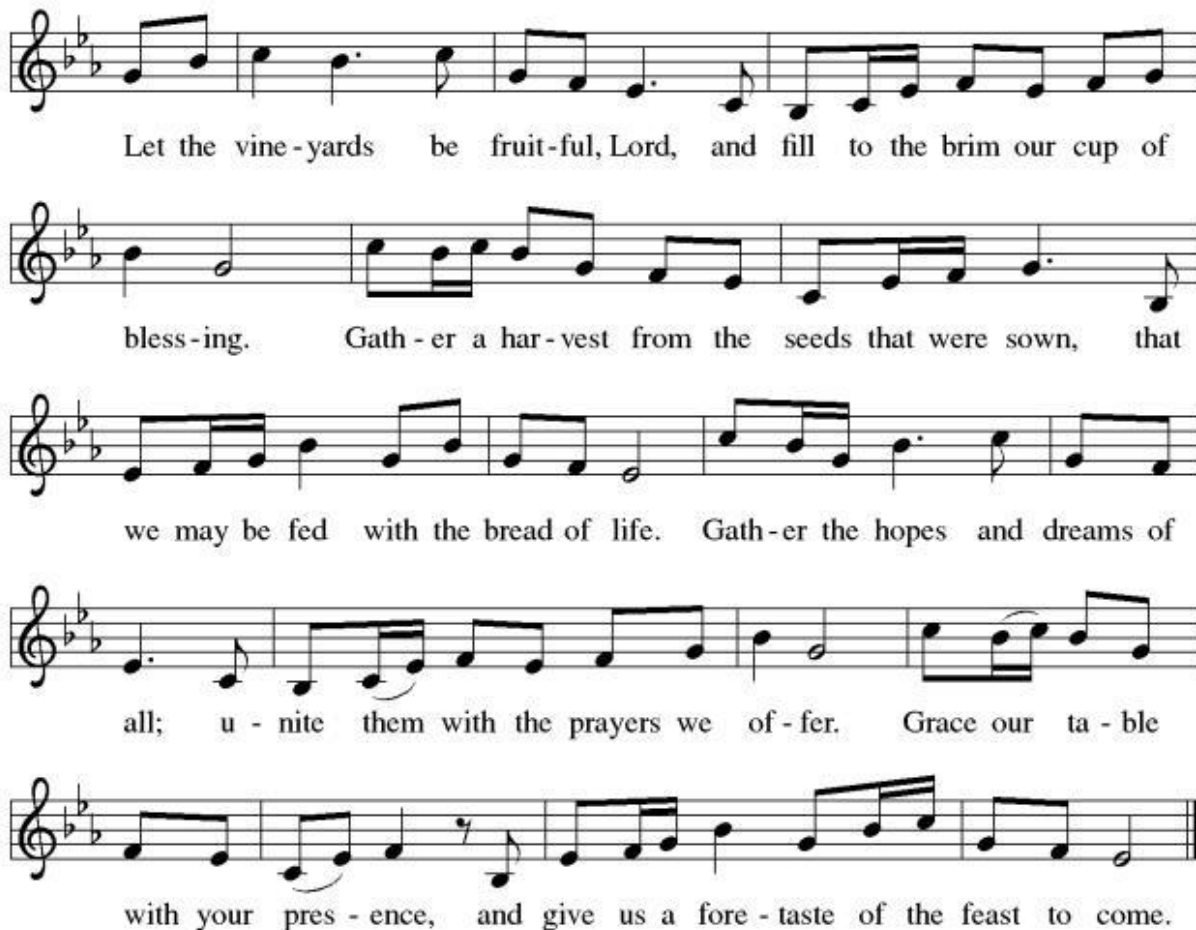
**And also with you.**



## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus sends his disciples into the world to bless all by his grace. With God's love, in the Holy Spirit, let us make this our offering to God.

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,

We have opened our hands to you, and our hands have been filled with good things. Receive the gifts we bring in gratitude as you care for us. Help us to bless you and serve you through our lives, and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

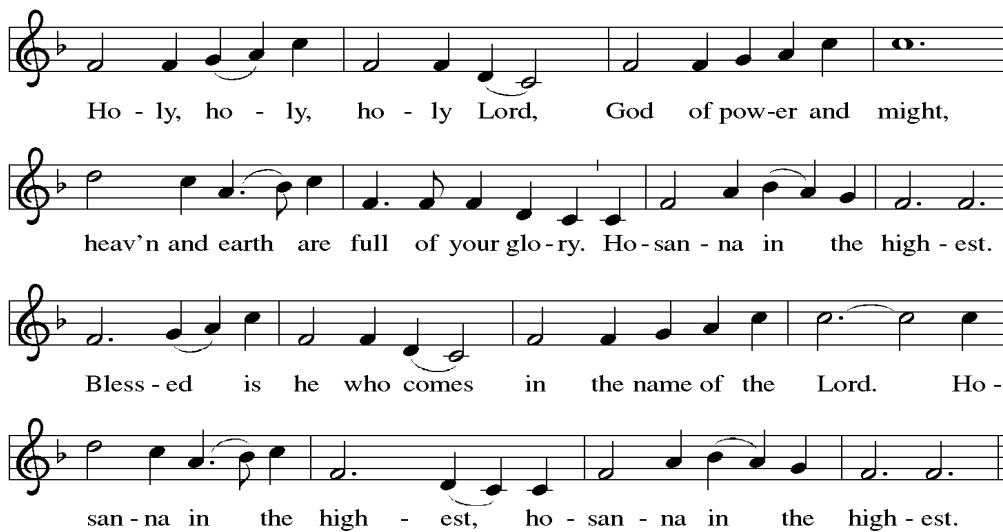
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, join the dance of the Trinity, and receive God's love poured out for you.

## COMMUNION HYMNS



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS CONTINUED

## Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -  
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries  
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -  
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly

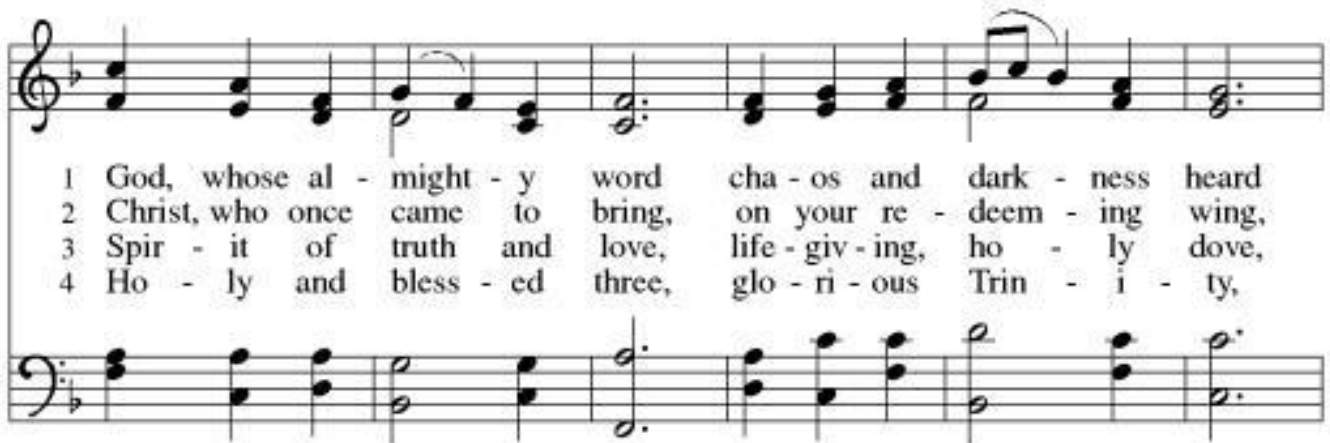
signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and  
 known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with  
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a  
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by

light and what lies hid - den praise your might.  
 air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.  
 dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.  
 grace un - til we praise you face to face.

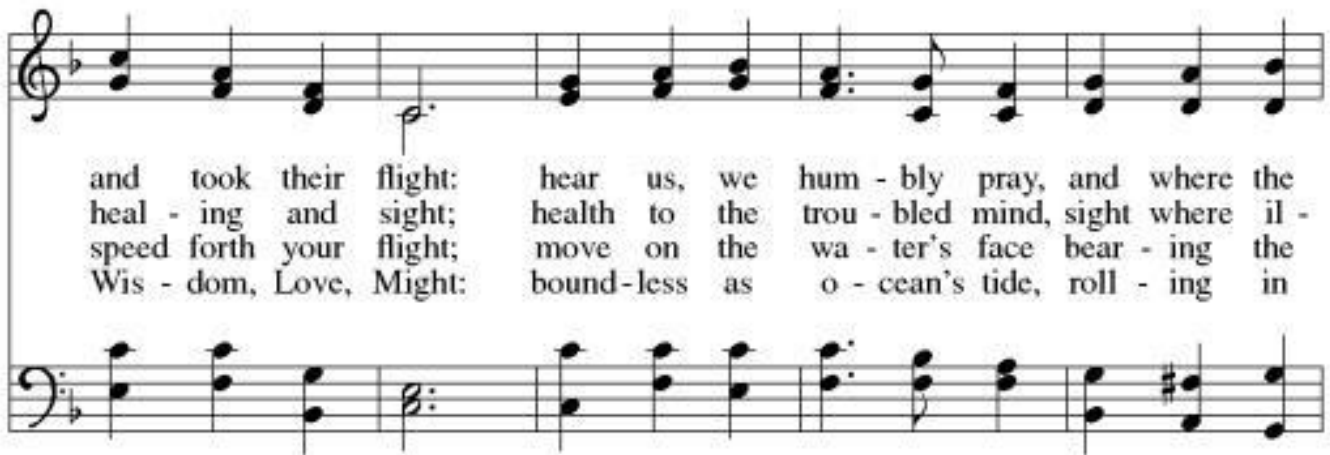
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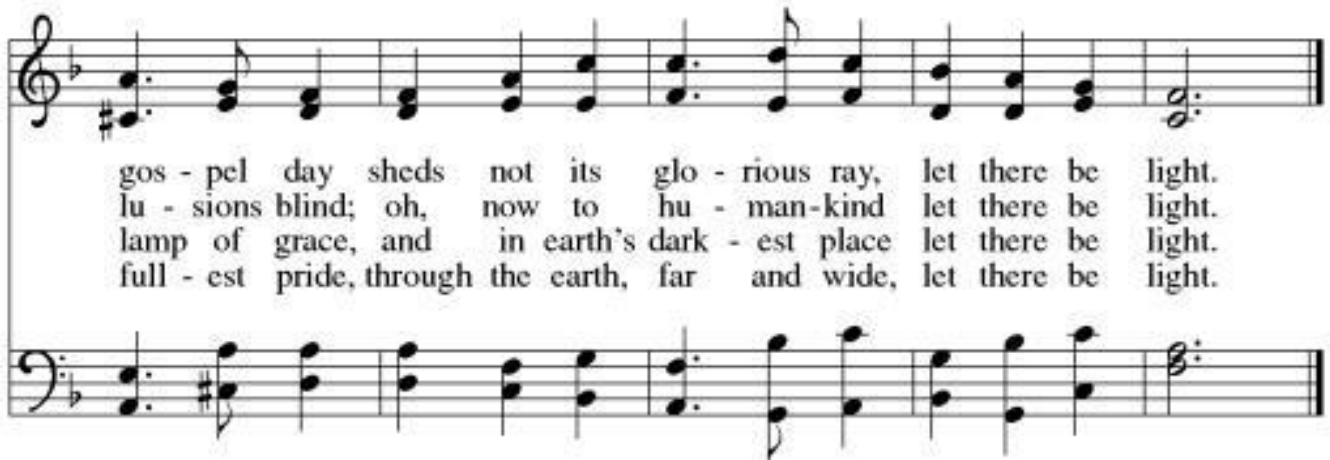
## God, Whose Almighty Word



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.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.  
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God,

In you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

May God's grace fill every molecule of your being,  
so you may know how much you are loved by the Creator of the universe.

May the hope that lives in Christ fill your heart with peace and strength,  
so you may be rejuvenated in mind and body.

May the Holy Spirit burn bright in you and bring joy to your heart,  
so you may share joy and kindness with all creation.

And may you always feel the embrace of the Holy ✝ Trinity,  
so you may join in their dance that lingers on in every moment.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

## Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown,  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing,  
 than all the an - gels in the sky,  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904  
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Welcome to all!** Today is Holy Trinity Sunday, so, fittingly, I welcome you to worship in the name of God the Creator, Jesus the Savior, and the Holy Spirit, who sustains our faith and empowers us for discipleship. Amen.

Holy Three-in-One and One-in-Three: You show us the beauty of loving relationship. Help us relate lovingly to one another and to you. Amen.

Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones during services.

**To those who are visiting:** Welcome to St. John and thank you for joining us! You are welcome to sign our registry in the narthex. May God bless you today and all days.

**Reminder!** If you are in need of Pastoral care, please contact St. John's at (715) 675-6950

**Holy Communion** is celebrated every Sunday. All are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us.

**Food Basket.** Each week you are invited to bring non-perishable grocery items to be given to a local food pantry. Place your gift in the *Food Basket* next to the main entrance.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tuesday, June 6, starting at 5:30 p.m.** will be St. John late spring cleaning. You are welcome to join when you can.

**Monday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Maggie's Book Club.** We will be discussing *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng.

**Wednesday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. Worship Service.** If you are craving a Wednesday night worship service, because you will be out of town on Sunday, come to this worship service. Pastor Maggie and the Church Council are seeing if there is an interest for a mid-week, summer evening service. Please note, this service will not be recorded.

**Thursday, June 22, at 8:00 a.m.** Marathon County Sheriff's Office will be hosting a free event on keeping worship spaces safe. There is a flyer in the narthex for more information, or you can talk to Pastor Maggie if you are interested. It will be at Mount Olive Lutheran Church from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**June 25 – June 29 St. John Vacation Bible School.** This year's "STELLAR: Shine Jesus' Light" VBS will be 'Out of this world!' Sunday, June 25th through Thursday, June 29th. 5:30pm - 8pm with dinner served each night from 5:30-6pm. Come join the fun! Register your kids and their friends online <https://stjohnwausau.org/education/vbs/>

**VBS food donations needed.** If you can help donate food for VBS, please sign up on the board in the Narthex. Thank you to all who are able to donate!

**Thank you from Peggy Oravez.** Peggy would like to thank everyone for the kind cards and prayers. She looks forward to coming back to church and seeing all of you once she is out of rehab.

**Exciting news!** Pictures that were taken for the new church directory are here and can be picked up in the fellowship hall. Pictures are located on the table and in the box. We are also excited to have our new directories soon, stay tuned.

**St. John Parking Lot.** During the May council meeting, a discussion was had about St. John's Parking lot, as the asphalt needs to be replaced. There are many cracks, crevasses, and areas where the base layer is no longer good and as time goes on would only grow worse. The area to be replaced starts at the corner of the building going out to the road.



*A meeting will be held at a later date for the congregation to discuss options.*

A discussion is noted in the meeting minutes for May, please contact a council member if you have concerns.

**Live Streaming and Photography Notice.** When you enter a St. John Lutheran Church service or event, you will be entering an area where photography, video and audio recording or live streaming may occur. If you prefer not to be recognized on camera, the back row inside the church is not within viewing distance of a camera and communion will typically be only on a wide shot where it may be difficult to recognize congregants. Parents, please note our children's sermons are being recorded and live streamed. If you do not want your child to be recognized on camera, please refrain from having them participate.

**Coming This Week @ St. John June 4 – June 11**

**Today**

9:00 a.m.      Worship

**June 6**

9:00 a.m.      Pr. Maggie @ Pr. Meeting

5:30 p.m.      Spring Cleaning!

**June 11**

9:00 a.m.      Worship