

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

9:30 Service

## *Trinity Sunday*

**Introduction for the Day:** 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.

## *Gathering*

Prelude

*Improvisation on "Grosser Gott" & Cantilena on  
"Nicaea" Arr. Brenda Portman*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Ann Williams

*Please stand as you are able.*

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

**Extol God, all you peoples!**

Triune God, you have called us to live in unity with each other and with our brothers and sisters around the world. Help us to sense that our love for Jesus binds us together. May our worship today be a witness to the kind of unity that comes only through Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

**Amen.**

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life.

**Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through unkind words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other as we gather around your Word and table. Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you, your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Gathering Song

**#845 Voices Raised to You We Offer**

Opening Litany for Trinity Sunday

God the Creator, you made all that we see and experience, vast spaces of the universe, the earth, and all that is in it.

**Come now into this world. Continue to create new life. Help us care for all you have created.**

God the Redeemer, born as a babe in Bethlehem, you came to show us the way of salvation through your death on the cross and your resurrection from the grave.

**Come to us now through your Word and Holy Communion, that we might taste and see again the salvation you won for our sake.**

God the Sustainer, you came into the world in the flames of Pentecost to inspire your disciples to preach the Good News to all people.

**Come to us now to spark our faith. Inspire us to speak your Word to the world.**

Apostolic Greeting

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of God's glory. The grace of our Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

**page 213, Glory to God**

## Prayer of the Day

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Triune God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Word

## First Reading

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.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 8

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

Let us read responsively from 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!

Second Reading

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.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Gospel Acclamation

**p. 216 Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?**

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.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Randy Koeller

*Please stand as you are able.*

Hymn of the Day

**#413 Holy, Holy, Holy**

Tyler Goeckermann, Senior, Trombone

*(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)*

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

...God in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## *Meal*

### Musical Offering

*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity* – arr. by Roy Hopp

– Senior Choir, Suzanne Freshley, Flute

*Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son. The universe of space and time did not arise by chance, but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.*

*Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem; Then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem. The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone; When fear confines the dance of death, God rolls away the stone.*

*Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame Set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name. We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; Go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!*

*Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son. Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free, to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Offertory Response

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea - tures  
here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Tune: Old Hundredth, LM Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

### Offertory Prayer

**God**, we bring our offerings before you this day, thankful for your creating power. **Jesus**, we lay our gifts at your feet, praising you for your saving love. **Spirit**, we raise our Spirit-driven voices, joyful in your presence, here. Use our gifts to spread your love, O eternal **Trinity**. We bless you now and evermore.

**Amen.**

## Words of Institution

## Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**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 to Communion

All people are called to Christ's table.

**We who are hungry, we who are thirsty, we come.**

*Please be seated.*

## Call to Communion

## We Come Now to Your Table

1. We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.  
 2. We drink the cup; it was for us, your sa - cred blood was shed;  
 3. A ho - ly feast trans - form - ing us, the sa - cred bread and wine;

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.  
 we drink the cup, it was for us, you suf - fered pain and bled.  
 a ho - ly feast trans - form - ing us, that makes our lives di - vine.

You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed;  
 Your sa - cred blood was shed, you suf - fered pain and bled;  
 The sa - cred bread and wine, that makes our lives di - vine;

and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed, with Liv - ing Bread.  
 we drink the cup, it was for us, your blood was shed.  
 a ho - ly feast trans - form - ing us, this bread and wine.

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Communion Hymn

**#414 Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his light and grace.

**Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

You give us all things, O Holy Trinity. Salvation has been granted us. Your Spirit fills our hearts and minds. O Lord Jesus Christ, in this meal we experience your grace, we accept the love of God, and we enjoy the communion of the Holy Spirit. Unite us, Lord, to open your kingdom to all people. You are the Lord forevermore.

**Amen.**

## *Sending*

Graduation Recognition

O Spirit of God, bless the lives of these graduates with your gifts.

**May their futures be filled with your goodness and grace.**

O Spirit of wisdom and understanding, we thank you for equipping these graduates to study and to learn.

**May they continue to grow in all wisdom and understanding.**

O Spirit of counsel and might, we thank you for listening to the prayers of these graduates and empowering them to pursue their goals.

**May they continue to be strengthened and encouraged by you.**

O Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, we thank you for expanding the minds of these graduates and drawing them closer to you.

**May they continue to remain faithful to you by following your will.**

O Spirit of joy in God's presence always, we thank you for this happy time in the lives of these graduates.

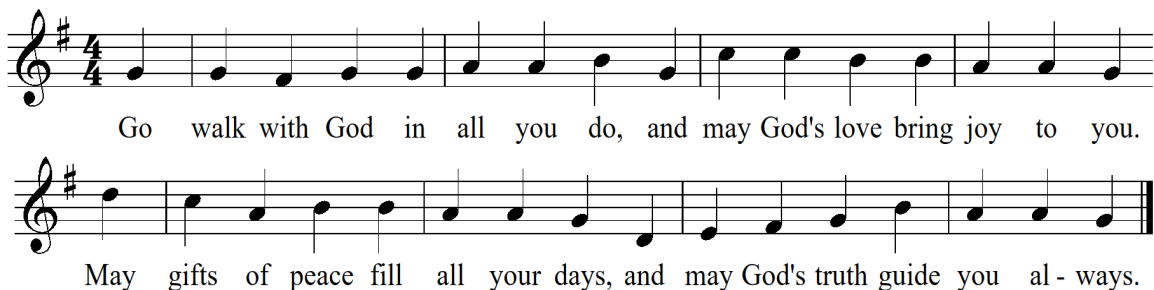
**May they always be gladdened by your presence and your peace.**

## Graduate Blessing

Almighty God, look with favor upon those who have completed another year of learning and growth. Give them courage, patience, and vision as they go their way; and strengthen us all in our vocation of witness to the world and service to others, for the sake of your whole creation and to the glory of your holy name both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Congregational Blessing for our Graduates



Go walk with God in all you do, and may God's love bring joy to you.

May gifts of peace fill all your days, and may God's truth guide you al - ways.

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## Blessing

Go forth to greet the world at work, as here in this place, the Lord has greeted us in worship. Go forth in the name of the **Creator**, whose mighty strength empowers us; in the name of the **Redeemer**, whose endless love transforms us; and in the name of the **Sustainer**, whose constant presence guides us.

**Amen!**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Trumpet Tune on "Nicaea" – Jan Mulder*

**FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.<sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.<sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

<sup>7</sup>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.<sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>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.<sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.<sup>11</sup> 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.<sup>12</sup> 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.<sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>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,<sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so.<sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.<sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth,<sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.<sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>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."<sup>21</sup> 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.<sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."<sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>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.<sup>25</sup> 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.

<sup>26</sup>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."

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>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."<sup>29</sup> 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."<sup>30</sup> 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.<sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>32</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude.<sup>33</sup> 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.<sup>34</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>35</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

**Psalm 8****SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**  
[not printed]**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

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."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Hosea 5:15—6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26.

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