

The Holy Trinity
May 27, 2018
First Sunday after
Pentecost

Worship Guide



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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

We welcome all people to join us in worship and fellowship. Children are welcome in worship, we also have nursery care during our worship service. Please ask an usher to direct you. Please join us after the service in the Fireside Room for refreshments and time to visit.



WORSHIP GUIDE

Our worship is participatory. This guide will help you. The text that follows is called “liturgy.” Some parts are spoken or sung by worship leaders. Other parts are spoken or sung by the whole assembly. The parts spoken or sung by the whole assembly are identified with **bold text**.

We will also sing some songs (or hymns). These songs are identified with a title and a song number. These songs may be found in one of three books or printed in this bulletin. These books are identified as follows:

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – the red book

With One Voice (WOV) – the blue book

Worship and Praise (WP) – the purple book

Other instructions (when to stand) are printed in *italic text* or will be provided by a worship lead.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

This Sunday is the last “festival” Sunday until Reformation Sunday at the end of October. Today’s festival is a celebration of the Holy Trinity. It is the only festival of the church year that is dedicated to a doctrine of the church, that God is known to us in three persons, Father, Son, and Spirit. Much effort has gone into trying to explain this doctrine and many church wars have been fought over this definition. The bottom line is that God relates to us in various ways (including ways not encompassed in the doctrine of the Trinity). That God is relational is core to our understanding of God’s nature and of God’s love and care for us.

The texts for today come from Isaiah, Psalm 29, and the Gospel according to John. From Isaiah we hear the prophet’s vision of God upon God’s throne. Notice the use of the plural when God speaks of God’s self. The passage strongly expresses the otherness of God, God’s holiness. Yet this same God reaches out to the mortal one to carry God’s message.

Likewise, with the words of Psalm 29 we honor God’s holiness and plead for God’s blessing.

From John’s Gospel we hear Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. Jesus speaks about being “born of the Spirit” and that God sent the “Son” into the world out of God’s love for the world.

HOLY COMMUNION

SETTING FOUR

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Before the prelude, speak to one other. During the prelude, speak to God. During the service, listen for God to speak to you. During the week, let God speak through you.

The Invitation of the Bell

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator, in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

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.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(please be seated)

WORD

Time with the Kid's

Pastor Peggy White

First Reading:

Isaiah 6:1-8

AM: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 29 (*read responsively*)

AM: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

AM: ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**C: ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

AM: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

AM: ⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C: ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

AM: ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

C: ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

AM: ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW 151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading:

John 3:1-17

P: The holy gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from

above.”⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not

believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

(please be seated)

Sermon:

Pastor Peggy White

Hymn of the Day:

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW 412

(Usher will come by and pick up your Prayer cards)

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.

Prayers of Intercession

AM: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

A brief silence.

AM: Abba, when we cry to you, your Spirit bears witness with our spirit. Give to your church the confidence of the children of God, so that we boldly share with everyone your world-saving love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: The whole earth is full of your glory: cities teem, fields flourish, mountains soar, and waters abound. Blot out our sin of spoiling your creation. Send us to go for you, mending what is torn and tattered in your world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: You so loved the world that you gave your only Son. In these days, when nation condemns nation, save us. Give us strength and fill us with your justice and peace. This week from the Cycle of World Prayer we especially lift up Angola and Mozambique. May they live in your peace and protection. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Your people cry out to you, seeking the goodness and hope of your holiness. Let the wind of your Spirit blow into the lives of all who suffer from injustice, want, or anguish of any kind (*especially those we name silently and aloud*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: In our living and in our dying, we belong to you. In loving remembrance, we honor those who live with scars or have died defending our nation. Beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, and teach us your ways. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: With affection we remember the saints now departed and rejoice in their faithful witness. Through their example, provoke us to holy lives of loving service in your name. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: and also with you.

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray . . .

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

Words of Institution

P: 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.

**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.**

Communion

All are invited and welcome at this table. We come together and kneel or stand as we desire. Gluten free bread is available upon request. Red wine or white grape juice is served in individual cups. If you choose not to receive the bread and wine you are invited to come for a blessing, or stay in your seat in silent prayer. (For those who cannot come to the table, we will come to you.

Communion Music:

Ian Langga

(please stand as you are able)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray . . .

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Please join us for refreshments in the Fireside Room after the service.

IMPORTANT

PLEASE, IF YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON TO LEAVE THE CHURCH BE SURE THAT ALL DOORS ARE CLOSED TIGHT. THEY WILL ALREADY BE LOCKED.

Those in service today

Pastor:	Pastor Peggy White
Organist:	Ian Langga
Ushers:	Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy
Lector:	Stefan Myslicki
Altar Care	Linda Perez
Flowers:	Korean Glory Church/ Susan Kim
Refreshments:	Bob Zeiher

Prayer List

Jim White	Mario Chissesi
Les Grundy	Dottie Chissesi
Thelma Spaziani	Sharon Biller
Eunice Phillips	Nathan Crall
Doris Wacker	Alice Abbing
Marie Hughes	Bob Balcomb

Financials/Attendance for May 20, 2018

Attendance: 20

Offering: \$920.00

SCOM: \$25.00

Lord's Pantry: \$200.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The May Social Concern of the Month is the Lord's Pantry

“A generous person will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9

In Silicon Valley, a region famed for its foodie culture where you can dine on gold-flecked steaks, \$500 tasting menus, and \$29 loaves of bread, hunger is alarmingly widespread, according to new research conducted by the Health Trust.

One in four people in Silicon Valley are at risk of hunger, researchers at the Second Harvest Food Bank have found. Using hundreds of community interviews and data modeling, a new study suggests that 26.8% of the population—almost 720,000 people—qualify as “food insecure” based on risk factors such as missing meals, relying on food banks or food stamps, borrowing money for food, or neglecting bills and rent in order to buy groceries. Nearly a quarter are families with children.

Food insecurity often accompanies other poverty indicators, such as homelessness. San Jose, Silicon Valley's largest city, had a homeless population of more than 4,000 people during a recent count. They are hungry, too: research conducted by the Health Trust, a local not-for-profit, found food resources available to them are scattered and inadequate.

Because poverty is often shrouded in shame, the clients' situations can come as a surprise.

Often we think of somebody visibly hungry, the traditional homeless person, but the study is putting light on the non-traditional homeless: people living in their car or a garage, working people who have to choose between rent and food, people without access to a kitchen.”

We are not thinking when we pick up our shirts from the dry cleaners, get our landscaping done, go to a restaurant, or get our child cared for, is that person hungry? It is very easy to assume they are fine. Thank you for helping us care for those in need with your generous donations and time! Mary DeHart, Director of Lord's Pantry

Stats for the months of: MARCH of people served by Lord's Pantry

Adults 1515

Children 287

Seniors 981

Homeless 300

Total served: 3080 individuals 991 families

Layettes given out: 8

Faith Lutheran's Hospitality Credo

Mission: By the Power of God: Caring, Sharing, Praying, Growing

Caring & Growing

1. All are welcome
We are inclusive
We value you being here

Caring & Praying

2. We expect to meet Jesus
Every Sunday when we gather
Communion/ Lord's Supper is open to everyone without restrictions

Praying & Sharing

3. Service
Worship on Sunday is when we gather to receive God's service to us, and to thank and praise God.
Serving our neighbor and the stranger is what we are sent out to do.
4. Grateful and Thankful
We know all of life is a gift and blessing from God.
We are sent out to be a blessing to everyone we meet.

Sharing

5. Sharing our resources
Financial: One of God's many blessings is our financial gifts
FLC shares 15% of all our offerings, plus the social concern of the month offerings with:
The broader Lutheran church
The world
Our neighbors
Energy: We give our time and passion to 6 local community charities

Praying & Growing

6. We are human
We struggle with our lack of faith & human condition
We confess our sins
We repent – that is turn around to Jesus
We accept forgiveness, sometimes
We are blessed with God's love and forgiveness
As Lutherans, we live daily as both saint and forgiven sinner.
Which means we are human.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle – This Week
May 27, 2018

Pray for: Angola, Mozambique

We Pray for:

- better sanitation, health services, and protection of the environment in these lands
- a healing of the lingering scars and memories from colonization and civil wars
- protection of the land rights of the people
- governments that are transparent and further the good of all the people, rather than being captive to foreign and business interests.