



Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024

Memorial Observance

A: On this Memorial Day weekend we remember and honor those who have died in the wars and conflicts of our nation. . .

P: Let us Pray.

C: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you Almighty God all of those we remember this Memorial Day. We give thanks that you have blessed us by their work and their lives. May these saints of the church inspire us to faithful living and dedicated service. And may they be welcomed by you to an honored place at your Table when you bring us all into your Kingdom on that great last day.

P: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend those who have given their lives in service to our country. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you,

**C: sheep of your own fold,
lambs of your own flock,
sinners of your own redeeming.**

P: Receive them into the arms of your mercy,

**C: into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of all your saints.**

P: The Lord bless them and keep them.

The Lord make his face shine on them and be gracious to them.

The Lord look upon them with favor and give them peace.

P: Rest eternal grant them O Lord

C: and let Light Perpetual shine upon them. Amen. Amen. And Amen.

Memorial Hymn

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Confession

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

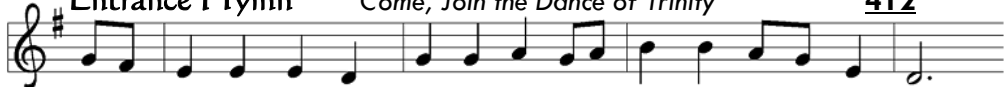
P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you into eternal life.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

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- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Opening Proclamation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: This is the day that Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A: O Come let us worship and bow down;

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

A: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and evermore.

C: From the raising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

A: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High.

C: To declare the Lord's love in the morning and his faithfulness at the close of the day.

A: Blessed is the One who redeems and saves us.

C: Blessed is our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

Assisting minister

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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

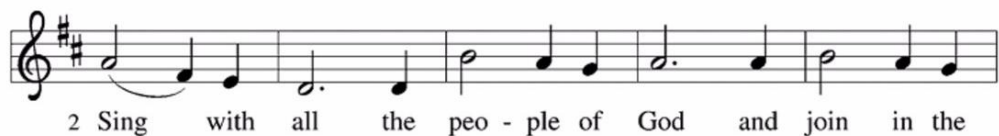


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C:** And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by the confession of the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of your divine majesty, to worship the unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Wisdom 13

Unfortunate people who see the beauty of the world and search for God but fall short in finding him end up setting their hopes on dead things. These are people who give the name "gods" to the work of human hands, like gold and silver made into statues and charms, or like a useless chunk of stone or crystal chiseled and cut even by ancient hands. It is like the skilled woodcutter who may saw down a tree that is easy to handle and he skillfully strip off all its bark, and then with fine workmanship forms a very useful bowl that can be useful in daily life, burning the

shavings to prepare a meal and eating a fine meal because of his work. But, afterward, he finds a scrap of wood he had thrown away because it was not useful for much of anything - a crooked stick that was full of knots. However, the woodcutter takes this useless stick and carefully carves it in his free time, shaping it with skills that were not used to make useful things at work, but skills he has acquired while having nothing else to do. So he carves a man, or a little animal, and he gives it a nice coat of red paint to cover up the knots and other blemishes on its surface. Then he a little space for it on his shelf and sets it up there carefully, making certain that it does not fall off because it is only a statute and cannot keep itself up on the shelf – it is in need of help to stay put. Still, when the woodcutter prays about his possessions and his marriage and his children he is not ashamed to address this lifeless thing. He even appeals to this for health from this thing that is weak. He prays for life to a thing that is dead. For aid he entreats a thing that is utterly inexperienced. For a safe and successful journey he prays to a thing that cannot even take a single step. For earning a living and having adequate work and good success with his craft he asks for strength from a thing whose hands have no strength at all.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord!* **C: Thanks be to God!**



Wor - ship the LORD in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness.

*Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.*

**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. R**

*The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*

**he makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

*the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

**The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare. R**

*And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"*

**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

*The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. R*

Second Lesson

Romans I

St. Paul writes that the wrath of God is shown from heavens against all the ungodliness and unrighteousness of those people who suppress the truth about God by their unrighteousness. God shows his wrath because he, himself, has shown them the way to know him. From the very creation itself even the invisible aspects of God can be perceived, his eternal power and his essence. This can be understood from the things God made, so, these people are without any defense – they should know God! But, even though they did know the truth about God, they still did not glorify God as God or give thanks to God. Instead, they focused only on themselves and then their misunderstanding hearts were darkened. And so, while claiming that they were wise they were actually foolish. They exchanged the glory of the immortal God for an image of a mortal human being and of birds and of four-footed animals and of reptiles. Because they decided to do this, God handed them over to the desires of their hearts, into their impurity, to their own dishonoring of their bodies. This happened to anyone who exchanged God's truth for a lie and worshiped and offered cultic service to what the Creator had created rather than to the One God who is the Creator - who is blessed into the ages! Amen!

Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Verse

Come Thou Almighty King

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1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 28

The eleven disciples, on the other hand, followed Jesus' instructions. They went to meet him on the mountain in Galilee. When they saw him there they both worshipped him and at the same time still had doubts about what was happening. Jesus said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. So, go, make everyone a disciple by baptizing them into the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach everyone to obey

everything that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always – from now until the Last Day."

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *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,
bove 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.

Athanasian Creed

Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith. Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally. Now this is the catholic faith:

We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another. But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty. What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit. Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit. The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite. Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit: And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal; as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited. Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit: And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty. Thus, the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God: And yet there are not three gods, but one God. Thus, the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord: And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord. As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords. The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten; the Son was neither made nor created but was alone begotten of the Father; the Spirit was neither made nor created but is proceeding from the Father and the Son. Thus, there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits. And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons. Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus became flesh. For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man. He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother-- existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body; equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity. Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ. He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not transform deity into humanity. He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures. For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man. He suffered death for our salvation. He descended into hell

and rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, those who have done evil will enter eternal fire. This is the catholic faith. One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

Prayers of the Church & Passing of the Peace

Offering & Offertory

870 vs. 1 & 3

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers,
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

P: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

P: It is indeed . . .

S 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.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major. The melody is more rhythmic, featuring eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The first staff has two measures, the second has two measures, the third has two measures, and the fourth has two measures.

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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

413, 415

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!

1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our
 2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en; good - ness un -
 3 Mak - er of all things, all thy crea - tures praise thee; all for thy
 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to thee be glo - ry, one in three

Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,
 bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, light of the an - gels,
 wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; now, as we al - so
 per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,

ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, light nev - er wan - ing.
 joy of those for - sak - en, hope of all liv - ing.
 wor - ship thee de - vout - ly, hear thou our voic - es.
 praise thee and a - dore thee, now and for - ev - er.

Post Communion Prayer & Benediction

Recessional

Voices Raised to You

845

1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the

songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
 heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—

for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

Postlude & Dismissal

Altar flowers are placed to the Glory of God by Diane Derke in loving memory of Siegfried Derke.



Sunday, May 26 *Trinity Sunday*
Deadline to RSVP & Pay for May Dining Out
Gathering @ Char
8:30 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School or Confirmation Classes
11:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, May 28

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid
4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online

Wednesday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

Thursday, May 30

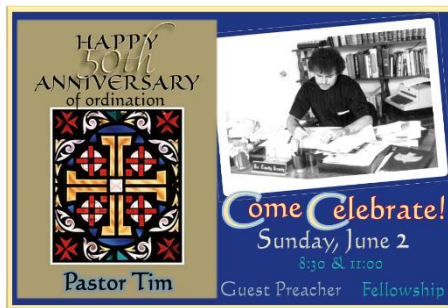
4:00 p.m. Grace Dining Out Club @ Char Steakhouse

Sunday, June 2

Celebrating Pastor Kennedy's 50th ordination anniversary

Name Tag Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
9:45 a.m. Pastor Kennedy anniversary reception in fellowship hall
11:00 a.m. Worship



On May 31st Pastor Tim will be celebrating 50 years of Ordained Ministry in the Lutheran Church! And Grace will be celebrating the occasion on June 2nd with special worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. There will be a special reception at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Food donations are requested to make this event extra special, so please consider bringing a dish to share (breakfast items, finger sandwiches, mini quiches, fruit salad etc.) The guest preacher for this celebration will be the Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Chris Mietlowski.