

Celebration of the

Holy Trinity

Sunday

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THIS WEEK'S SERVANT

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Elder: Mike Bandman
Comm./Asst. Elder: Tim Faitsch
Acolytes: Katie Creamer, Nathan Stutzman
Ushers: Dave Hoffmeister, Chuck Johnson,
JJ Jones
Lay Readers: Andy Barkley,
Diane Boehm
Greeters: Paul & Linda Groh,
Schaefer Family
Fellowship: OPEN
May Altar Guild: Diane Mundrick
May Counters: Monte Stoltzman

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Bob Souza
Steve Best
Lauren Best, Jay Souza
Lance Rasmussen,
Karen Kailer
Karla Stewart,
Monte Stoltzman
Theresa Fugelseth,
Kruse Family

Marsha Somppi
Kathy Schwartz

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Craig Johnsen in memory of wife, Donna J. Wheeler Johnsen, and Kelley Dorner in celebration of her mother, Laraine's birthday and remembering her late father, Arthur's birthday.

GENEROSITY SERVICE

A service celebrating God's generosity to us—especially in His generous salvation offered as a gift to us in Jesus Christ. May that generosity transform us.

Opening Hymn

The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

Invocation for the Celebration of the Holy Trinity based on LSB 604 (“Breastplate of St. Patrick”)

P: I bind unto myself the name,

C: The strong name of the Trinity

P: By invocation of the same,

C: The Three in One and One in Three,

P: Of whom all nature has creation,

C: Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Generosity Praises

based on 1 Cor. 2:12; 2 Cor. 9:11; Prov. 11:25; Rom. 12:6,8; James 1:17

P: We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God,

C: that we may understand what God has freely given us.

P: You will be made rich in every way

C: so that you can be generous on every occasion.

P: A generous person will prosper;

C: The one who refreshes others will also be refreshed.

P: We have different gifts, according to the grace,
the gift of God, given to us. If it is encouraging,

C: let him encourage;

P: if it is contributing to the needs of others,

C: let him give generously;

P: if it is leadership,

C: let him lead diligently;

P: if it is showing mercy,

C: let him do it cheerfully.

P: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,

C: coming down from the Father of lights. Amen.

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

based on Titus 3:3-7

P: Confess—admit your sin before the Lord and before one another.

C: In our sinful condition, we were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

P: But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

C: He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done,

P: but because of his mercy.

C: He saved us through the washing of rebirth—

P: Your baptism into the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: He saved us through the renewal by the Holy Spirit—

P: The Spirit He poured out on you generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

C: So that, now we are made right in God's eyes,

P: You are justified by his grace, a free gift to you through God's generosity. You are forgiven, made right, justified in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Now we inherit all the riches of the kingdom of God as His children.

P: You inherit the gift of the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song of Praise

How Majestic is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the
earth. O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the
earth. O Lord, we praise Your name. O
Lord, we mag - ni - fy Your name: Prince of Peace. Might - y
God, O Lord God Al - might - y. O y.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The final staff includes first and second endings, indicated by '1.' and '2.' above the notes.

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Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31 (ESV)

¹Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

⁴“To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.

²²The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,

²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Early Church

Acts 2:14a, 22–36 (ESV)

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, ²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand,
³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem

“Standing on the Promises”

Adult Choir

Holy Gospel

John 8:48-59 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter. C: ***Glory to You, O Lord.***

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he

will never see death.”⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’”⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?”⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’”⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word.⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.”⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Confession of Faith

Portions of the Athanasian Creed

This ancient creed defends the teaching of the Trinity (One God in three persons).

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the [one Christian] faith.

C: The [one Christian] faith is this,

P: that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,
neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

C: The Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

P: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one:
the glory equal...

C: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

P: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

P: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

C: The Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

P: and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.

C: The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

P: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

C: The Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

P: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

C: This is the [one Christian] faith. Amen.

Song of the Day

Father, I Adore You

Musical score for the song "Father, I Adore You". The score is written in G major, 4/4 time, and consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a circled "1" and contains the notes F, Gm, C, F, and a circled "2" above an F. The second staff begins with a circled "3" above an F and contains the notes C, F, Gm, C, and F. The lyrics are: "Fa - ther, Je - sus, Spir - it, I a - dore you, Lay my life be - fore you. How I love you!"

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Sermon

God's Terms of Salvation

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Offering Preface

based on King David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:10-14

P: Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

**C: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.**

P: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

C: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

P: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

C: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

P: But who are we that we should be able to give as generously as this?

**C: Everything comes from you,
and we have given you only what comes from your hand. Amen.**

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory

Christ the Eternal Lord

LSB 829, st. 1

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.

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Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Generosity Praises

based on Psalm 106:1-5,47-48

P: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his love endures forever.

P: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?

C: Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people, come to our aid when you save them.

P: So that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

C: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

P: Let all the people say, "Amen! Praise the Lord."

C: Amen! Praise the Lord.

Benediction for the Celebration of the Holy Trinity

P: I bind unto myself today,

based on LSB 604 ("Breastplate of St. Patrick")

The power of God to hold and lead,

C: His eye to watch, His might to stay,

P: His ear to hearken to my need,

C: The wisdom of my God to teach,

P: His hand to guide, His shield to ward

C: The Word of God to give me speech,

P: His heav'nly host to be my guard.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 507 sts. 1-4



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 man 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!

Announcements

Vacation Bible School



June 13 – 17 ~ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Online registration for participants and volunteers ends May 31!

Visit www.bethelgurnee.org/vbs to register.

VBS prop/craft night ~ **May 24** ~ 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Volunteer training night ~ Wednesday, **June 1** ~ 6:00—8:00 p.m.



Contact Sara or Shannon at vbs@bethelgurnee.org with questions.

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