



Holy Trinity

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Growing in Faith - Making a Difference - Open to All

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Welcome to Holy Trinity! We're thankful that you decided to join us in worship today. Every week is a little different here, and we hope that you'll encounter God's love and grace for you. At Holy Trinity we believe that the Gospel is God's gift to each and every person, shared unconditionally regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, or sexual orientation. In baptism, God has joined us together as one body who shares Christ's mission to love and serve the world. Through Christ we find a unity that transcends any other differences, and we welcome all people into Christ's church as fellow recipients of God's grace and workers in God's world.

+ GATHERING +

Welcome

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism:

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C: We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journeys.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al-might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Greeting:

L: 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.

Prayer of the Day:

L: Let us pray together...

C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+ WORD +

Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

1Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

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 15:9-17

L: The Gospel this day from St. John, the 15th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor Dan Smith

Anthem

At Home, Let There Be Love

Ruth Elaine Schram

Affirmation of Faith

L: As children of God, we affirm:

C: **That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,
that God is present with all of creation,
and that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful;
therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.
That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;
therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.
That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,
and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;
therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:
discerning, loving, and transforming our world.
Amen.**

**Adapted from Daily Prayer for All Seasons.*

The Prayers:

L: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence

L: Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

- L: Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Be present with those who are sick or suffering, including Dottie, Harvey, Martha, Doris Jane, Linda, Sue, and Will. Provide for those needing homes or medical care in our communities. Help us in continuing to decrease coronavirus spread in the US, and to give support to other countries who are struggling with it. Hear us, O God.
- C: **Your mercy is great.**
- L: Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives. Keep us united with them in your lasting love. Hear us, O God.
- C: **Your mercy is great.**
- L: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer:

- L: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
**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.**

Announcements

+ SENDING +

Benediction:

L: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Dismissal:

L: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace, share the good news! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Happy Birthday to: Al Gebhart III (5/11).

Sample RIC Welcome Statements from ELCA Churches:

Reformation Lutheran in Media

Called by Christ, we invite and welcome all people. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, age, abilities, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or employment status. We welcome all without regard to religious belief or identity, citizenship, political views, or anything that might divide us. Our unity is in Christ.

Holy Trinity's Prayer List

Dottie Adams
Harvey Davis
Martha deHeyman
Doris Jane Starankovic
Sue Steiger
Linda Wieteha
Will Williamson

Marty (friend of Pat Brubaker)
Linda Baldi-Boyd
Lin (friend of Pat Brubaker)
Kelly (Carolmarie Scanlon's sister in law)
Michael Barkovich (Kim Crews-Engelhard's cousin)
Beth Ann Force (friend of Louise Hoffman)
Sally Kennedy (Pastor Harvey Davis's wife)
Georgette, her daughter Kara, and Chuck
Marbury Hooey
Bill & Jane Henderson (friends of the Hoffmanns)
John & Rosemary Lynch (friends of Pat Brubaker)
Jane Feldman (family member of the Steigers)
Tangela Jones (friend of the Crews-Engelhard Family)

Friends and Relatives

Bettina Chavanne (friend of the McCluskeys)
Alyssa Yoder (friend of Dee Jaye Frye and
Doris Jane Starankovic)
The Olsen Family (Pat Brubaker's family)
Kellie & Bob Coombs (friends of Anne Hoffman)
Vincent Sangmeister (Mary Williamson's brother)
Fran Gebhart
Sharon Neall (Hall family member)
Eleanore Roecker (friend of Anne Hoffman)
Ve Woodson (daughter of Harvey Davis)
Beth Brady (Kristine DelMonte's co-worker)
Lois Kistler (friend of the Hoffmann's)
Norma DelMonte (Tom's mother)
Sandy Bauer (friend of Pat Brubaker)
Cindy and Bobbie (cousins of the Hoffmann's)

June Duncan
Nancy Nesbitt (friend of Bob Catherman)
Annette Steiger (Dave Steiger's sister)
Martin Eichner (Gloria Eichner's son)
Margie (Jan Doan's friend)
Eleanor Crissman (Bob Catherman's sister)
Lucy Bishop (Julie Ackerman's cousin's baby)
Joseph Davis
Winifred Joyce (friend of the Hoffmanns)
Bill Henderson & Families (friends of the Hoffmanns)
Robert Hoffmann (cousin of the Hoffmanns)

Want to add someone you love and care about to the prayer list? Contact the church office anytime.