

The Holy Trinity
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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

INTRODUCTION

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Arr. Labenske

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in You. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to You. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than

enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen

HYMN Red hymnal #408

Come Thou Almighty King

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever.

Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

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

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

R: ¹In 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!"

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

R: 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.

R: 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.

R: 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.

R: 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.

R: 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.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

R: ¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 3:1-17

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? ¹¹Very 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. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Kristen Zimmann

HYMN Red hymnal #412

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer....**

OFFERING—INVITATION—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #691 *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

- C:** 1. Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table. We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.
2. The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in Your good pleasure. What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.

SANCTUS Red hymnal page 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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; 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.

AGNUS DEI Red hymnal page 146

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

BLESSING

- P:** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
+ be upon you now and forever.
C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #413

Holy, Holy, Holy

DISMISSAL

- P:** What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church
C: The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: "Serving Christ through serving Others."
P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Speak, O Lord

Arr. Larson

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by
Chuck & Jayne Drake in memory of their grandson Braden.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

In Helpful Service

Worship Leader	Kristen Zimmann
Reader	Linda Holt
Usher	Linda Holt
Greeters	Chuck & Erma Swanson

Total Attendance: 5/18 & 19: 97

Unified Giving: \$2,017.00

Sunday School: 28

Adults/Youth/Kids

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Indian Lake Tornado Fund*

Money is needed to help tornado victims. Many residents in the Indian Lake vicinity are homeless and have lost everything. Others have sustained heavy damage to their homes. Your donations will be collected in a "Tornado Fund" canister during the month of May. Please make checks out to Zion Lutheran Church and write "tornado fund" on the memo line. 100% of the donations will be given to those in need through the Galilee Lutheran Church in Russels Point. Any questions contact Kathy Groth.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 3 - 7, 6:00 - 8:15 pm at St. John's. This year

we will be teaming up with St John's Lutheran Church (Vandalia) and St Paul's (Dayton). This year's theme is "The Amazing gRace". We have been asked to be in charge of the dinners. **A sign-up sheet for food donations is posted in the fellowship hallway.** Please contact Jessica with questions, concerns, or ideas. Scan the QR code to register.



HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU? Monday, June 10th.

It was well received last year so we are bringing it back for one day. There are 2 shifts: 9:00 am until Noon and 3:00 – 6:00 pm. The shifts will be one hour each and we need 3 people to pray each shift. There will be stations in front of and behind the church. Weather permitting. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hallway. The congregation is welcome to submit prayer requests to be prayed over that day.