

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Matthew 8:18

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The Holy Trinity
June 4, 2023



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May 28, 2023 ATTENDANCE - 57

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.

"CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY"

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a "Cry Room" near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.

A Liturgy based on the Athanasian Creed for Holy Trinity Sunday

The Athanasian Creed is one of the three ecumenical creeds. The others, the Apostles' and the Nicene creeds, are confessed by most Western and Eastern Christian churches. The Athanasian is confessed primarily by Western churches. Lutherans traditionally use the Athanasian Creed on the Sunday after Pentecost, called "Trinity Sunday," as we honor the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Because of the Creed's length, this service divides each part in a spoken dialogue between pastor and people.

About the Athanasian Creed:

After the Nicene Creed was approved another creed was written toward the end of the fifth century that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth century opponent of the Arians, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later state in the debate.

The Athanasian Creed (Latin: Quicunque Vult) declares that its teaching concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." It is also foundational material for both the Lutheran Confessions as well as the ordination vows of every Lutheran pastor.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty w/ I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. Erinn Jarrell Schwarz

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands (if able)

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

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

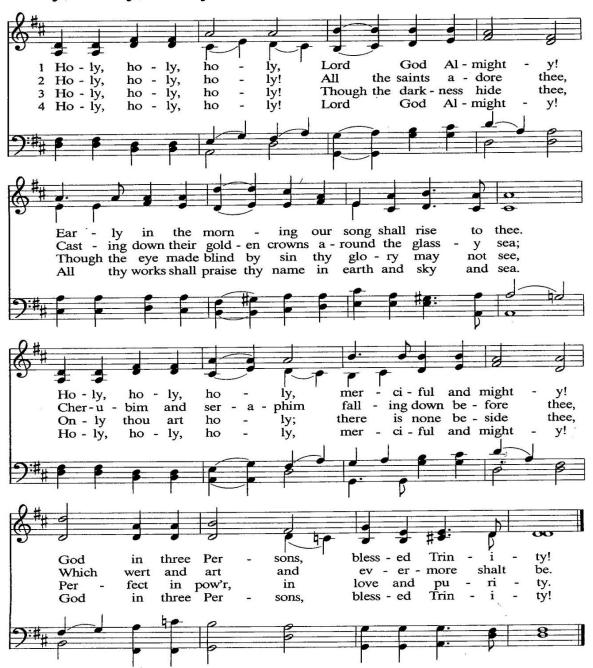
C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876 NICAEA 11 12 12 10 P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

The ATHANASIAN CREED -Part I

- P: 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:
- C: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.
- P: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.
- C: But the deity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.
- P: What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit. The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; and the Holy Spirit is infinite. Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit.
- C: 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.
- P: Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:
- C: And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

The GREETING and 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 make the confession of a true faith. We acknowledge your glorious eternal Trinity, and we adore the unity of your majestic work. Defend us by this faith from all adversity and opposition to your way; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON



The First Reading is from the 1st and 2nd chapters of Genesis

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. 6And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. 9And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. 12The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. 24And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds — livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. 25And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 26Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. ^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm 8

- ¹ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
- Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.
- ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?
- ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
- ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,
- ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
- 8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- ⁹ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 2nd chapter of Acts

Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

^{14a}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.' ²⁹Brothers, 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."

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

Brief silence for reflection.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





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



Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The assembly is seated.

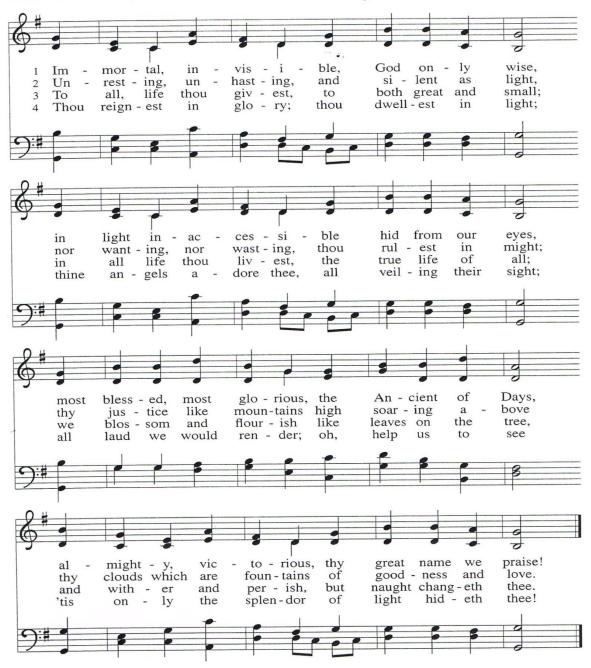
SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands (if able).

HYMN OF THE DAY

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

The ATHANASIAN CREED - Part II

P: Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; and the Holy Spirit is God;

C: And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

P: Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord;

C: And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

P: 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.

C: Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

P: 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.

C: Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

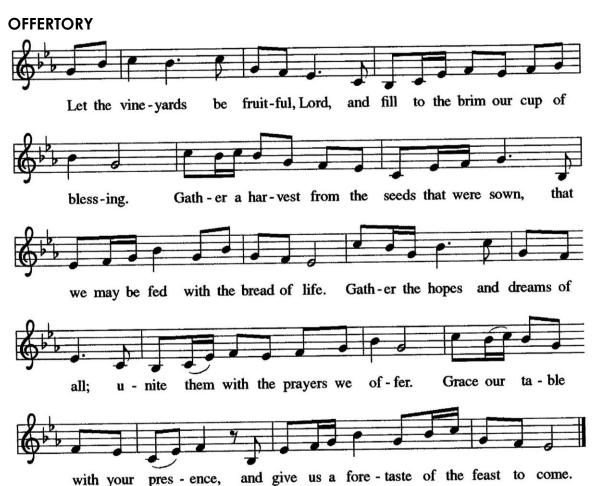
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands (if able).



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The ATHANASIAN CREED - Part III

P: It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh. For this is the true faith that we believe and confess;

C: 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.

P: Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ.

C: 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.

P: He suffered death for our salvation.

C: He descended into hell and rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

P: 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.

C: 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

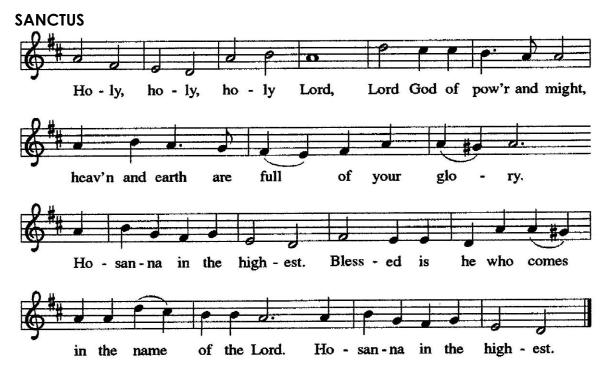
P: Lift up your hearts C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

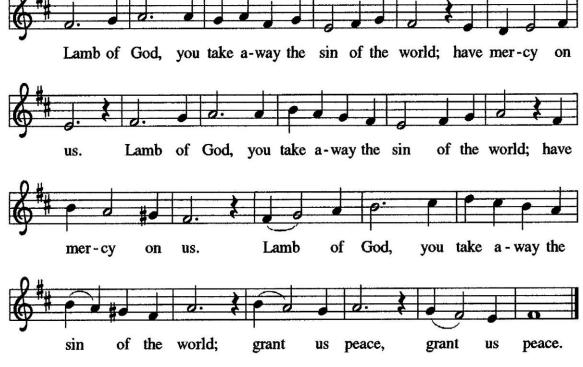
P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI



INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

We invite you to pray silently for someone in the congregation while sitting in the pew before or after receiving Communion or while in line waiting to receive. Two people will be at the back of the sanctuary praying for everyone at this time.

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.

The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**



POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.





POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

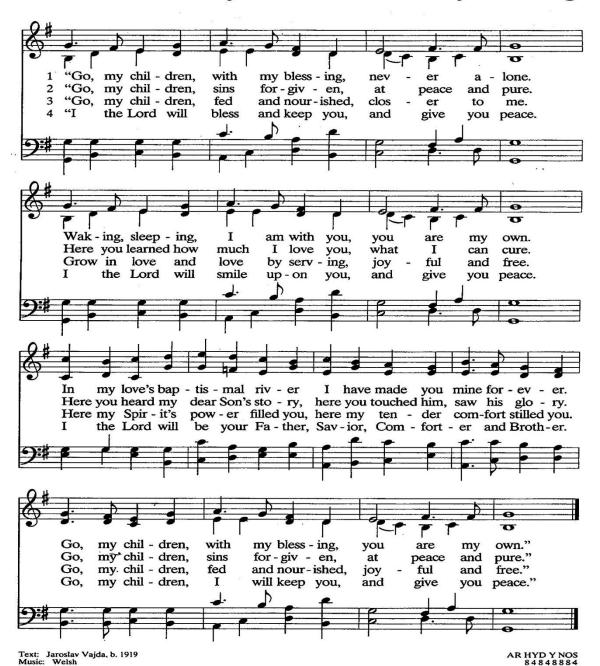
Holy Trinity, One God, as you are one, unite your people, that we who are children of the Father may honor God forever; that we who have received the body and blood of the Son may be united with him forever; that we who have been called, gathered, enlightened, sanctified and preserved by the Holy Spirit may proclaim the one God, who lives and rules, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and \$\displaystyle \text{give you peace.} \text{C: Amen}

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing



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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

arr. Cindy Berry

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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

Homebound **Debbie Binder** Clair Crist Donna Hiltebeitel Elizabeth Larsen Sonva LaGamba Earl and Janet Harry

Paster Luke Seamon

Deb Kneisley

Additional prayers

Tom Scherer - ALS

Pr. Ted Hummel - bone marrow cancer **Brittany Merrill** – chemo, radiation & surgery

Donald Moyer – chemo

Jeff Bradley – recovering from lung cancer

surgery

Meghan Mills – colitis

Neil Vital – stem cell transplant

Chuck Landis - cancer

Courtney Tito – multiple health issues Lauren Didyoung - brain cancer

Judy Mills - CT Scan

Don Graybell – breathing & lung issues

Elaine Myers – pacemaker

Meghan Helzlsouer – chest pain **Ab Zimmerman** – mild stroke **Jo Zimmerman** – dementia

Tish Kelly – recovering from Covid

To request a prayer during today's worship for a person not on the list above, "print" the name on the prayer request form on the table in the back of the nave before worship.

Names on the additional prayers list will be printed for one month. Contact Rose Keller (717) 333-1448 or (rose.a.keller@gmail.com) or Pr. Mark at (pastor@reformation-nalc.org) to keep a name listed for another month, to add a new name, or to remove a name.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

Prayer Chain participants are emailed prayer updates. Contact Judy Mills (pabluebird1242@icloud.com) to be included in the updates, or request removal from the chain.

STEWARDSHIP



Offering plates are not passed during the service. They are on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett (3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603) or make a donation online at https://www.reformation-nalc.org/giving/.

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CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, "according to which all doctrines should and must be judged" (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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