



The Holy Trinity



The Dancing Trinity from the Arnold Janssen Spirituality Center May 26, 2024

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all... an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome





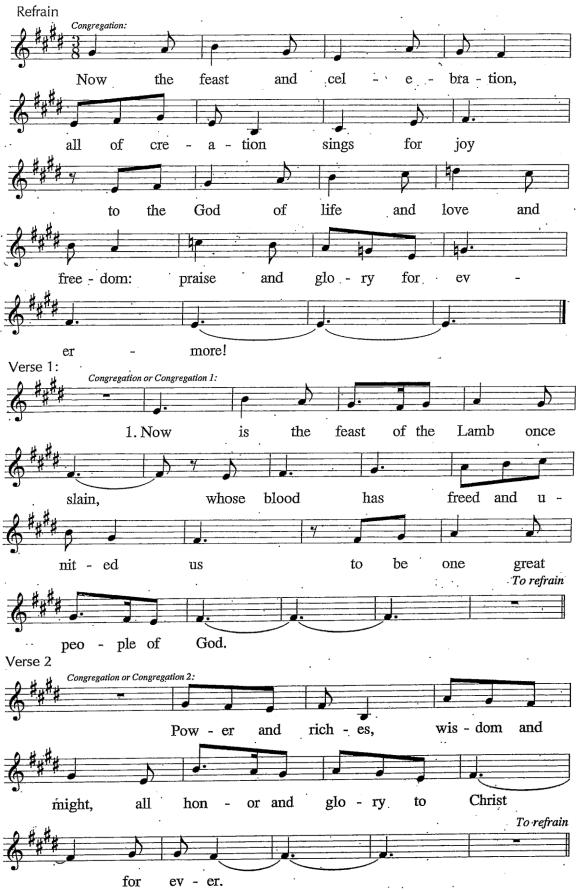
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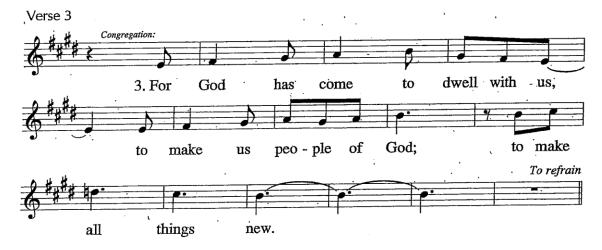
Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise





Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading Romans 8:12-17 (New Living Translation, inclusivized) A reading from the St. Paul's letter to the early church at Rome

Dear ones, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when God adopted you as children. Now we call God, "Abba." For God's Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are children, we are heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share Christ's glory, we must also share his suffering.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen.



Psalm 29



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Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty 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 pow- | erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

The Lord breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

The LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

The voice [|] of the LORD bursts forth in [|] lightning flashes.

The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
The LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.

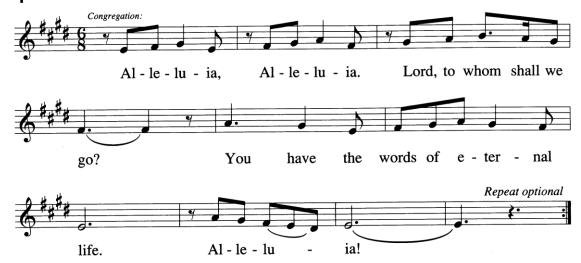
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
The LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

O LORD, give strength | to your people; give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.



Gospel Acclamation



Gospel John 3:1-17

(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, inclusivized)
The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He 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 unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus 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?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The 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." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Human One. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

God's Hand Stretched Out in Love

God is not an impersonal substance over and against the creature, a being tied to itself that subjugates and dominates the creature, nor a being whose primary love is self-love. The God who does not need or care for the creature, or who is immune to our suffering, does not exist. The God too hidden for us to know, or too powerful to evoke anything but fear, does not exist. The God who watches us from a distance as an uninvolved, impartial observer, does not exist. The God conceived as a self-enclosed, exclusively self-related triad of persons does not exist. The God who keeps a ledger of our sins and failings, the divine policeman, does not exist. These are all false gods, fantasies of the imagination that has allowed itself to become detached from the rule of God's life disclosed in Jesus Christ. What we believe about God must match what is revealed about God in Scripture: God watches over the widow and the poor, God makes the rains fall on just and unjust alike, God welcomes the stranger and embraces the enemy (Catherine Mowry LaCugna, *God for Us*, p. 397).



Musical Reflection

Draw Near to the Lord

Russell Nagy Senior Choir and Chime Choir

Come, praise our Father Almighty, the King of creation! Come, praise His Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord over all! Come, praise His one Holy Spirit, the fire of salvation! Praise we our God, three in one, one in three, all in all!

Praise to the Father for bountiful grace never failing!
Praise to the Son, Jesus Christ, who is Savior of all!
Praise to the Spirit in wisdom and mercy prevailing!
Praise we our God, three in one, one in three, all in all!

Now draw near to the Lord, and He will draw near to you; Now draw near to the Lord and love Him in all you do.

Come and exalt Him, our voices and spirits upraising.
Come and exalt Him who loves us and died for us all.
Come and exalt Him, the God who inhabits our praising.
Praise we our God, three in one, one in three, all in all!

Now draw near to the Lord, and He will draw near to you; Now draw near to the Lord and love Him in all you do.

Praise to the Father Almighty, the King of creation!
Praise to the Son Jesus Christ, who is Lord over all!
Praise to the one Holy Spirit, His fire of salvation.
Praise to our God, three in one, one in three, all in all!



Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." Receive our prayer.

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Kathy Richter, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, John Kennedy's sister and brother-in-law, Becky & Vic Wolfe, Kathie Ehrich, Elaine Warren, David Williams, Nate Bird's inlaws Rose and Wendell Jordan, Mary Watts, Lorien Dana, basketball coach Tom Mitchell, Becky Trover's niece Olivia Theissen, Kandice Hoddinott-Ward, Brittany Amon, John Huber, Sara Sed
For the people of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Dublin For Redeemer community member Petra Williams

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

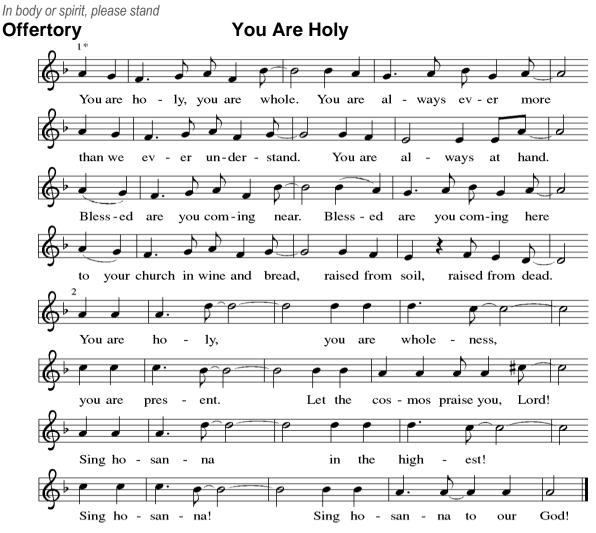
Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug.

For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance. We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.



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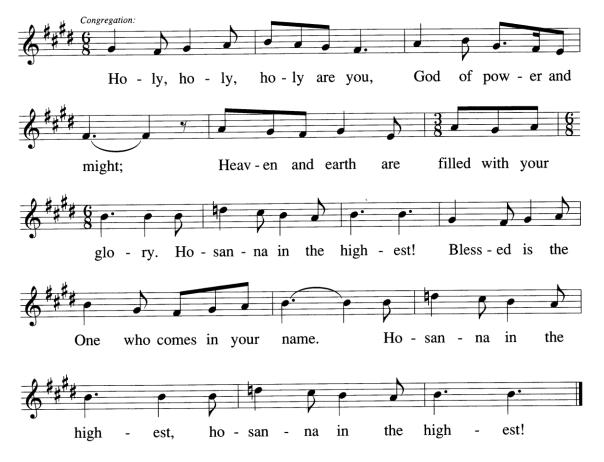
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Great Thanksgiving



In the beginning, the Spirit brooded time into being, so that God could give form to the world. At the Incarnation, the Spirit breathed God's time into being, so that the world could receive the Word. Through Pentecost, the Spirit brought a new time into being, so that the Word could meet us everywhere.

Holy God, your Christ sends the Spirit to be a companion to all who follow your Way. As inheritors of both the challenge and the comfort of your Way, we join with all who have made this journey in other places and at other times, raising our voices in this timeless song of praise:



Entering these gifts of bread and wine, the Spirit blesses this time, and makes Christ alive in this meal to comfort, challenge, and transform us. Here at this table, through the power of the Spirit, God's time and our time come together in bread and wine, making grace something we can touch and taste.

We recall how Jesus, drawing near to the end of his time on earth, ate a last meal with his friends. We remember how his words and actions disturbed and dismayed them; but also how he offered them comfort and encouragement. We remember that he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper he took a cup, and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Hear us now as we commit ourselves to your Way, and pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

As we share these gifts of grace, may the Holy Spirit take and transform them that we may know both their comfort and their challenge, and so transform ourselves and our days. Here is bread and wine – touched and transformed by the Spirit. Come, eat and drink, and be healed and strengthened to face all that life brings.

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal. So do we.

Please be seated

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.

Musical Reflection

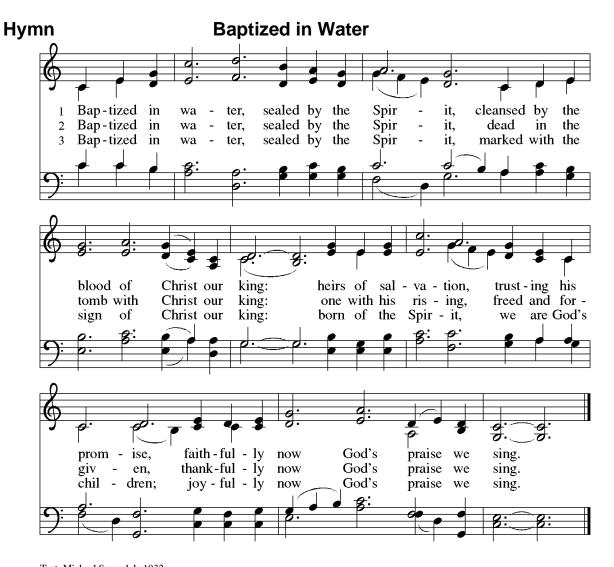
Reflection on Come, Thou Fount

arr. Sandra Eithun Chime Choir





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Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving Spirit, continue to form and nurture us as we grow in following you. As you led Jesus into the wilderness, stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ. As you transformed the disciples, grace and gift us for the task of building the beloved community Christ lived, died, and rose for. Continue to comfort and discomfort us until justice prevails. peace reigns, and love directs all. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn Come, Join the Dance of Trinity Come, join the dance of be - fore all worlds be - gun-Trin - i - ty, Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem; tongues of flame Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun, of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son. the in - ter-weav-ing blood-ied by crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem. then a peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name. set sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son. we The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance, Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone; dance of 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,

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

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Blessing Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Come Thou Almighty King, arr. Mark Hayes

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Adult Ed – 11:15 am Living our Faith as Citizens

Adult Education Class Discusses New Draft ELCA Statement on Living our Faith as Citizens

In this season of the BREAD Nehemiah Action on May 21, Memorial Day, and elections, it's timely to ask the question, How as Lutherans should we understand our relationship to civic life — including government — as individuals and as a church body?

An Evangelical Lutheran Church in America task force led by experts in theological ethics has been addressing this question for the past three years. This group has issued "A Draft Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith." For the next couple of Sunday mornings, our adult education class will read through a summary of this statement and discuss what it says about faith and public life. Any who wish can submit comments and suggestions to the task force until September 30.

Copies of the draft statement will be available Sunday. You can also access the summary and the entire document at

www.elca.org/civicsandfaith.

In-Person and Zoom:

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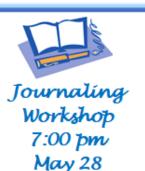
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Bible Study St. Paul's Letter to the Romans Tuesdays + 1:00 pm

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In Person - Outer Pastor's Office



RESTING HUMBLY WITH GOD

Mini Retreat

Saturday June 1 - 11:00am-2:00pm

We gather at the home of Sue Yehling, 9660 Taylor Road SW, Reynoldsburg. Join us for devotion, praise, and prayers. We will share a potluck lunch and have a guest speaker.

For more information see Reflections or contact Carol Heacock.

Please join us for fellowship and service



Columbus Pride Parade

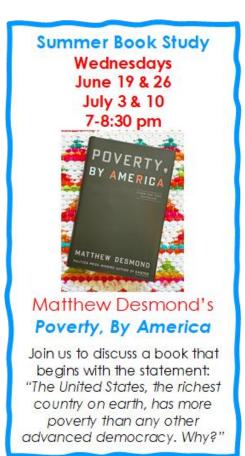
Saturday, June 15

Pre-parade check-in 8:00 am Join us and other local Lutheran RIC congregations

Register at https://forms.gle/v6TcfBBJjhto3YQd9

To order a t-shirt https://epiphanypickerington.second slide.io/products/PRIDE/pride

See Reflections for details.





Fans! Fans! and more Fans!

Sister Act is again sponsoring the collection of **box fans** to be distributed at our June 20 food giveaway. The goal for this year is 170 fans.

You may either donate fans [watch for sales!] or make a monetary contribution for the purchase of fans –just put "fans" in the Check memo.

If you have questions, contact Julianne Johnson.

YARD SALE

Saturday, June 22 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Redeemer's Youth are raising funds for the 2024 Youth Gathering with a yard sale on the church lawn. To help make the sale a success, they are looking for donations of gently used items in good condition.

Donations can be dropped off at the church by Sunday, June 1b. The current location is in the Fellowship Hall on the stage. "We will update this information soon including how to request pick up of items so stay tuned!"

In the meantime, for any questions, please contact Wendy at wendystoica@earthlink.net or call or text her at 614-477-3247.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister David Shull, Pastor **Assisting Minister** Julianne Johnson Cantor Al Rider **ASL Interpreter** Bryan Neal **Organist & Senior Choir Director** Kathy Rapp **Pianist & Chime Choir Director** Karen Kent Ashley Bird, Judith Bird **Usher** Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica Verger **Communion Prep** Carol Heacock, Becky Trover **Producers** Michele Disbro, Sue Yehling **Hospitality** Karen Rider

Flowers are given by **Ruth Murray and Donna Voelkel** in honor of **Redeemer musicians**. Noisy Offering will go to World Central Kitchen.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 26 - JUNE 2

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship
		with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	In-Person and Zoom Bible Study
	5:15 pm	ZOOM Outreach Team
	6:30 pm	Congregation Council
	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
Friday-Saturday		Southern Ohio Synod Assembly
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship
		with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education



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