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HOLY TRINITY

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church

May 30, 2021 9:30am

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Pastor Stephen Springer

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.

PROLOGUE

Eric Holtan, pipe organ

Beautiful Savior

Setting by F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955);
transcribed by G. Winston Cassler (1906-1990)

On this Trinity Sunday, the solo organ music is comprised of works built on hymns about each person of the Trinity. Founder of the St. Olaf Choir, F. Melius Christiansen was a prolific composer and arranger of more than 250 works, including many settings of Lutheran hymns. His most famous arrangement is *Beautiful Savior*, which became and remains the signature piece of the St. Olaf Choir. St. Olaf organist G. Winston transcribed for organ this and several other choral works by Christiansen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

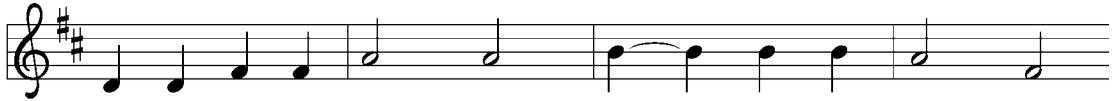
Blessed be the holy Trinity,
‡ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us
and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in 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.
Amen.



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 - ness 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!

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

A reading from Isaiah.

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!”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 29

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.



Psalm 29:2

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¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. REFRAIN**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. REFRAIN**

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!”

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. **REFRAIN**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

A reading from Romans.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly sings the acclamation before and after the verse of the day.



Cantor: Holy, holy, holy is the | Lord of hosts;*
God's glory fills | the whole earth. [Isaiah 6:3]

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

The Holy Gospel According to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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?

¹¹"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. 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.

¹⁷“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.

SERMON

Pastor Stephen Springer

<u>Traditional Prayer of the Day:</u>	<u>Contemporary Roman Catholic:</u>
Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.	Father, you sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy. Through them we come to know the mystery of your life. Help us to worship you, one God in three Persons, by proclaiming and living our faith in you. Amen.

Athanasian Creed

(for reference in the sermon)

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:
We worship one God in trinity
and the Trinity in unity,
neither confusing the persons
nor dividing the divine being.
For the Father is one person,
the Son is another,
and the Spirit is still another.
But the deity of the Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit
is one, equal in glory,
coeternal in majesty.
What the Father is,
the Son is,
and so is the Holy Spirit.
Uncreated is the Father;
uncreated is the Son;
uncreated is the Spirit.
The Father is infinite;
the Son is infinite;
the Holy Spirit is infinite.
Eternal is the Father;
eternal is the Son;
eternal is the Spirit:
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.
Almighty is the Father;
almighty is the Son;

almighty is the Spirit:
And yet there are not three almighty
beings,
but one who is almighty.
Thus the Father is God;
the Son is God;
the Holy Spirit is God:
And yet there are not three gods,
but one God.
Thus the Father is Lord;
the Son is Lord;
the Holy Spirit is Lord:
And yet there are not three lords,
but one Lord.
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.
Thus there is one Father, not three
fathers;
one Son, not three sons;
one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.
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.
Whoever wants to be saved should think
thus about the Trinity.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that
one also faithfully believe
 that our Lord Jesus became flesh.
For this is the true faith that we believe
and confess:
 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.
Although he is God and man,
 he is not divided,
 but is one Christ.
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.
He suffered death for our salvation.
He descended into hell
 and rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.
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.
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.



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our
 2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en; good - ness un -
 3 Mak - er of all things, all thy crea - tures praise thee; all for thy
 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to thee be glo - ry, one in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,
 bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, light of the an - gels,
 wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; now, as we al - so
 per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, light nev - er wan - ing.
 joy of those for - sak - en, hope of all liv - ing.
 wor - ship thee de - vout - ly, hear thou our voic - es.
 praise thee and a - dore thee, now and for - ev - er.

Text: Latin hymn, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray

Holy, holy, holy Gd, you are - indeed, Thou art - beyond all our naming. Let the glory of your majesty and mercy, which bows our head and bends our knee, so stir our heart that we hear the call to rise, to live and move and have our being in you, with awe, with courage and with simple service. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy Gd, we pray, accept the song and the speech of our praise this day, and in all that we do let neither a pride in our own show of worship nor a satisfaction in our own theological formulas fill the place that is to be left open for your glory. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy Gd, protect peoples and nations from the heated passions of self-promotion and vengeance. Correct and free us from the power and oppression of such continuing sin. Let leadership for the common good replace the drive for personal gain. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy Gd, we pray, continue to flow your life force into creation, and breathe your spirit on humanity. Abide in fullness with us, and strengthen us in all truth so the blessings of peace may fill the earth, and tired and wounded lives may find rest and healing. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy Gd, raise in the hearts of suffering people a faith that does not fail or disappoint. Give them, through the grace now born into our human story, that endurance, that character and that hope which comes from hearing the authority of your powerful voice and feeling the touch of your caring hand. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy Gd, we remember persons who have died. Comfort those who mourn. Let the sure and certain hope of eternal life reign supreme in our hearts. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Finally, most holy Gd, may we see and celebrate and heed the multiple signs of your singular holiness that we find in all that is, which begins and ends in the glorious mystery of your majesty and mercy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

MEDITATION

Eric Holtan, pipe organ

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling
Setting by Theodore Beck (1929-2003)

American composer and music educator Theodore Beck was on the faculty of Concordia University of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Seward, Nebraska for nearly half a century. He composed many works for choir and organ, including this charming manual-only setting of IN BABILONE, a tune utilized for several hymns, including ELW 582.

COMMISSION

BLESSING

The holy Three,
the holy One
increase your hope,
strengthen your faith,
deepen your love,
and † grant you peace.

Amen.



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scepter claim,
 above are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900
 Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty King of Creation
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

German organist, music theorist and composer Johann Gottfried Walther was both contemporary and cousin of J.S. Bach. Like his more famous cousin, Walther wrote numerous chorale preludes. In this setting of the beloved chorale in praise of God the Father, Walther places the melody in the pedals, above which music for the manuals has an improvisatory-like quality derived from the melody.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John Hoelter, assisting minister
Christine Alexander, lector
Eric Holtan, cantor and organist

**MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION
AND REMEMBRANCE MONTH!**

Members of The American Legion Auxiliary Oro Valley Unit 132 have been helping the community to remember our veterans by distributing the remembrance poppy to the public for over 10 years. May 2020 was not the month of May we thought it would be, but as we regain our footing and achieve some sense of normalcy, we are asking you to remember, honor, and support Military Appreciation and Remembrance Month by wearing a red poppy on Memorial Day, May 31. We are blessed to have this opportunity to reflect on the freedoms that have been purchased by the blood of others and to thank God for the blessings he has bestowed on our nation!

As you know the poppy is a source of financial and therapeutic benefit to the hospitalized and disabled veterans, who construct them by hand, as well as benefiting thousands of other veterans and their families by the appreciated, but not required, donations received. All proceeds are for the care and assistance of local veterans and members of our National Guard who are in need. Poppies will be available before each service on Sunday, May 30. We hope you will consider donating, and wearing your poppy on Memorial Day!