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**The Mission of Chapel of the Cross**

*Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran exists to show the love of Jesus to the people of North County and beyond so that all may have a living relationship with Christ.*

# **The Holy Trinity**

**May 29 & 30, 2021**  
**5:00 p.m., 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

## **AS WE GATHER**

On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we do not so much explain God as confess Him. We testify to Him who has revealed Himself to us. To the mind in search of reasonable answers, God will always be a question or riddle to be solved. But to the empty heart, the Holy Spirit leads us to see with faith the God whose majesty has worked for our salvation and whose mercy has rescued us sinners from sin and the grave. Like Nicodemus of old, we want to know how, yet our Lord gives us not the how, but the who; not the explanation, but the mystery of mercy big enough to save us.

## **PRELUDE**

"Largo in E Major"

G. P. Telemann

## **WELCOME**

✘ PREPARATION ✘

OPENING HYMN

507 Holy, Holy, Holy (sung by soloist)

- 1 *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!*
  
- 2 *Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.*
  
- 3 *Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.*
  
- 4 *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!*

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*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

506    *Glory Be to God the Father (sung by soloist)*

- 1        *Glory be to God the Father,  
          Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit:  
          Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
          Glory, glory  
          While eternal ages run!*
- 3        *Glory to the King of angels,  
          Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations;  
          Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
          Glory, glory  
          To the King of glory sing!*
- 4        *Glory, blessing, praise eternal!  
          Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!  
          Thus its praise creation brings.  
          Glory, glory,  
          Glory to the King of kings!*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, accept our thanks for our creation, redemption, and sanctification. We praise You that You have called us to be Yours. By Your grace, direct our lives that we would ever be Your holy people who walk worthily in Your ways; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 6:1–8

*(We have seen the Lord of hosts.)*

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

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<sup>8</sup> Then 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!"

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 29

**Pastor:** Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**People:** **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

**Pastor:** The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

**People:** **The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.**

**Pastor:** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

**People:** **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.**

**Pastor:** The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

**People:** **The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

**Pastor:** The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.

**People:** **And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

**Pastor:** The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

**People:** **The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace. Glory be to the Father and to the ☩ Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



## EPISTLE

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

*(Let all know that God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.)*

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

<sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

<sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup> David said about him:

" I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope,

<sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. <sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

" 'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." ' "

<sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 3:1–17

*("For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son.")*

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

<sup>3</sup> In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

<sup>4</sup> "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup> "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven--the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **ATHANASIAN CREED**

Pastor: We confess the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as we profess portions of the ancient ecumenical creed written in the third century, on the basis of church father, Athanasius' teachings. Whoever will be saved shall, above all else, hold the catholic\* faith ... *(\*universal)*

People: **And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

Men: **The Father is uncreated, incomprehensible, eternal.**

Women: **The Son is uncreated, incomprehensible, eternal.**

People: **The Spirit is uncreated, incomprehensible, eternal.**

Pastor: So likewise the Father is almighty God, the Son is almighty God, and the Holy Spirit is almighty God.

People: **And yet they are not three Lords but one Lord.**

Pastor: For we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge every person by Himself to be both God and Lord,

Men: **So we cannot by the catholic faith say that there are three Gods or three Lords ...**

Women: **There is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

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- Pastor: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; ... so that in all things ... the Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- People: He, therefore, that will be saved is compelled thus to think of the Trinity.**
- Pastor: Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man.
- Men: Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.**
- Women: He ascended into heaven, He sits at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- Men: At whose coming all men will rise again with their bodies and will give an account of their own works.**
- Women: And they that have done good will go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire.**
- Pastor: This is the catholic faith which, except a person believe faithfully and firmly, he cannot be saved.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon notes:

*Please stand*

**HYMN**

**498**    Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest (sung by all)

- 1**        Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
            And make our hearts Your place of rest;  
            Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,  
            And fill the hearts which You have made.
  
- 2**        To You, the Counselor, we cry,  
            To You, the gift of God Most High;  
            The fount of life, the fire of love,  
            The soul's anointing from above.
  
- 3**        In You, with graces sevenfold,  
            We God's almighty hand behold  
            While You with tongues of fire proclaim  
            To all the world His holy name.
  
- 4**        Your light to ev'ry thought impart,  
            And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;  
            The weakness of our mortal state  
            With deathless might invigorate.
  
- 7**        Praise we the Father and the Son  
            And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
            And may the Son on us bestow  
            The gifts that from the Spirit flow! Amen.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

+ + + **Special Intercessions** + + +

**Each concluding:** Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy, **People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

*In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.*

## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor:

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. You have called us as followers of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taken upon Himself the sins of the world and has, by His rising from the grave, opened to us the very gates of heaven. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

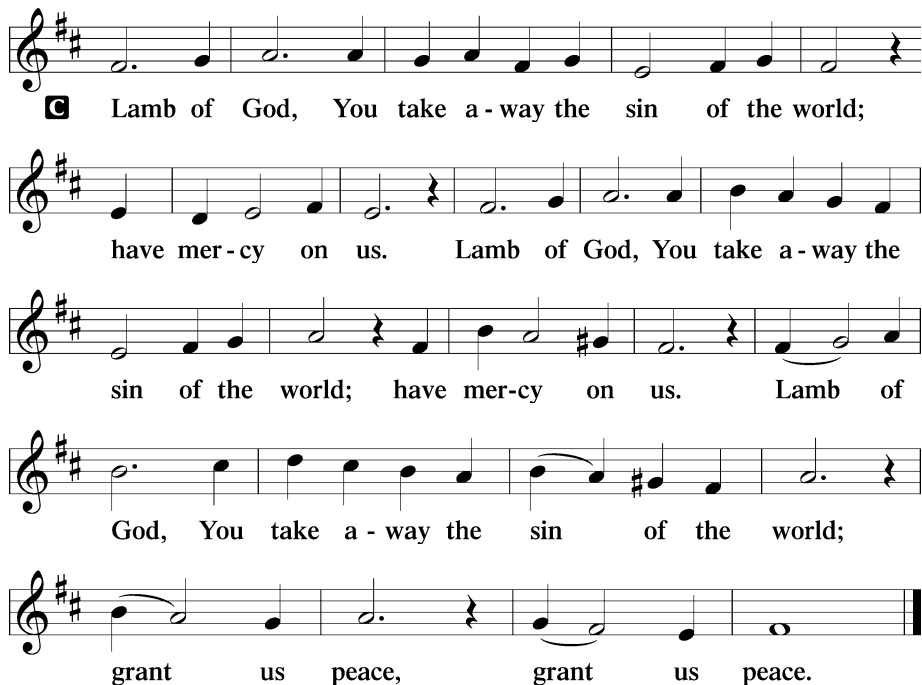
## **PEACE OF THE LORD**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **And also with you.**



## AGNUS DEI



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*After the Words of Institution are spoken, the bread and wine (sealed in a plastic chalice) will be distributed to communicants in the pew. Non-alcoholic elements have the letters "NA" written on the top of the chalice.*

*Please wait to open the sealed chalice until after the bread and wine has been distributed to everyone. When all have received the bread and wine, we will all take the body of blood of Christ together at the same time.*

*The ushers will collect the used communion cup when you are dismissed to leave after the closing hymn.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

## ANTHEM

“Father, Most Holy”

David von Kampen

*Father, most holy, merciful and tender;  
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;  
Spirit of comfort, Advocate, Defender, Light never waning.  
Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory,  
One in three persons, over all exalted!  
Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee,  
Now and forever.*

*Text: Latin, tr. by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

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## SILENT PRAYER

*You may pray the following prayer as we give thanks to God for His good gifts:*

*I thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have permitted me, unworthy as I am, to partake of this Your most holy body and this Your most precious blood. I pray that it may be to me for the forgiveness of all my sins, for strength in resisting temptations, for service in Your kingdom and finally for the glories of life that has no end. In Your name we pray, Amen.*

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

God, the gracious giver of all blessings, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. Sanctify us by the working of Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this faith and fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** 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 + give you peace.

**People:** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (sung by all)

- 1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord!
- 3 Lo, the \_apostles' holy train  
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun  
Through the Church the song goes on.
- 4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;  
Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed,  
As to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death,  
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

5       **Holy Father, holy Son,  
          Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
          Though in essence only one,  
          Undivided God we claim Thee  
          And, adoring, bend the knee  
          While we own the mystery.**

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## **POSTLUDE**

"III. Rejouissance"

Gerard Jaffe

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Genesis 3:8-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Find a devotional guide on the readings at [www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether](http://www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether)

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## Serving at Chapel

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Liturgist: Theodore Laesch

Singers: Meagan Purcell  
John Schmidt

Instrumentalists: Jen Schmidt, flute  
Meagan Purcell, violin  
Nate Laesch & Ted Laesch, trumpets  
Zeke Laesch, French Horn  
Jake Laesch, Euphonium

Organist & Accompanist: Ryan Meyer

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the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 11:00 a.m.,  
and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month at 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday school for children, Sunday Bible classes for adults and youth – 9:45 a.m.

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