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**The Holy Trinity Sunday**



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# **GATHERING**

*Note: Congregational responses in bold type.*

WELCOME TO THIS WORSHIP CELEBRATION of the living Christ's presence in our midst. Christ comes to us with new life and strength for Christian living in daily life through the hearing of the Word, preaching, prayer, song, and community.

## **PRELUDE**

### **CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **☩** one God,  
full of compassion and mercy,  
abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Eternal God our creator,  
**in you we live and move and have our being.**  
Look upon us, your children,  
the work of your hands.  
Forgive us all our offenses,  
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.  
By your grace draw us near to you,  
**our refuge and our strength;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit given to us.  
In the mercy of almighty God,  
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;  
and for his sake, God **☩** forgives you all your sins. **Amen**

## GATHERING SONG

*Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**Hymn 886**

**v. 1 & 2**



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: GENESIS 1: 1-5, 1:24-2:4a

**OT 1**

*At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,

in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>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 air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup>God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, 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. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: PSALM 8

*How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,

    how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

    the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,**

**human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;

    with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;**

**you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,

    even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,**

**and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,

    how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

NT 164

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership. [Paul writes:]* <sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

NT 29

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

The Holy Gospel according Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*I Hears the Voice of Jesus Say*

**Hymn 611**

*Follows on the next page*

**v. 1 & 2**

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
  
 lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
  
 I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
  
 I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889  
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

## APOSTLE'S CREED

**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.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love*  
Jane Holst & Diane Munroe, Vocalists

Colvin

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Response after each prayer...* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Response at end:* God of compassion, you comfort us in our grief with the promise of the resurrection. We give you thanks for the saints of all time and in our lives (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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# SENDING

## PASTORAL BENEDICTION

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**Amen.**

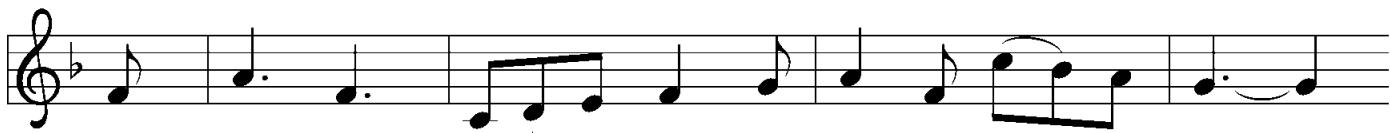
## SENDING SONG

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*Come, We That Love the Lord*

**Hymn 625**

**v. 1 & 4**



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets  
4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

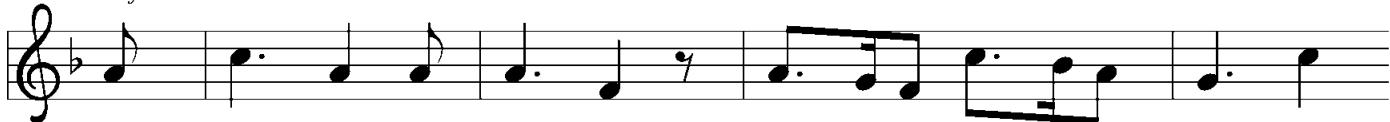


join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with  
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the  
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the  
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.  
heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.  
heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.  
man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

*Refrain*



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful Zi - on:



we're march-ing up-ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti-ful cit-y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain  
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today by Eve & Armand Wells *for the nurses and doctors sacrificing their lives in Savannah hospitals* and by Susan & Ron Whitaker *for our loved ones.*

**THE ETERNAL CANDLE** is given this month by Marcia & Greg Stinson *with prayers for peace, tolerance, and patience.*

## **PRESIDING BISHOP TO DELIVER SERMON**

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton was reelected to serve a second six-year term as ELCA presiding bishop at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Eaton is the ELCA's fourth presiding bishop and was first elected at the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

Eaton earned a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School and a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the College of Wooster.

Eaton was ordained in 1981 and served three different congregations in Ohio before being elected bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod in 2006. She was reelected synod bishop in May 2013, shortly before her election as ELCA presiding bishop.

Eaton's four emphases for the ELCA are: We are church; We are Lutheran; We are church together; We are church for the sake of the world. These four emphases are fundamental to identifying who the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is.

## **SUPPORT THE RONALD MACDONALD HOUSE**

While Messiah's members cannot prepare first Monday dinner for the families at the Ronald MacDonald House, we would like you to consider making a monetary donation instead. Through these trying times the house is providing three meals per day for each of the families. Because of the Corona virus quarantine and the fragile health of the

patients, the parents are unable to leave the hospital campus.

Our congregation has been very generous donating food supplies as well as money for many years. They have recognized our church as one of their heroes through these trying times.

Make checks out the Ronald MacDonald House of the Coastal Empire. And send them either to the church or to the house at:

Ronald MacDonald House

4710 Waters Avenue

Savannah GA 31404

Thank you for your generosity!

## **SECOND HARVEST UPDATES**

**Messiah** will be collecting **PEANUT BUTTER** for the month of **JUNE**. **Drop off will be at the front door to the Church**. The bins will be out front on the following days and times.

- **Wednesday, June 24th from 10:00 am to Noon**
- **Thursday, June 25th from 10:00 am to Noon**

## **THE BANANAS WILL RETURN**

We have recently been informed that the Savannah Bananas will commence their season on July 1st. Social distancing will be enforced at the game. As a result, we will only receive about one-half of our requested allotment of tickets– which means we only have about 20 tickets available for our group.

The game will be played on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, against the Macon Bacon. Tickets are \$18 and include cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, soda, water, and cookies.

Since we have a limited number of tickets, they will be available on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to watch the Bananas fry Macon's Bacon, then you can reserve your tickets by emailing Barry Jones at [ljones6794@aol.com](mailto:ljones6794@aol.com). Please include your name and the number of tickets you wish to purchase. Please limit the number of tickets requested to enable as many families as possible to attend.

## NEXT MESSIAH BOOK CLUB - AMERICAN DIRT

The Messiah Lutheran book club will meet Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at Sunset Park at 6:00 pm, observing social distancing but discussing the book *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. All are welcome to attend. *American Dirt* tells the story of Lydia Quixano Pérez, a middle-class Mexican bookseller who flees Acapulco with 8-year-old son, Luca, after a drug cartel violently attacks a quinceañera she's attending, killing her journalist husband who earlier had profiled the cartel leader, Javier.



## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Ministers	The People of Messiah
Pastor	Jason Talsness
Pastor Emeritus	James Peper
Presiding Bishop ELCA	Elizabeth A. Eaton
Bishop, SE Synod ELCA	Kevin Strickland
Organist	Diane Boyd
Choral Director	Mary Maner
Altar Guild	Diane Munroe and Linda Turk
Reader	Diane Munroe

### MILESTONES THIS WEEK

*Birthdays: Amir Polite 06/07, Zion Polite 06/07, June Luecke 06/08, Mary Buck 06/08, Helena Talsness 06/08, Rob Fritz 06/09, Jane Holst 06/11, Sara Sands 06/11*

*Anniversaries: Gayle & John Denny 06/09*