

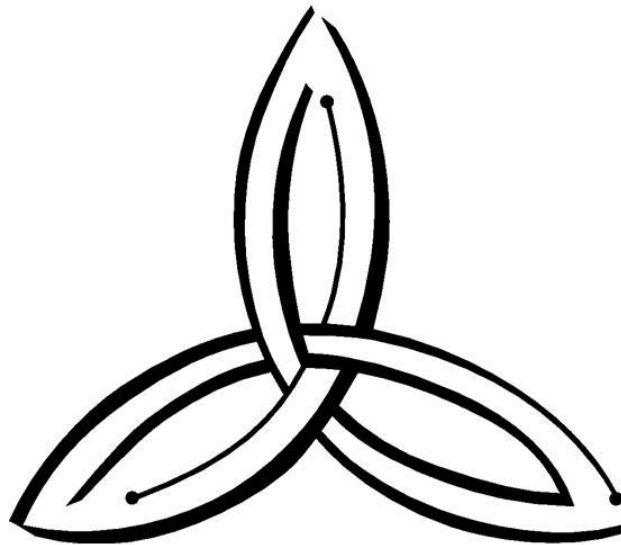


Faith Lutheran Church

**Welcome in Jesus' name!
If you are visiting, we are glad you are here.**

May 30, 2021 9:00 A.M.

The Holy Trinity



Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

IMPORTANT: Please see the announcements page in this bulletin for updated COVID-19 recommendations for worship services here at Faith Lutheran.

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church!

Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others.

All the baptized are invited to the celebration of Holy Communion, trusting that Christ is present in this Sacrament for the forgiveness of our sin and the strengthening of our faith.

Thank You for Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Robert Mursch
Lector: Joan Searles
Cantor: James Taylor
Greeting & Ushering Ministry: Thomas & Amanda Bright, Eloise Dettmer, Grace Kaarre, Patty McKee, Judy Millard, Scott Rice, and Joan Searles
Videography Ministry: Andrea & Sergio Gamboa, Casey Taylor, & Nancy Taylor
Music Director: Dr. Joseph Holt
Organist: Dr. James Walton
Altar Guild: Carole Inkrott, Judy Millard, Janet Phillips and Steve & Peggy Ragan

Congregation Council President: Ann Greenwood
Council Members: Eloise Dettmer (Vice President), Sandra Brinker (Secretary), Amanda Bright, Grace Kaarre, Gail Lidinsky, Joan Searles, and Nancy Taylor

Staff

Operations Manager: Tami Page
Preschool Director: Amanda Grados
Sexton: Jason Page

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Nancy Taylor in celebration of her sister Gail's May birthday, and in loving memory of Hank and Norma Walker's (parents) wedding anniversary May 31 (1948).

Note: Faith has a hearing loop for hearing aids which have the T-Coil enabled. Please request a hearing aid device from an usher.

The following are noted throughout the service:

P: Presiding Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy (Nicaea)*

Healey Willan

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

P: Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

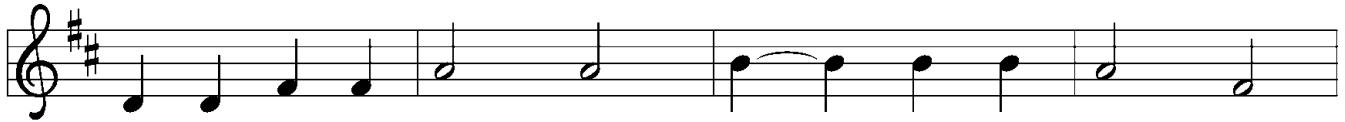
OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Verses 1 & 2

ELW 413



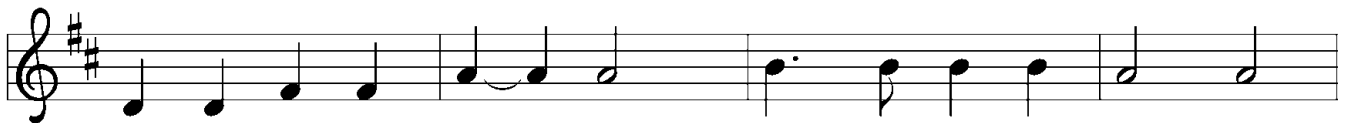
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



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!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICA EA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

WE STAND

GREETING

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

C: **And also, with you.**

Kyrie

Liturgist and then congregation



O Lord, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy.



O Lord, have mercy, have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord on us.



O Christ, have mercy. O Christ, have mercy.



O Christ, have mercy, have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord on us.



O Lord, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy.



O Lord, have mercy, have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord on us.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE - Congregation & Cantor

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

L: 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!”

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

Refrain

C: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

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

**⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

Refrain

**C: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

**⁶the 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.**

**⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Refrain

**C: 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!"**

**¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

**¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.**

Refrain

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

L: A reading from Romans.

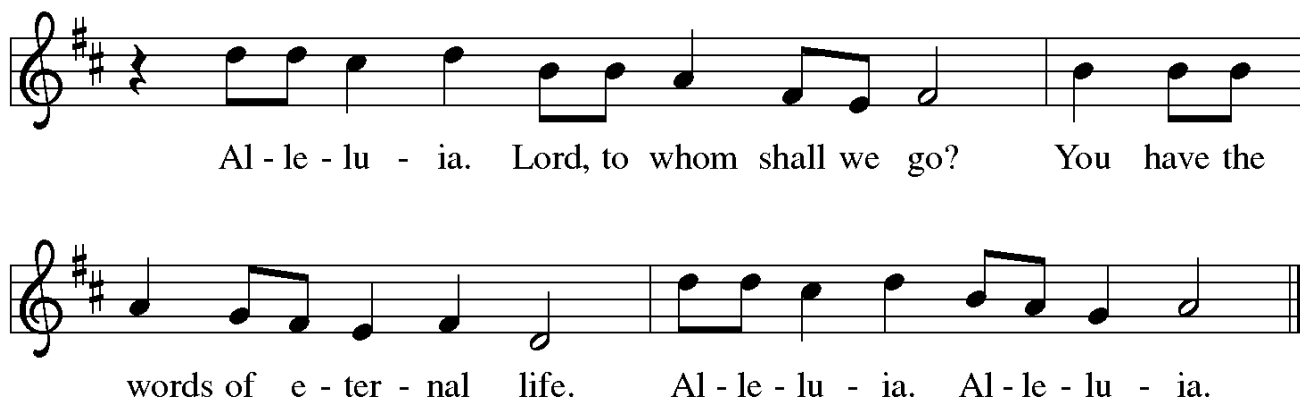
¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not 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.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE STAND

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 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.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Robert Mursch

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity
Verses 1 & 3

ELW 412



Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
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,



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

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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Introduction and Installation of Church Council and Call Committee Members by Ann Greenwood, Church Council President.

Congregation Council:

*Ann Greenwood (President)
Eloise Dettmer (Vice President)
Sandra Brinker (Secretary)
Amanda Bright
Grace Kaarre
Gail Lidinsky
Joan Searles
Nancy Taylor*

Call Committee:

*Eloise Dettmer (Council Liaison)
Denise Kirkeeng
Judy Millard
Steve Ragan
Scott Rice
Gwen Schell*

P: In holy Baptism, our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of His Church. Through Word and Sacrament, you have been nurtured in faith. I ask you, together with all who are here gathered, to confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we are baptized.

APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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.**

P. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all. (1Cor. 12:4-7)

P. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect Him in whose name we gather.

You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and the whole world.

You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, both Church Council and Call Committee members, that one Lord who empowers you is glorified.

You are to examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

P. I ask you: are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices and Committee to which you have been elected?

P. Then respond by saying, Yes with the help of God.

P. People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

P. Then respond by saying, Yes with the help of God.

P. I now declare you installed as Council and Call Committee members of this congregation. God bless you with the Holy Spirit, that you prove faithful servants of Christ.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

L: We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Grant healing to those living with emotional or mental health concerns. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for the worshiping and serving community of Faith Lutheran Church that your Holy Spirit would guide us in the Calling of a Pastor. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith (*especially*). We remember also those whose lives have been lost due the Covid pandemic and strife of war. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: Amen.

WE STAND

PEACE (*feel free to greet your neighbor with a word of peace*)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering plates are placed at the entrance to the sanctuary. Online giving is also available at www.faithlutheransrq.com. We sincerely appreciate your generosity in support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

At this time ushers will invite you to come forward for your communion cup.

*Please return to your pew, where we will commune together, with the words,
"the body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you."*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Agnus Dei (Intermezzo) from Georges Bizet's

L'Arlésienne Suite No. 2

James Taylor, soloist

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

C: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

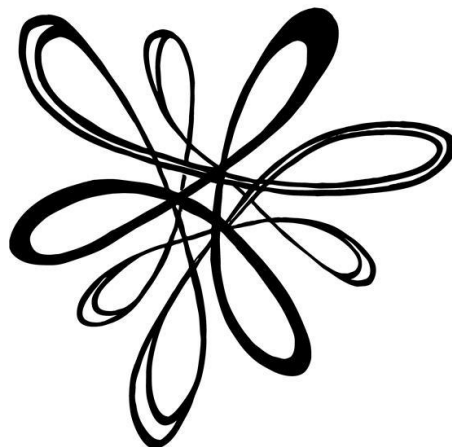
P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Holy God, We Praise Your Name
Verses 1, 2, & 4

ELW 414



Holy God, We Praise Your Name



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 scep - ter claim,
bove 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

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Fugue in Eb Major (St. Anne)*

J. S. Bach

 A note from our organist, Dr. James Walton:

The nickname for this piece comes from the first subject's similarity to the opening notes of the hymn "O God our help in ages past."

There are allusions to the Trinity throughout - The key is E flat - 3 flats, there are 3 subjects in 3 sections and each section has a measure count of multiples of 3. There is no combination of the three subjects however, which would answer the 'three in one and one in three' question. But I always think of this piece on Trinity Sunday and muse over what Bach must have been thinking.

We kindly ask you to remain seated until the usher signals your row.



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