



Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024
9:30 A.M.

Welcome to St. Luke's Episcopal Church! Whoever you are, wherever you're from, wherever you're headed: you have a place at St. Luke's.

This bulletin contains everything you need to participate in the service except for the hymns, which can be found in the red *Hymnal 1982* or green *Wonder Love and Praise*. A few other notes about today's service:

- Please volunteer to read a lesson or carry our offerings of bread, wine, and money forward before communion. To do so, select one of the cards from the table in the entryway.
- At the peace, we offer blessings for birthdays, anniversaries, travel, and any cause for celebration or prayer. When presider calls for blessings, please come forward and share your name and what you're celebrating.
- The service is live-streamed to our Facebook page: facebook.com/StLukesMN
- After worship, you're invited to move to the Fellowship Hall (down the hall to your right as you leave the worship space) for coffee and treats.

Thanks for joining us this morning!

Gathering

Prelude

“*Largo (BWV 1056)*” by J. S. Bach (arranged by Wilhelm Kempff)

Welcome, Announcements, and Blessings

Hymn

“Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!” *The Hymnal 1982*, 362

The assembly stands, in body or in spirit.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known. . .

. . .magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

“Praise the Spirit in creation” *The Hymnal 1982*, 507, vv. 1, 5 & 6

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The assembly sits.

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Isaiah 6:1–8

A Reading from Isaiah.

In 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. Seraphs 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. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And 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!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had

been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The 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.” 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!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence follows the reading.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name; *
 worship the Lord in the beauty 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 powerful voice; *
 the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,

**and makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord *
 splits the flames of fire;

**the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
 the Lord shakes the wilderness 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 above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to this people; *
the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace.

Reading

Romans 8:12–17

A Reading from Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for 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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For 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!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and 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.

Silence follows the reading.

Hymn

"O day of radiant gladness"

The Hymnal 1982, 48, vv. 3

The assembly stands, in body or in spirit.

Gospel

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 apart from the presence of God.” 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 a 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 Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“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.

“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, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The assembly sits.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, Creator of all:

**The two-legged, the four-legged,
the winged ones, and those that crawl upon
the earth
and swim in the waters.**

We believe in God, One Who Walked with Us:

**Our Brother Jesus born in humility,
who lived and died for us and
who will come again to bring us to glory.**

We believe in God, Spirit with Us:

**Ever present and ever guiding, upholding us and
showing us the principles to live by.**

We hear God's voice through the prophets.

Creator, One Who Walked with Us, Spirit with Us,

Holy One:

**We are named in the waters of baptism as your own,
all of us related, all of us your children.**

**We watch for signs of your homecoming
and thank you for this sacred circle of life. Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The assembly kneels, in body or in spirit. A period of silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins. . .
 . . . by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The assembly stands, in body or in spirit.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church and for the world,

Please lead a petition, as the Spirit moves you.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Stir up your power in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota and in Rochester at St. Luke's and Calvary; guide us with your Holy Spirit that we may show forth your love, your justice, and your healing power in the world.
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Help us to join with you in creating a more beautiful, whole, resilient world. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give your grace to those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Andrew, Clayton and Karyn; and to those who celebrate anniversaries, especially Mark and Betsy, and Brian and Jaime. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Refresh, rejuvenate, and renew our Rector, Justin, in body, mind, and spirit during this time of Sabbatical. Fill him, Katie, and Elizabeth with your love and life giving presence as they journey through this holy time together. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we name now. . . . Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died especially those we name now. . . . May your will for them be fulfilled; we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The presider concludes with a collect.

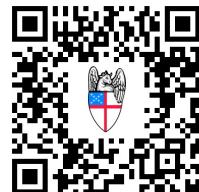
Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

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Hymn

“Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

The Hymnal 1982, 423

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully

receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen..**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Act of Reception

If you're watching the livestream, please share communion with us in prayer:

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where bread and wine are offered, and remembering particularly the people of St. Luke's [or my own faith community]
I offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life [especially _____], for the redemption won for us by

your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. While I cannot at receive communion at this time, I know that you are always with me. Help me embrace you with all my heart, soul, and mind. Give me the strength and courage to participate in your work to heal and redeem your world until, by your grace, I come to you glorious Kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Hymn

“Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

The Hymnal 1982, 324

Hymn

“Bless the Lord my soul”

Wonder, Love and Praise, 825

Sending

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

The assembly stands or kneels, in body or in spirit.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

The presider blesses the assembly, concluding, . . . and remain with you always. Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

“Gracious Spirit, give your servants”

Wonder, Love and Praise, 782

Postlude

“There is a Balm in Gilead” Traditional Spiritual (arranged by Kurt Kaiser)

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Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
by Linda McCarty
in honor of all those that have served
and in memory and celebration of loved ones.

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Coming Up at St. Luke's

Today - May 26

9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

The Rev. K. Drew Baker, Presider & Preacher

Following worship – Coffee Hour

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

7:00 p.m. – Book Group on Zoom

“The First Ladies” by Marie Benedict
& Victoria Christopher Murray

Sunday - June 2

9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist:

The Rev. George Favell, Presider

Following worship – Coffee Hour

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Monday, June 3

7:00 p.m. – Vestry Working Session Cancelled

Monday, June 9

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