

Holy Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)

(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Early in the Morning, Our Song Shall Rise to Thee* Douglas E. Wagner

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(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

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

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

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Notice of live streaming:

Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.



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This week's schedule	
Today	9 am Handbell Choir (Music Room) 9 am Sunday School & Faith & Fellowship 10 am Live & Online Worship w/baptisms 12 pm Spirit Fest (Parking Lot)
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building)
Thurs.	
Fri.	11 am Bible Study (Smith Building)
Sat.	4 pm Member event (Fellowship Hall)

Counting our Blessings			
Sunday 5/28	Attendance: 120 Offering: \$3,117 Homebound: 18	2023	
		March Offering Income	\$24,401
		March Other Income	\$ 2,521
		March Total Income	\$26,922
		March Expenses	\$34,539
		YTD Offering Income	\$64,156
		YTD Other Income	\$16,730
		YTD Total Income	\$80,886
		YTD Expenses	\$97,243

**In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!* **ELW 413**
(Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; Music: John B. Dyke, 1823-1876)

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.
Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PSALM *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses.)* **Psalm 8**

¹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
²**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.**
³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
 with glory and honor you crown them.
⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under their feet:**
⁷all flocks and cattle,
 even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
 and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
⁹O LORD our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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:] ¹¹Finally, 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.
¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.
¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

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

Prayer List



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Betty Creutzer, Diane Carroll, Joan Swank, Andy Rother, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Phil Ermer, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Michael Ellisson, Lonnie Rash, Gary Jones, Karen Alban, Bruce Cohen, Kathy Barnes, Vic Giordani, Helen Bender, Anna Meyers, Rae Eberwine, Deemer Morrow, Lee Hall, Robin, Alice Ensor, Jeanne Edmunds, Mike Haven, Gail Gangi, Jen Schoenfliess, Doug Adams, Kristin Weger, Donna Bobloch and Yung-Mee Rhee

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Barbara Greb, Arthur Pulket, Thomas McDonough and Bill Spink

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Betty Creutzer, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Patricia Hurley, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

It is that time of year. The Busy Bees are collecting sugar for making the jelly and jams. You can drop off your donation in the office or give it to one of the Busy Bees.



BIBLE Bible Study.... A Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew meets weekly on Fridays at 11 am in the Smith Building. If you have questions or would like to learn more, contact Ardi Scarborough or speak with one of the Pastors.

Faith + Fellowship Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 9 am-9:45 am. The new topic is **Bible Study of Upcoming Scripture Readings.** We will read and share about one of the upcoming readings which will be used in worship. In June we will study Romans. Join us as we share with one another and deepen our faith together.



St. John's night at the Aberdeen Ironbirds game is Friday, June 16th at 7 pm. If you purchased tickets, we will see you there!

Registration is open for our 2023 Vacation Bible School on July 10th - 14th from 9 am-12:30 pm. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board, in the weekly email and on the website. There is a trifold board on the counter outside of the Sanctuary where we will be putting some sticky notes for some small donations. **As always, we will need many volunteers.** If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Haacke at haackefamily@comcast.net.



We are now taking registrations for our Summer Music Campette. This camp is July 24th-26th from 9 am—12 noon. It is for students who have completed Kindergarten—Grade 2. Registration forms are available on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email and on our website.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Food For Thought Program this past year! We will discontinue our collections for the summer but will begin again in the fall when the children go back to school.



Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church is in need of items for their food pantry. Items needed are: canned fruit, cereal & oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, Raman noodles, mac & cheese, beef stew, pancake mix, syrup, instant potatoes, and canned spaghetti.



GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

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 to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and 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.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW 412

(Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953; Music: English folk tune; Text © 2001 Selah Publishing Co.)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

(Jonathan James & Peyton Grace Sommer) (See Baptism Bulletin)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition

God, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of Christ's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Sov'reign Lord, Creator, Righteous One

Adult Choir

(Words: Mike Harbin; Music: Mary McDonald, based on THAXTED by Gustav Holst, 1874-1934; © 2000 Lorenz Publishing Company)

Thank you for your generous support of St. John's. During this time an offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God's abundant grace and love.

Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville



(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING HYMN

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.*

*Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.*

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.*

(Text and music: Dwight Liles, b. 1957; Text and music © 1984 Word Music, LLC)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, June 11th—Second Sunday after Pentecost
† 9 am—**Sunday School (last day) and Faith & Fellowship**
10 am—**Worship in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel**
Visit stjohnsparkville.org



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in celebration of James White who is 15 today and in congratulations of all the graduates. God Bless All by Dave Kocan.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: July 16th and 30th, August 27th, September 3rd, 10th and 17th, October 1st, 8th and 15th, November 5th, December 3rd, 10th and 31st. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



Join us after worship today in the parking lot for Spirit Fest! This is a fundraiser for the new Fire Alarm System. We will have hot dogs, games, a fire truck offering rides, snow cones, prizes and more.

We are looking for a few people to join the Caring Friends/Eucharistic Ministry team and make some visits and/or take communion to our homebound members. If this is something that you might be interested in doing, please attend our Caring Friends Meeting on Tuesday, June 20th at 10 am in the Music Room or speak with one of the pastors.



Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, June 7th. Additional Community Meal dates are: July 5th & August 2nd. The meal runs from 5:30 pm - 7 pm. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors!

Let us know if someone in your family is graduating...Contact the office with their name, what school they are graduating from and if they are continuing their education, where are they going? We will recognize them and offer a blessing next Sunday, June 11th.



Join us for our next Restaurant Night at Wayback Burgers in the Satyr Hill Shopping Center, on Tuesday, June 20th from 4-8 pm. Flyers can be found on the bulletin board, in the weekly email and on our website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW 665

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Marianne Kim

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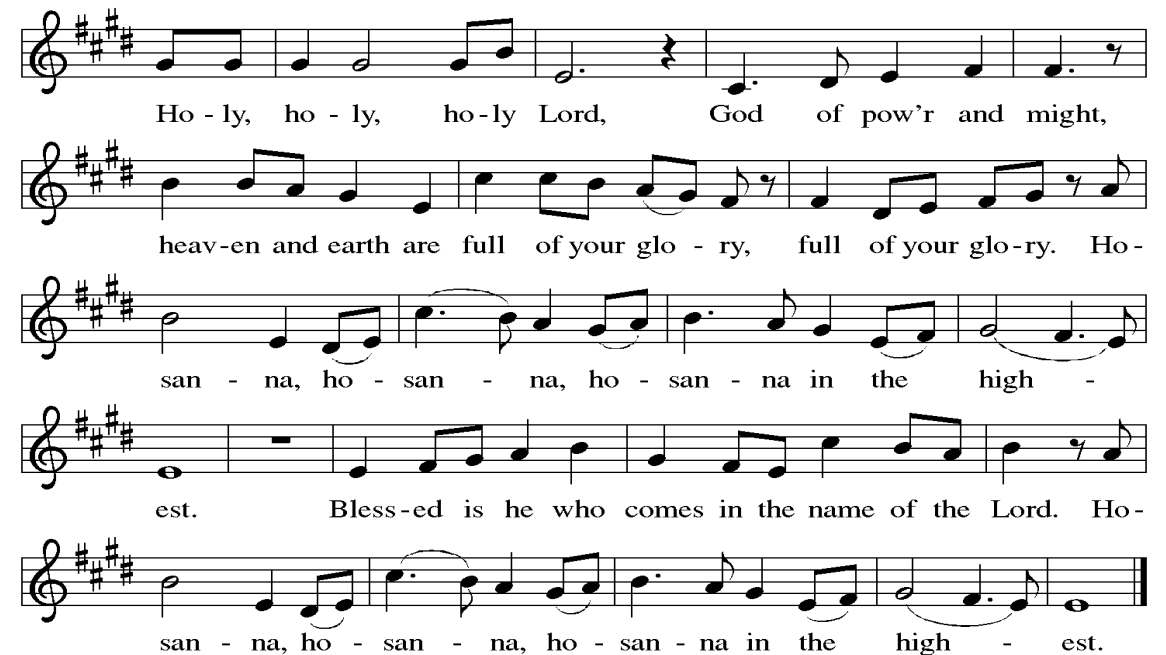
Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Michelle Alkire
Crucifer	Gabby G.
Acolyte (s)	Simon B., Devon W.
Lector	Amanda Hartman
Communion Assistant	Amanda Hartman
Dismissal Assistant	Alec B.

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PREFACE

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.
You reveal your glory
as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed...
Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.
Amen.

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

(Sung call-and-echo)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins
as we forgive; 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.**

(The assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

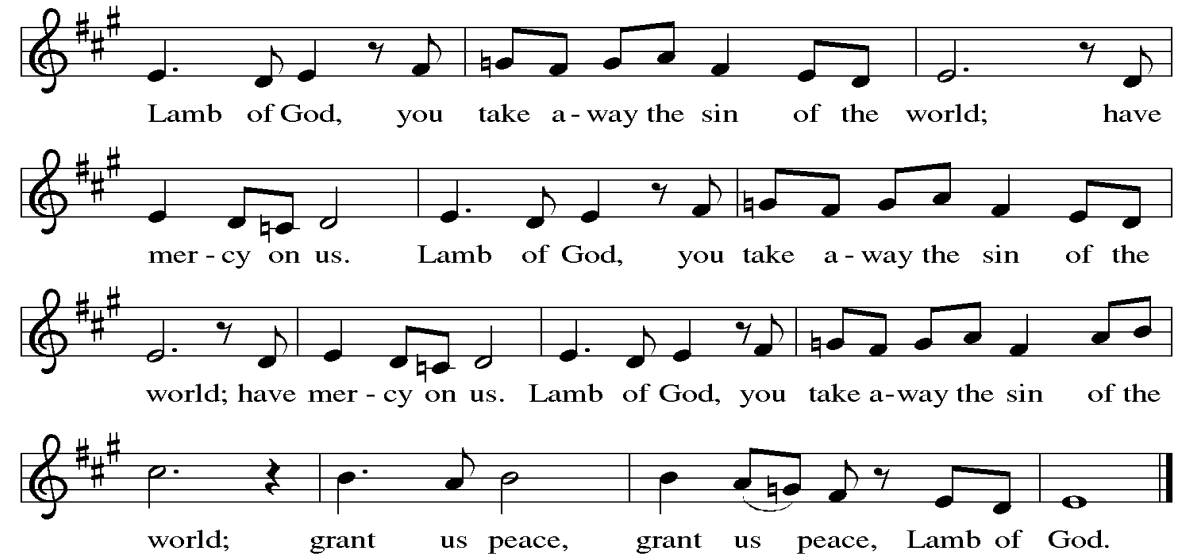
All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*

LAMB OF GOD



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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* ELW 684

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.