

# The Holy Trinity

## June 15, 2025



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*Bethany's Mission Statement: Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning  
and Love - we are God's people.*

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope everyone feels welcome as we strive to serve and strengthen each other in faith toward God and in love toward all. Now, as you wait for the service to begin, please relax, enjoy the music, and quiet your heart before God.

# The Holy Trinity

*ELW indicates that hymns or liturgy are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship-red hymnal*

## PRELUDE

Welcome, Birthday/Anniversary Bank  
(money given to Bethany's Human Concerns Fund)

## We Gather to Acknowledge God's Presence

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING OF FATHERS

P: God of all creation,  
pour out your blessing on all fathers  
and those who provide fatherly care.  
You have made them in your image  
and given them children to love and care for in your name.  
Bless them with a heart like your heart:  
discerning and thoughtful, bold and decisive,  
compassionate and loving.  
As they model for their children  
the life that is lived by faith and not by sight,  
grant them courage under pressure  
and confidence in your power.  
When troubles threaten to overwhelm them,  
grant them your coping calm.  
When doubts give rise to anxiety,  
shore up their trust in your promises.  
When joy fills their days,  
grant them a keen gratitude for your abundant supply of grace.  
Season them with a lively sense of humor, Lord,  
for it will make life richer for us all.  
In all circumstances preserve them as your own.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

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!

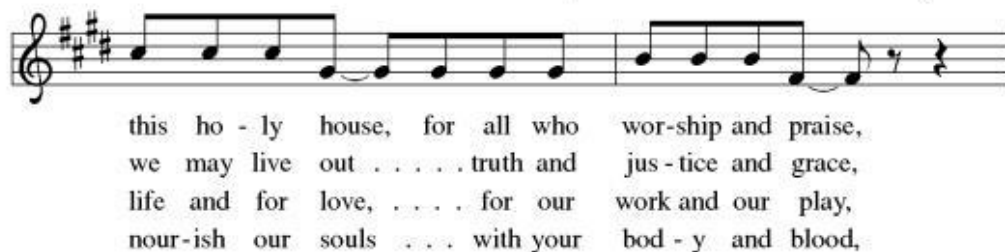
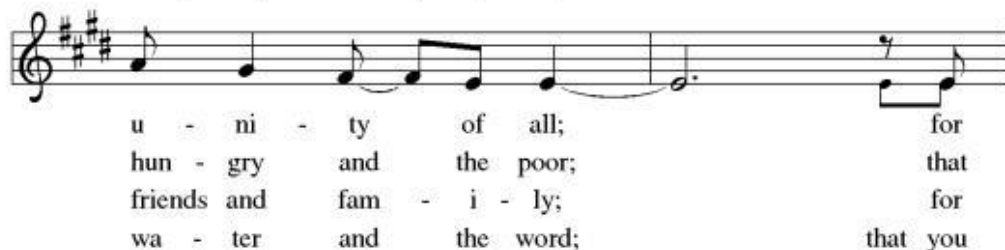
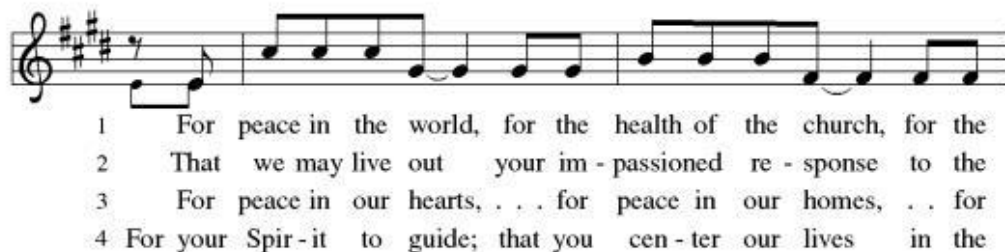
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty,  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## 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



# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



*Refrain*

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -  
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: **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.**

## We Listen to God's Word

### FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

<sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
<sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
<sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
<sup>4</sup> "To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

<sup>22</sup> The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race."



L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 8

L: O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—  
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.

**C: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

L: Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

**C: You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:  
all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

L: O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## SECOND READING

## Romans 5:1-5

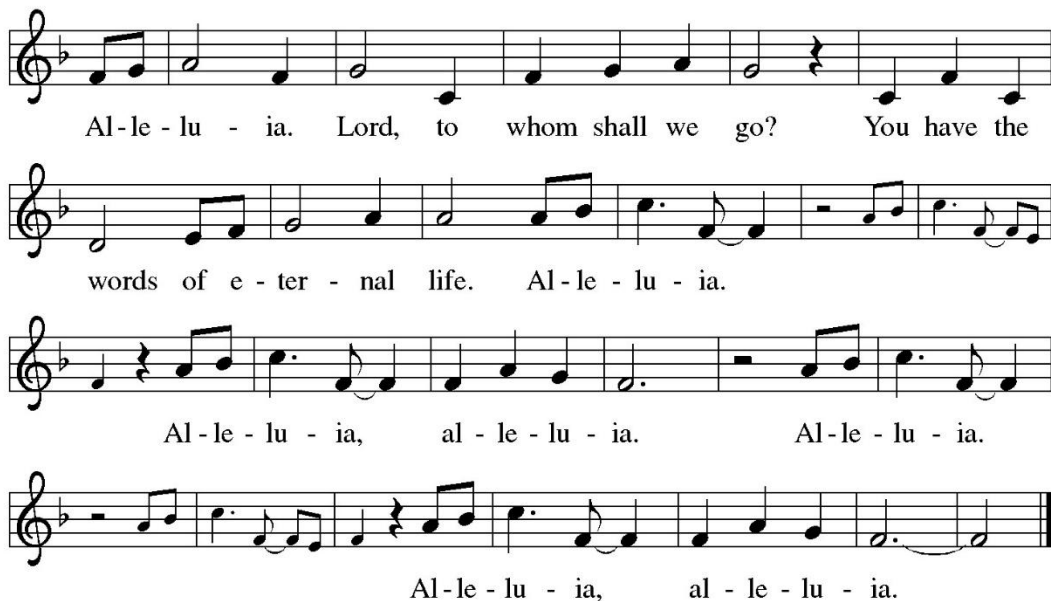
<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please 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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 16th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

## GOSPEL

**John 16:12-15**

[Jesus said,] <sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

## SERMON

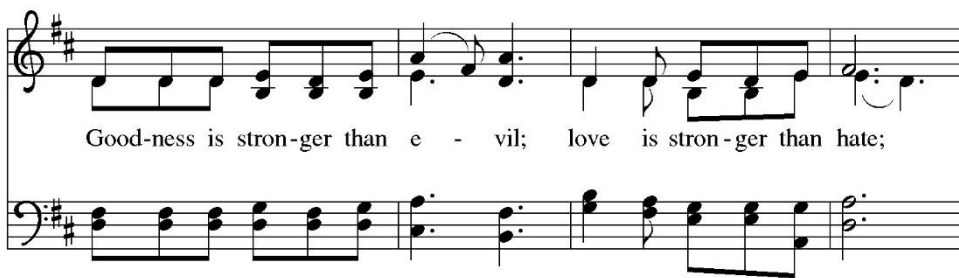
***Pastor Misha McFarland-Pollock***

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil"*

ELW Hymn 721



Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is Oh,



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

# We Respond to God's Word

**NICENE CREED** (*unison*)

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\***

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(Please Stand)*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Each petition concludes:*

P: Hear us, O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

# We Share in the Holy Meal

*(Please Stand)*

## DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

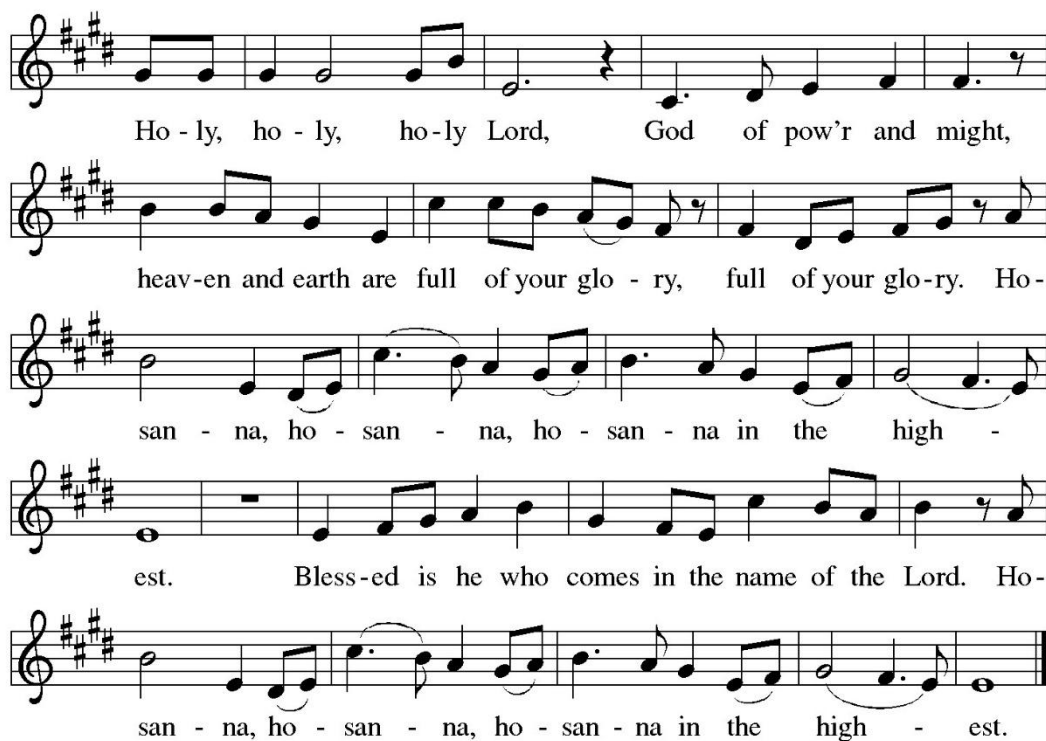
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score consists of five lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The first line ends with a double bar line, and the fifth line ends with a double bar line.

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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*(please stand)*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

*(Please be seated)*

### 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.

## DISTRIBUTION BY INDIVIDUAL GLASSES

*(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)*

*All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to commune. Children who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing. You will be given a wafer. The glasses of dark liquid are wine; the middle ring is juice. There is a bowl of water if you would like to remember your baptism.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

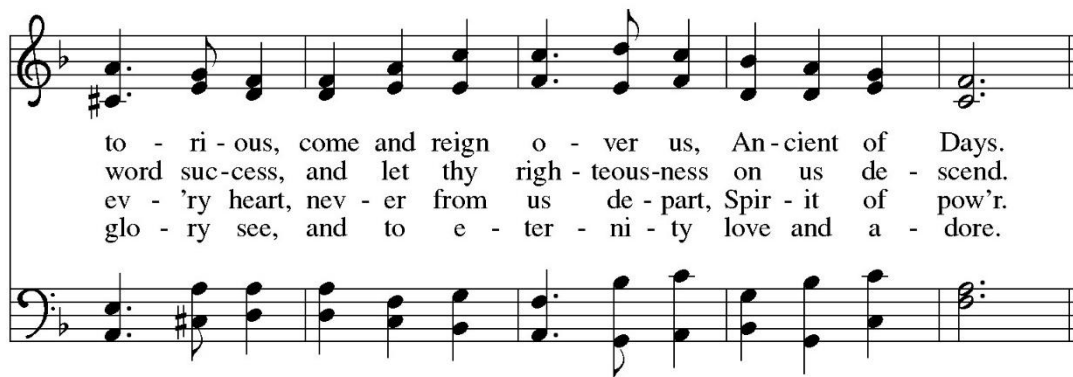
ELW Hymn 408



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

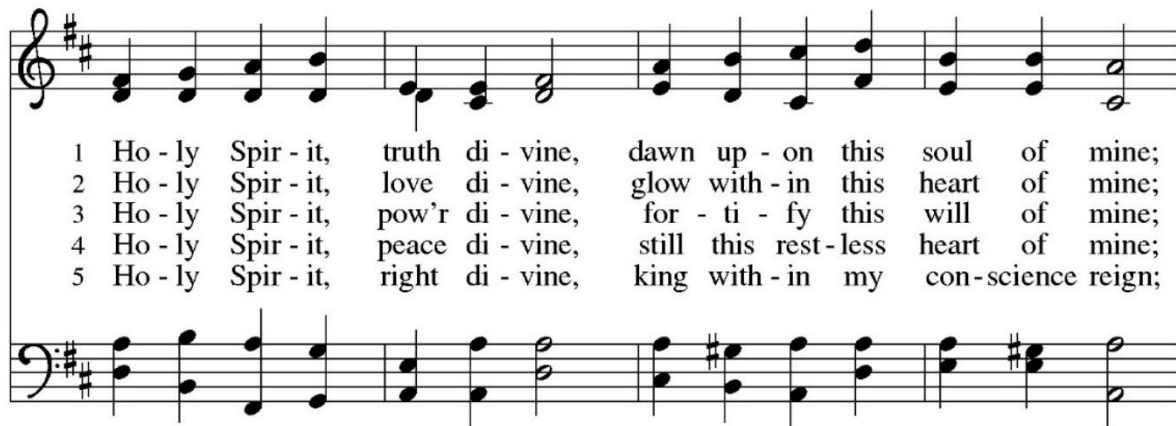


help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.





1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;  
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;  
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;  
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
 kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.  
 by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
 speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.  
 be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

*(Please stand)*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Mothering God,  
 you gathered us to your table  
 and we drank deeply of your grace.  
 Send us out by your Spirit  
 to love our neighbors as ourselves  
 and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

## UNITY PRAYER FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES IN CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH: LIVING THE STORY OF FREEDOM

As people of faith who gather in worship or in community, we remember the significance of Juneteenth for all siblings of color who, though free from the literal bonds of slavery, continue to live burdened by systems of oppression.

We hear the living story of freedom and pray as people united in faith and justice for the healing and reconciliation of all creation and across the generations, knowing the word comes as freedom to the oppressed. We hear and share the messages of liberation and freedom expressed by all faiths and different communities.

A living story to keep justice and do righteousness, for wholeness is about to come. A living story to break open our hearts to the suffering of our siblings, that we may stand in solidarity and love until righteousness reigns.

May we receive the voices of giftedness and wisdom from people across every hue and lived experience.

Let us not grow weary in doing what is right.

May those with privilege and power use it to break open systems and institutions, that all may share equally and equitably in the goodness and in prosperity.

May we elevate Black joy as a form of resistance and mutual care.

May we celebrate the sacred vocation of Black fatherhood, motherhood, and parenting.

Help us to speak truth.

Open us to receive the full nature of our history as a nation.

Let us journey together as instruments of love overflowing towards the care of all people and in peace.

May we seek a shared path together to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly toward equality, equity, and justice for all.

*Collaboratively written by the faith leaders of Faithful Voices for Racial Justice, a project of Interfaith Alliance of Iowa ([faithful-voices.org](http://faithful-voices.org)). Used by permission.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

**P:** The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.


**C: Amen.**

**P:** The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.


**C: Amen.**




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.

## THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Lector: Judy Craven  
Usher: Susan Swanson  
Communion: Mike Hopp; Julie Wischmeier  
Greeters: Vicki Stoller  
Missionary Support: Bill Mundt  
Altar Flowers: Susan Swanson  
Remember in prayer: Barb West; Norma Bock; Bill Ward, Jr.

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A Cry Room for infants is available up the stairs and to the right.  
There are Kids Celebrate children's bulletins available for youngsters  
who'd like to have their own reference to the lessons for this week.

Ask our usher for help.

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship  
hall following the worship service. We would like to  
get to know you and offer our friendship.

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## **ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Today:	<b>The Holy Trinity</b>
	9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
	<b>10:00 a.m. Special Congregational Mtg.</b>
	<b>10:15 a.m. Church Life/Ice Cream Social mtg.</b>
	10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>9am-noon Vacation Bible School starts @ Messiah</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Council Mtg.</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Bible Study @ Messiah</b>
	<b>9am-noon Last day of Vacation Bible School @ Messiah</b>
Next Sunday:	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
	10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service

## **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held this Sunday, June 15, immediately following Worship service. This meeting will be to vote on the land sale to the city of Burlington for the bicycle trail. A map of the area in question will be provided.

## **CHURCH LIFE/ICE CREAM SOCIAL MEETING**

Church Life meeting will be held this Sunday after the Special Congregational Mtg. This meeting will be about the Annual Ice Cream Social.

## **PASTOR MISHA OUT OF OFFICE DAYS**

Pastor Misha will be at the 1<sup>st</sup> Call Cohort starting late afternoon on Sunday, June 15 to late afternoon on Tuesday, June 17.

## **SUMMER HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICES @ UNITY**

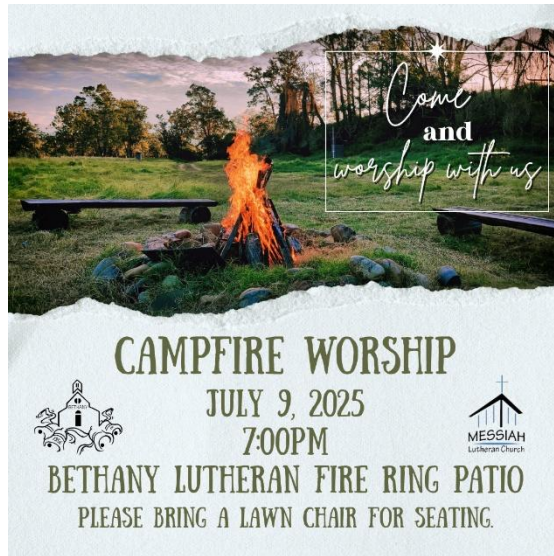
Unity has extended an invitation to Bethany and Messiah to attend their once a month Holden Evening Prayer Services @ 6:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month during the summer! Services will be held on Thursday, June 19, July 17, and August 21.

## **OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

June donations will be any non-perishable food items! Thank you all for your generosity!

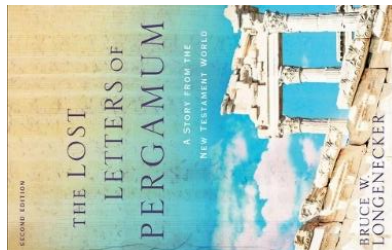
## **JULY CAMPFIRE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Our next Campfire Worship Service will be Wednesday, July 9 @ 7:00pm @ Bethany! We will be using With One Voice as our worship hymnal! Bring a lawn chair and come join us around the campfire! *(Big thanks to Laura Carruthers @ Messiah for designing the flyer, seen here.)*



## **PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB!**

Pastor's Book Club will meet next on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm @ Bethany. We will be discussing "The Lost Letter of Pergamum" By Bruce W. Longenecker!



## EWALU SUMMER CAMP

Messiah has invited Bethany youth to join their youth at camp this summer at Strawberry Point, IA from July 27-Aug. 1! Any Bethany youth interested in going to summer camp this year, you can pick up a brochure for EWALU Summer Camp and follow the QR code to register online! There is a place to enter who your camp buddy is, just put Messiah in that field and please let Laura Carruthers at Messiah know you are going. She can also coordinate with you on carpooling up to camp and back home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Laura Carruthers at 319-759-4377.

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### Office Hours

*Monday-Wednesday-Friday - 9:00am-1:00pm  
Tuesday & Thursday - 1:30pm-4:30pm*

### Pastor Misha's Office Hours

*Bethany: Monday & Tuesday*

*Messiah: Wednesday & Thursday*

***\*Pastor Misha's hours vary in the office from  
week to week as she may be out of office on visits or other  
Pastor duties. Please call or text her to make an appointment or to  
see if she is in the office.\****

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