

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope
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Prelude *“This We Pray”*

Welcome and Announcements

THE GATHERING

(Please stand.)

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.**

Gathering Song *"Womb of Life and Source of Being"*

*Womb of life and source of being,
home of ev'ry restless heart,
in your arms the worlds awakened;
you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather round you,
at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,
we are nurtured by your care.*

*Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us,
knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles,
Life of life and Death of death,
risen Christ, come stand among us,
send the Spirit by your breath.*

*Mother, Brother, holy Partner;
Father, Spirit, Only Son:
we would praise your name forever,
One-in-Three and Three-in-One.
We would share your life, your passion,
share your word of world made new,
ever singing, ever praising,
one with all, and one with you.*

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.**

Hymn of Praise *"Shout to the Lord"*

*My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.*

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar*

*at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

Prayer of the Day

P 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.**

(Please be seated.)

THE WORD

The First Reading Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

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

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
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,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.”

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

A O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
C **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.**

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

A 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:**

A all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
C **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

A O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth

Second Reading Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand.)

Gospel Acclamation *“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Gospel John 16:12-15

Jesus said, “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 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. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 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 the Lord.

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

(Please be seated.)

Sermon **Rev. John Gerike**

(Please stand.)

Hymn of the Day *“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayers of the People

A Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

(a moment of silence)

A Abiding God, your love pours into your whole church, creating faith and bestowing hope. Fill all the baptized with these good gifts in our various callings. Gather your church in every place and expression into the unity of your Spirit. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Creating God, your name is majestic in all the earth, and we are filled with awe at your creation. Renew this planet and all its wonders: springs abounding with water, earth and soil, beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race. On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma. Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in authority, work for the life and freedom of others. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Living God, your glory appears in our shared life. On this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

Sharing of Christ's Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(Please be seated.)

THE MEAL

Invitation to the Offering

P Friends, let us love not only in our words but also in our deeds through the offerings we give today.

Offering

Special Music *“The Beauty of Holiness”*

(Please stand.)

Offertory Song *“For Such a Time as This”*

*Could it be (could it be) that we are called
for such a time as this?*

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Offertory Prayer

A Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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 right, it is good, and it is joyful to give thanks to you, God of mystery and miracle.

When there was only darkness, you made light.
When we cried out to you from captivity, you claimed us as your own.
When we forgot our love for you, you did not forget us,
sending your prophets to turn us around and
renewing your promises with a bow in the sky, the parting of the sea, your own Son.
Thank you for Jesus—
for his teaching and healing,
his challenging and feeding,
his living, dying, and rising,
that we might be raised with him,
and all the world made new.

On the night 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.

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

P Pour out your Holy Spirit on your people gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine. Nourish us through this meal to be your holy people, that we might be Christ's body to your world.

Through the power of your Spirit unite us with Christ and with one another
as we work and wait in hope, confident in that day
when Christ will come to make all things well
and we feast together at his heavenly table.

All glory and honor are yours, Holy God,
through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

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, 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.)

Communion Distribution

Communion Songs

“Lamb of God”

LAMB OF GOD

Mass of a Joyful Heart
Steve Angrisano

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

sins of the world: grant us peace.

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“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are holy, God.*

“In This Feast of Love”

*In this feast of love,
in this feast of love,
Lord, you share your blood and your body,
Jesus, Lamb of God.*

*In this bread and wine,
in this bread and wine,
you have promised, Lord, to be with us,
Lamb of God divine.*

*Grant us peace, O Lord,
grant us peace, O Lord;
fill us with the joy of your Spirit,
ever-living Word.*

(Please stand.)

Communion Blessing

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A 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.**

SENDING

Blessing

P The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
bless you and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Sending Song “*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*”

*Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,*

everlasting is your reign.

*Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"*

*Lo, the apostolic train
join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun
through the church the song goes on.*

*Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.*

Dismissal

P Go in peace to nurture with love and serve with hope.
C **Thanks be to God!**

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