



Very truly, I tell you,  
no one can see the kingdom of **GOD**  
without being **born** from above.

John 3:3, NRSV

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Holy Trinity*

May 29th and May 30th



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**WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**Come Join the Dance of Trinity**

Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun  
The interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.  
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,  
But as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.

Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;  
Then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.  
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;  
When fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.

Come speak, aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame  
Set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!

Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,  
We sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, son.  
let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free  
To shape in song this joy, this life, the dance of Trinity.

**CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Leader: God, our provider,

**ALL: 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.**

Leader: 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.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

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!"

## **SECOND READING**

**Romans 8:12-17**

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.

## **GOSPEL**

**John 3:1-17**

Now 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."

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Shawn O'Brien**

## **HYMN**

### **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 power in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All they works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

## **NICENE CREED**

**C: 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.

### **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**

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

*A brief silence.*

Leader: 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,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD or any other mental health concerns. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for this worshiping community that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith. We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

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

**ALL: AMEN.**

## **OUR OFFERING**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Leader: Jesus, Savior, 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.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

P: The Lord be with you!

**C: And also with you!**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: 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.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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 forever. Amen**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Leader: 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 life. In your name we pray.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

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

**All: Amen**

## **CLOSING SONG**

### **As Long As I Live, I Will Sing Unto the Lord**

As long as I live, I will sing unto the Lord.  
As long as I live, I will praise the Lord our God.  
Through all of my days, this song I will raise;  
"bless the Lord, bless the Lord, oh my soul." **REPEAT**

What greater song could I ever sing than the one living in my heart?  
Deep in my soul the music lives and I must sing my part.  
When I consider God's greatness, there's a melody that stirs my soul.

So I'll lift my voice as I rejoice in the love of the Lord my God.  
Now and as long as I live, I will sing unto the Lord.  
As long as I live, I will praise the Lord my God.

Through all of my days, the song I will raise:  
"bless the Lord, bless the Lord, oh my soul." **REPEAT**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

# Weekly Announcements

## ***This Week at St. John***

Tues: Blankets 9:00 AM

Sat: Worship 5:00 PM

Sun: Worship 9:45 AM



## ***In our Prayers***

Audry S.-medical concerns

Phyllis Parks– medical concerns

Jeff Wheeler– medical concerns

Ed and Ann– medical concerns

Evelyn Witty– medical concerns

Pat Sievert– medical concerns

Rocky Maix– medical concerns

Friends and family of Libby Howard

Carole Ambrose– medical concerns

Betty Roecker– medical concerns

**The church office will be closed on Monday May 31st for Memorial Day.**

## **Chancel Flowers**

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Delbert Base; Dad, Grandfather and Great Grandfather and given by Cheryl Berger, Kelly, Craig and Morgan Morse, Jeremiah Berger and Shelby Barney.

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Delbert Base and given by Diana and Christopher Pfaff.

## **A NOISEY OFFERING**

**June 5th and 6th.**

All money will go towards Vacation Bible School

## **VIRTUAL LECTORS NEEDED!**

We are looking for virtual lectors for July. If you haven't done a reading in a while and you be willing to help out, please contact Pastor Shawn.