

Service of Holy Communion  
The Holy Trinity  
May 30, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

“Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne” -Diderik Buxtehude  
“O Trinity of Blessed Light” - Flor Peeters

**WELCOME**

**ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father and of the Son + of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to live forever. Give us at this moment your mercy, that we may confess our sin and receive your forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ God gives the power to become the children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

Red Book #412 *stanzas 1 and 2*

## Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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### 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 congregation may be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### THE WORD

#### FIRST READING      **Isaiah 6:1-8**

*This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>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!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>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.**

#### PSALM 29      *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>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!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## SECOND READING   Romans 8:12-17

*In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son*

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>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!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>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.**

*The congregation may stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      *sung by choir*

**GOSPEL**            **John 3:1-17**

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, the third chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.*

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>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?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"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. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"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.

<sup>17</sup>"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, O Christ.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN** *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity* Red Book#412 stanzas 3 and 4

*The congregation may stand.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn into the life of the Triune God, let us pray for one another, for the well-being of all people, and for wholeness of creation.

God of love and holiness and joy, by your grace you draw us to your table and into your heart. Help the people of your church to spend time with you each day in prayer and devotion that we may be at rest in your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Teach us to welcome difference in one another, to see your image in faces that do not look like ours, to hear your voice in languages that are not our own, that, by rejoicing in our shared humanity, we may glimpse the fullness of your divinity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Give wisdom to those who labor in situations of disaster or crisis, especially the people of India, people at our nation's border who are fleeing violence and poverty, and those who live or work in refugee camps, that their suffering may not beget more suffering. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Look with mercy on those who are sick, exhausted, sad, or lonely and surround them with people who have the insight to bring wholeness and healing. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring comfort to the grieving and the dying, and help us all to trust the hope of eternal life as we name before you those who have died this week....Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of glory, in whose hands are the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all those who have laid down their lives in the service of our country, especially those whom we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...(substantial pause for silence)... Give us a sense of your will and purpose, that we may understand that the work you have begun in them will be perfected through the one who has laid down his life for our sake, in whom all strife is resolved, Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace. **Amen.**

By your Spirit, O God, we are able to pray, and where our words have fallen short, intercede for us with sighs too deep for words. Accept all that we have said and all that we have sighed for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

“Now that the Daylight Fills the Sky” - Dale Wood, 1934-2003

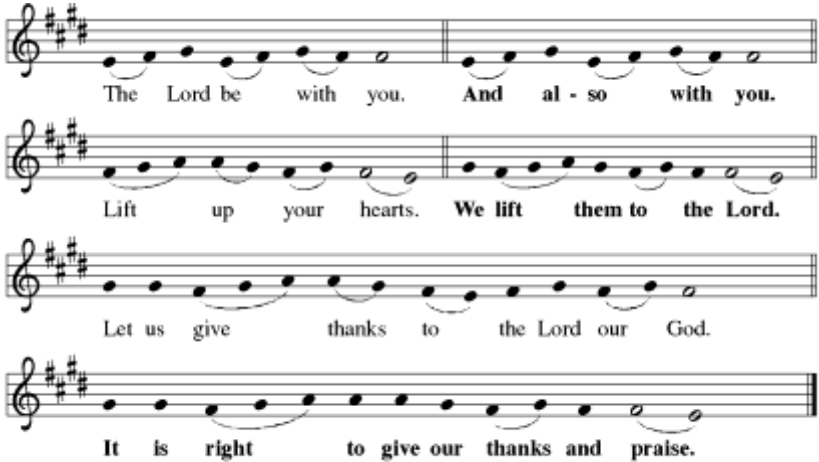
*The congregation may stand.*

## MEAL

### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...*(the presiding minister continues giving thanks)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.



Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father....(*the presiding minister continues giving thanks*)....For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Finally, as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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 THE TABLE

The gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## LAMB OF GOD

*sung by choir*

*The congregation may be seated.*

## SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

*All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to receive; please keep 6 feet of distance between you and the next group of communicants. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.*

*The congregation may stand.*

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you have given the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### BLESSING

May God, who has made from the dust of the earth, and who has redeemed you from the power of the evil one, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

Red Book #413

# Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



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!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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## RECESSION

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

“Let the Earth Rejoice!”

- Dale Wood

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor Kimberly van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
Sue Morrow	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Judy Wadding	<b>Reader</b>
Judy Wadding	<b>Crucifer</b>
Signe Mitchell	<b>Organist</b>
Harry Cunningham	<b>Senior Choir Director</b>
Jim Cunningham	<b>AV Assisting Minister</b>
Melody Kamerer	<b>PowerPoint Assisting Minister</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>
Bill and Judy Vilcheck	<b>Ushers</b>
Sue Morrow and Susan Farrell	<b>Counters</b>

*Flowers are given to the glory of God by the congregation of First English Lutheran Church.*

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 5/31 Memorial Day	8:00 PM	NA Meeting
Tuesday, 6/1		Office Closed
Wednesday, 6/2	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 6/3	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting
Saturday, 6/5	12:00 PM	NA Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We mourn with the family of Carol Duffus, who died in resurrection hope on May 20, 2021.** Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Cards may be sent to: The Rev. John J. Duffus  
323 Cumberland Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

**Vacation Bible School will take place August 5, 6 & 7 at the Dogwood Shelter at Camp Lutherlyn.** Please email Sharon at [sharonfelc@zoominternet.net](mailto:sharonfelc@zoominternet.net) for details.

**We look forward to hearing your voice, your instrument, and musical talent as an important part of our worship!** A Summer Music Schedule is posted in the Social Hall. Please consider signing your name on the

schedule for one of the Sundays in June, July or August. We look forward to hearing you at the church on your chosen Sunday. However, if you have concerns about attending in-person during the pandemic, please let us know if you would prefer to pre-record your selection of music in advance. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!

**Take-Out Italian Dinner & Flea Market Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Christopher Church.** Enjoy pasta with meatballs, bread, wedding soup, salad, and dessert for \$12. Meals will be available from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at 229 North Franklin St. Prospect, PA 16052.

**Take-Out Dinners of Beef Pot Roast or Cream Chicken to Support Butler Meals on Wheels will be available for \$10 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from St. Peter's Anglican Church at 218 East Jefferson St.** Meals include biscuit, coleslaw, and pie.

### PRAYERS

The family of Carol Duffus, Rita, Judy O. and family, Graham Cannon, Anne Ferguson, Claudia, Karen, Sandy, Anita, Joyce Hall, Kitty Walker, Nancy Hoehn, Tad & Shirley Sellers, Aryl Bashline, Jenna, Tom Olson, Pam Patterson

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**1 Samuel 8:4-11 [12-15] 16-20 [11:14-15]**

*Israel desires a king*

**Psalm 138**

*Your love endures forever; do not abandon the work of your hands. (Ps. 138:8)*

**2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1**

*Renewed in the inner nature*

**Mark 3:20-35**

*Doing the work of God as brothers and sisters of Christ*