St. Paul Lutheran Church

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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.

> Holy Trinity Sunday In-Person Worship Service June 4, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,
- C: 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.

- P: Righteous God,
- C: we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: 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.
- C: Amen.



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

*Greeting & Call to Worship:

- 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.
- A: You are the treasured people of the LORD,
- C: a people holy to the Lord our God.
- A: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.
- C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.
- A: One does not live by bread alone,
- C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

*Prayer of the Day:

- A: Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God:
- C: 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.

First Reading: Genesis 1:1--2:4

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,

in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 8

- R: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
- C: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.
- R: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;
- C: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

R: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

C: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

- R: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
- C: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- R: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[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.

- R: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.
- R: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

*Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; God's glory fills the whole earth. Alleluia.

- P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of Matthew the twentyeighth chapter
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

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."

- P: The Gospel of our Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok



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The Apostle's Creed

- A: Together, let us confess our shared faith.
- C: 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 (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resumention of the bady.

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

A: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- A: Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service. God, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

- A: Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect lands and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain living creatures of every kind: wild animals, birds, fish, and every creeping thing. God, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth. Raise up leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal divisions between nations, that we might agree with one another and live in peace. God, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age. Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who are grieving, and those who are sick. We pray this day for these in need of care: The family of Kevin, Jaime, Brad, Aleena, Josh, Ron, Pam, Rob, Ernie Rehm, Jerry, Marilyn, Clair, Mackenzie, Geraldine, Karen, and our St. Paul Families: Pat, Barb, Paul and Sandy. God, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: Holy three, holy one, you set the earth on its axis, and we experience the seasons. Strengthen those enduring challenges this summer: those who suffer in the heat, parents overwhelmed by childcare responsibilities, and children experiencing food insecurity outside of school. God, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

- A: Holy three, holy one, you give rest when our work is done. We give thanks for all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the age to come. God, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

- P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

Offering: Thank you to everyone who continues to support our ministries. You may place your offering in the plates as they pass. You may also sign up for automatic giving or make an offering by clicking the donate button on our website: www.stplcsmithville.org



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*Offertory Prayer

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Lord God, you have given us so many reasons to praise you and filled our lives with good things.
 Allow us to remember how fortunate we are and to share the blessings which we have been given.
 Use what we gather here to make you known, to bless those around us and to be an example of your love to this community.
 We ask this through Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

*The Great Thanksgiving:

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them up 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 praise:

C: Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

- P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: ...And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming I power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P: ...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.
- C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: ...Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

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

Holy Communion

(All baptized Christians are welcomed at God's holy meal.)

P: This is the body of Christ given for you.
(You may eat your wafer)
P: This is the blood of Christ shed for you.
(You may drink the wine from your cup)
C: Thanks be to God!



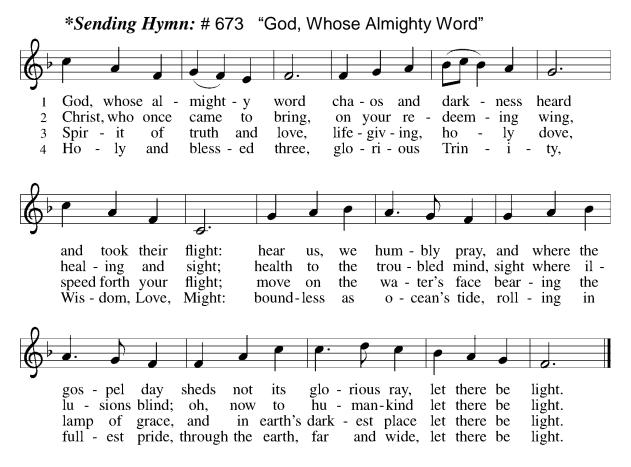
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*Post Communion Blessing

*Benediction



Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt. Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

*Dismissal (with enthusiasm)

A: Go in peace, share the blessings of God C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Your Prayers Are Requested For:

The family of Kevin, Jaime, Brad, Aleena, Josh, Ron, Pam, Rob, Ernie Rehm, Jerry, Marilyn, Clair, Mackenzie, Geraldine, and Karen Fisher

St. Paul Families:

Pat Schorle, Barb Schuster, Paul & Sandy Smith

Thank you to those serving this morning

Pastor Kristy Buyok Cantor: Lesley Mast Assisting Minister: Hans Kwee Lector: Mark Miller Pianist: Joe Hennell Communion Assistant: Duane Eggeman Altar Care: Rex & Beth Raff Bread Baker: Joyce Blough Ushers/Greeters: Nancy Percy and Kathy Meitzler



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This Week

Sunday:	Parking Lot Worship Sanctuary Worship Birthday Luncheon following Worship	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	
Monday:	Pastor's Day Off Office Closed		
Tuesday:	Confirmation Class Movie Day	3:00 p.m.	
Wednesday:	Meal Bell Choir	5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	
Next Sunday:	Parking Lot Worship Sanctuary Worship	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	

Upcoming & Announcements

Josh Brown was injured in a serious accident and is suffering from broken pelvis and rib among other things. Cards are appreciated. 188 1st St. Wadsworth, OH 44281

Confirmation Lutheran Movie Night – Our last meeting of the summer will be June 6 at 3 p.m.

People to People – Needs for June include: cereal bars, saltines, pasta sauce, pineapple, pasta sides, juice boxes, and bottled juice. In the toy department needs are: Q-tips, Goo-gone, and Mr. Clean liquid cleaner. Thank you!

Quilting – Continuing through the summer months, the St. Paul Quilters will meet on the first and third Tuesdays: June 6 and June 20 at 6:30pm in the small fellowship hall. All are welcome to join this ongoing ministry at any time. If you prefer to sew at home, check out the fabric packets located in the narthex. Take, Sew, Return. Simple!

Many thanks to those who have donated fabric and backing sheets this past month. Just when our supply runs low, more appear! We are very grateful!

Questions? Contact Sandy Smith @ 330-760-2108 or Kathy Meitzler @ 330-287-172

Bell Choir Sign-Up and Raleigh Ringers Outing: The Bell Choir will meet under the direction of Jane Ross beginning on Wednesday, June 7 at 6:15 p.m. If you are interested in learning or playing bells a sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

On Thursday, July 13 at 7p.m. the world-renowned handbell choir, The Raleigh Ringers will be performing at McKinley High School – Umstattd Performing Arts Hall in Canton. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be found at https://mckchoir.ticketleap.com/.

Mowing Schedule- We are looking for those interested in mowing and/or weeding the church property. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Sign-up for what week(s) work for you!

Summer Day Camp with Zion Lutheran – July 24-28 from 9 am to 3 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 301 N. Market St. Wooster, OH 44691 and hosted by staff from HopeWood Outdoors (LOMO). Activities will include crafts, singing, games, sports, Bible Study, and special events like the Ice Cream Social and Children's Program on Thursday night. The cost is \$40.00 per child - \$ 60 max per family. Free camperships are available - \$10 to hold a spot. Lunch and snacks are served each day. For more information please call Pastor Marty at 330-262-5606

The *registration deadline is June 15* but we are expecting it to fill up, so the sooner the better. Complete and mail attached Registration form and a check to the address above.

Faith Talks at the Campfire – June 16, July 14, and August 18 at 8 pm (Rain dates will be next week, same time) We will be reading a Psalm, singing a song, and talking about faith. If you have a camp or lawn chair, please bring it but if not we'll have one for you. No required public reading or singing and no pressure. S'mores will be provided. Bring your own beverages.

Wednesday Night Meals –June Menu

June 7 – Sloppy joe's, tater tots, salad, and dessert June 14 – Pork chops, stuffing with gravy, green beans, and dessert June 21 – Beef-n-noodles, corn, and dessert June 28 – B.B.Q. chicken quarters, baked beans, potato salad, and dessert

Serving in June In-Person	6/4	6/11	6/18	6/25
Lay Reader	Mark Miller	Karen Marks	Tim Preston	Lynn Moomaw
Assisting Minister	Hans Kwee	Hans Kwee	Pam Root	Lynn Moomaw
Greeters/Ushers	Nancy Percy Kathy Meitzler	David Svegel Rex Raff	Dave & Barb Miller	Steve & Nancy Carr
Communion Assistant	Duane Eggeman	Tim Preston	Lyn Miller	Lynn Moomaw
Altar Care	Rex & Beth Raff	Kathy Meitzler	Sandy & Larry Allen	Duane Eggeman
Bread Baker	Joyce Blough	Joyce Blough	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr

Serving in June Parking Lot	6/4	6/11	6/18	6/25
Assisting Minister	Karen Marks	Lyn Miller	Lynn Moomaw	Adrienne Karlen
Greeters	Pat Badger & Bob Race			