

COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

LIGHTING
A pathway into community

GROWING
Disciples in God's Love

SENDING
The Hope and Joy of Jesus

Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

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May 26, 2024
Trinity Sunday



The Trinity
in me

Sees

The Trinity
in you



Rev. Johan Dodge

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Johan Dodge

Good Morning and Welcome to Worship! Worship is often the first place that new people come into contact with this growing community of faith. And so, if you are joining us for the first time, I say to you what is said every Sunday: *You are welcome here.* Here is a place where all are welcome. For such is the love of God for God's Very Good Creation.

[please stand as you are able]

CALL TO WORSHIP: Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures

here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly

host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

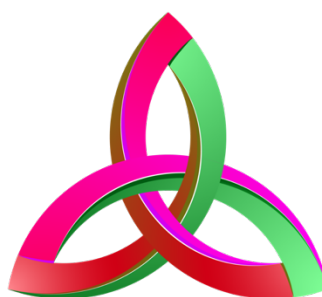
PRAYER OF THE DAY — Marylee Thomsen

Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word,
Abiding Spirit.

Glory to God forever.

Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world is to be born from above by the Spirit. The way to take part in that dream, says Jesus, is to be born of water and Spirit. That gift is available this day. May you receive God's Spirit, be made whole, and dwell more deeply in love divine.

Glory to God forever. Amen.



HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
All the saints a - dore Thee,
Though the dark - ness hide Thee,

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Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.
Ear - cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful ones Thy glo - ry may not see,

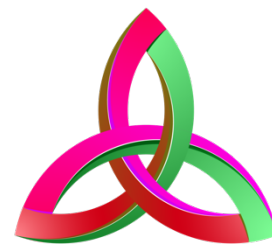
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
on - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,

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

[please be seated]



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Let us offer our prayers together saying:

Eternal God, we pray for the world, that through the reconciling love of Christ our destructive and violent ways may cease, as you bless your human family with peace.

We pray for the mission of your church, that empowered by your Spirit we may proclaim the good news of the age in the world you so dearly love. We pray for all who suffer, that together with Christ in his suffering we may find healing as he did, as he was raised and exalted in you.

Eternal God, we pray for the world, that through the reconciling love of Christ our destructive and violent ways may cease, as you bless your human family with peace.

We pray for your creation, that as it groans for its redemption we may care for its well-being through the power of your life-giving Spirit.

Eternal God, we pray for the world, that through the reconciling love of Christ our destructive and violent ways may cease, as you bless your human family with peace.

We remember before you those who have died and pray for those who will die today, that through your glorious redemption that ends all suffering they may rest with you eternally.

Eternal God, we pray for the world, that through the reconciling love of Christ our destructive and violent ways may cease, as you bless your human family with peace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we praise you, O God, now and forever. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

1. Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name! God of all, — we
2. Hark! — The loud — ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3. Ho - ly Cre - a - tor, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

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bow _____ be - fore Thee; All on Earth Thy scep - ter claim,
 bove _____ are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim _____ and Ser - a - phim
 Three _____ we name Thee, While in es - sence on - ly One,

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All in Heav-en a - bove a - dore Thee; In - fi - nite _____ Thy
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing. Fill the heav-ens with
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee, On a - dor - ing

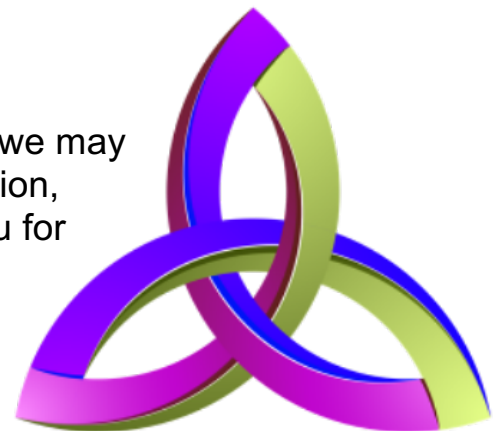
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vast do - main, _____ Ev - er - last - ing is _____ Thy reign.
 sweet - est laud: _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God!
 bend - ed knee, _____ While we own _____ the mys - ter - y.

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Marylee Thomsen

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life; breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day. Draw us into communion, enable us to love, conspire to make us one with you for the world you so deeply love. **Amen.**



SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 6:1-8 | Mark 4:26-34 — Marylee Thomsen

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In 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. ²Seraphs 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. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And 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!” ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The 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.” ⁸Then 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!”

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

MESSAGE: “The Trinity in Me Sees the Trinity in You” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION: Rev. Johan Dodge

Knowing that you are not called to grow into a mustard tree, but rather simply into who you are, how is the Spirit working in your life? Where are you being called to share the love of God? Where are you being called to be the love of God? Where might you bring God’s love this week?

REFLECTION: “Hymn of Promise” — Hannah Yi, *pianist*



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Marylee Thomsen

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that all who love him may have life eternally. With loving hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

[Ushers, please come forward]



OFFERTORY: “Here I Am, Lord” — Jennifer Scoullar, *soprano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Marylee Thomsen

Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit. Bless these gifts that we offer that they may spread your blessing in a world of hurt and need; in Christ’s name. Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me. _____

Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be. _____

With God, our Cre - a - tor, _____ we are fam - i - ly. _____

Let us walk with each oth - er _____ in per - fect har - mo - ny. _____

Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the mo - ment now; _____

41 With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow:_____ To

49 take each mo-ment and live each mo-ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly;_____

57 Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me._____

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

God said, "Whom shall I send, and who shall go for us?" And Isaiah said, "Here am I; send me!" Life-giving God, free us from our fear, fill us with your love, and send us forth in peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love: The

fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove. A - men.

Music Team: Dave Albulario, *tenor*
John Fluker, *pianist*

Jennifer Scoullar, *soprano*
Hannah Yi, *pianist*

Doxology (Old Hundredth LM)
Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551
Words by Thomas Ken, 1674

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"
UMH 64 Tune: NICAEA
Music by John B. Dykes, 1861
Words by Reginald Heber, 1826
Based on Revelation 4:8-11

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
Trad. German "Grosser Gott Wir Loben Dich,"
Katholisches Gesangbuch
Words by Ignaz Franz, tr. by Clarence Walworth

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Music & Words by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Dennis SM)
Music by Johann G. Nægeli, 1768-1836
Words by John Fawcett, 1740-1817
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- new* Marilyn Sones – Marilyn recently celebrated her 100th birthday, and was honored at the Golden Age Foundation's Centenarian Event. Prayers of gratitude for Marilyn.
- new* Mara Williams – Mara's dear friend, Cristina Vegas passed away last week. Prayers of comfort, strength, and peace in this time of mourning.
- new* Virginia Olejnik – Virginia's friend in Ohio, Derek, was injured in a motorcycle accident, and has a long road to recovery ahead of him. Prayers of healing for Derek.
- new* Dave Albulario – Dave's uncle, Tony Segura, was hit by a truck on May 14th, and tragically passed away at the age of 75. Prayers of comfort and strength to Tony's family, and prayers of peaceful rest for Uncle Tony.

Notes and Announcements:

Coffee Fellowship: Today's flowers are provided by Carol Graves. Refreshments are provided by Phyllis Spencer. See the sign-up charts to provide refreshments or cover cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$35. Sandy Walker coordinates arrangements.

Do You Love to Cook? Join the Care Team's Meal Support Group! We make and deliver meals occasionally to those in the LWCC community. Sign up after service, during Fellowship, or call the church office.

Pastor's June Renewal: During the month of June, while Pastor Johan is away on Renewal Leave, we welcome Pastor Lynn Francis who will lead communion on June 2nd & will join us again on June 9th. Prince Pierson, our Certified Lay Minister (CLM) will be on hand to handle small pastoral duties, and the LWCC Care Team is up and running to assist with more immediate needs. For any major pastoral concerns, please contact the Community Church office, and an ordained pastor in the area will be called upon to serve.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known ...

Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

"All are welcome in this place."

May 26, 2024



GROW PRAY STUDY

Notes from the Service

My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use these prayers in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

Life-giving God, awaken me to your threefold presence in the world this day that I may share your love with others as freely as you have done for us in Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

Holy God, source of all goodness, you gave your Son for the life of the world and sent your Spirit that your love might abide within me. Teach me how to love your creation this day, that I may have life, and have it abundantly, with you, in Christ, and through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Abba, I give thanks for the immeasurable gifts of this day, above all, for the gift of your love made known in Christ. How grateful I am that by his love I am counted as a precious member of your family. Mere words cannot convey the wonder of this love. Amen.

