



Holy Trinity  
Sunday, June 15, 2025

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Welcome to morning worship. We welcome the risen Jesus into our homes today and by the power of the Holy Spirit, he is here with us. “O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God’s love and hope to our neighbors.

## GATHERING

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

C **Reconciling God,**  
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,**  
**and we deny your presence in our lives.**  
**We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.**  
**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**  
**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**  
**We fear difference and do not welcome others**  
**as you have welcomed us. We have been silent and apathetic in the face of racial**  
**intolerance and bigotry, both overt and subtle, public and private.**  
**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**  
**By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead**  
**us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P Beloved of God,  
by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus,  
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.  
Our sins are forgiven.  
Let us live now in hope.  
For hope does not disappoint,  
because God’s love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

GREETING HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (ELW 858)



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a-dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuerter Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

## GREETING

- P The unrelenting grace, unfailing love, and indescribable peace of God, the Father, Son  
+, and Holy Spirit dwell in your hearts through faith.
- C **And also in your heart.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P 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.
- C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

*In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

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

- 22 The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
25 Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
26 when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.

27 When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
28 when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
29 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,  
30 then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,  
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.”

R Word of God, Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 8** (*Prayed responsively; congregation= bold*)

1 O | Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

2 **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.**

3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

4 **what are mere mortals that you should be mind ful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

5 Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

6 **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

7 all | flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

8 **the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

9 O | Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

## SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.*

1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 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.

3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 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.

R Word of God, Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Celtic Alleluia" (ELW 174)



*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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## GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

P The holy gospel according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.*

[Jesus said,] 12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 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.

14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 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. Dr. Matthew Lenahan

### HYMN OF THE DAY “God, Whose Almighty Word” (ELW 673)



1 God, whose al - mighty word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

## IONIAN CREED

*(a modern creed from the Iona Abbey Worship Book, with revisions by Dr. Lenahan)*

**We believe in God above us,  
maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon, of water and earth,  
of fish and birds, of cattle and creeping things,  
and of humankind, the bearers of the divine image.**

**We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor;  
healer of the sick; welcomer of the excluded;  
contender against evil; tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,  
he died alone and forsaken.**

**He descended into the earth  
to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven,  
to be everywhere present throughout all ages,  
and His kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the Church,  
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Joining the faithful around the world, we pray for the church, the whole creation, and all who are in need of God's mercy. The response is Gracious Spirit, **hear our cries.***

## OFFERING

*We receive an offering for the mission and ministry of the church. Your gifts support weekly worship, pastoral ministry, and service to those in need locally and globally. **Please deposit your gifts in the offering plate located on the stand in the back of the sanctuary.** You may also give online at [www.zionakron.org](http://www.zionakron.org).*



## OFFERING SONG “Take, Oh, Take me as I am” (ELW 814)

The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely for soprano and alto voices. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics. The accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the lower register. The lyrics are: "Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The score ends with a double bar line.

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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## OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- C **God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

P Lift up your hearts

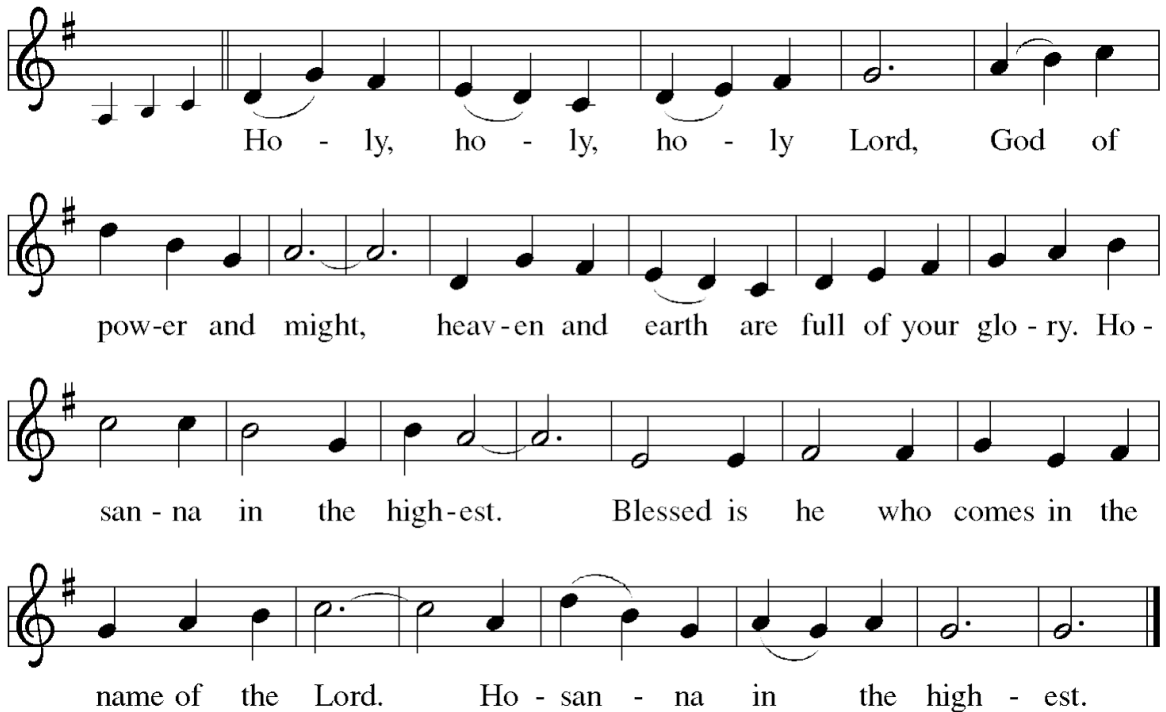
C **We lift them up to the Lord**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY (ELW 108)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*The pastor gives thanks to God for the gifts of creation, for the cross of Christ and the means of salvation, for the bread and cup that become His body and blood, and for the Holy Spirit, sent to dwell in our hearts and minds by faith. 'Eucharist' literally means 'thanksgiving' and so we come to the table with thankful hearts lifted up to God, the giver of life.*

*We hear the instructions of St. Paul to the Corinthian church on celebrating the Lord's Supper; and we hear the words of Jesus to his disciples: "Take and eat, take and drink, this is my body, this is my blood, given and shed for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Trust that Christ is present for you in this meal.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## MEAL

## COMMUNION

*We practice the ancient rite of the Lord's Supper every week. All people who hunger for God's grace and peace in their lives are welcome to receive the bread and cup. Please come forward in the center aisle, take an empty cup, kneel at the altar, and return by the side aisle.*

*In this meal, you are joined with Christ, your sins are forgiven, and you receive God's strength for daily life. We are sent from the table to serve others in his name. We offer gluten free bread and grape juice, as an alternative to the bread and wine, for those who require or prefer it. All are fed at the table of grace!*

## LAMB OF GOD (*ELW 112*)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Let us pray.  
C **We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

- P The eternal source of power and light in the universe, the steadfast love and faithfulness,  
the transforming grace and abiding presence of the living God bless your life today and  
everyday.  
C **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG “Come Join The Dance of Trinity” (ELW 412)



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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## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

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## **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

Betsy, Ron Ayers, Suzanne Baumgardner, Jeanette Beck, Doris Bernadicci, Bonnie Bleacher, Olivia Campbell, Stephanie Campbell, Shahnaz Daneschvar, Logan Dohner, Arthur Drescher, Jaime Fager and Sharon, Tracy Fox and family, Anna Hertzog, Tim Hertzog, Lois Hicks, Len and Janet Hoffman, Waltraut Karklins, Michael Kelly, Karen Laudenslager, Jacob Longenecker, Linda Losito, Susan Mindermann, Svetlana Nikin, Gisela Pilarte, David and Chris Preisinger, Marie Rosati, Carol Royer and Peyton Royer, Judy Schaffer, Dale Shepherd, Jerry Solomon, Martha Weidman and Family, Jim and Sandy Young.

## **COMING UP NEXT**

**Every Wednesday, 8:15-9:30 am: Morning Meditation.** At Zion Lutheran Church.

**June 15, 11:15am: Sunday Learning Group.** Meet at Patti & Phil Lehman's Home  
649 Lincoln Road, Lititz

**June 16-19: Missy off.**

**June 21, 8am: Peter's Porch.**

**June 22, 9:30am: Breakfast Church.** Moved from the 15th to the 22nd.

**June 22, 11:15am: Rail Trail Church.** Meet in pavilion behind the Warwick Twp building.

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

On the 16th - Deborah Wagner

On the 16th - Nathan Sharpe

On the 18th - Vivian Bauder

On the 19th - Russ Berkenstock

On the 21st - Dave and Janet Chalfant

On the 21st - Lynn and Catherine Stover

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Sunday Learning Group**

"We Make The Road By Walking"

1st and 3rd Sundays ~ 11:15 AM

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Next Meeting:

Sunday June 15th at Patti & Phil Lehman's Home

649 Lincoln Road, Lititz

We are studying Brian McLaren's book "We Make The Road By Walking". McLaren says that "Christian faith continues to grow, evolve, learn, change, emerge, and mature ... in and through us, walking forward together in the Spirit." Come join us!

On June 15, we will be covering Chapter 13 "The Great Conversation". Please bring your Bible. The Scripture readings we will be studying on June 15th are:

Isaiah 1:1-2:5

Romans 15:1-13

Matthew 9:10-17

Please also bring your book. If you need a book or have questions, contact Missy Hoffman at [mkh060455@gmail.com](mailto:mkh060455@gmail.com).

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We have designated gifts for:

- **Camperships** to send youth to summer camp
- **Peter's Porch**
- **Good Samaritan** fund (a discretionary account created by Don Haverstick in honor of his wife Norma, that provides housing assistance)
- **POWER Interfaith**
- **Wittel Farm**
- **ELCA World Hunger**
- **General Fund** to support the staff and ongoing ministry at Zion. Love is shown with generosity.

*Thank you* for sharing *your* gifts with us!



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