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The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby. If you are interested in joining our family of faith, please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The "Children's Ministry" table and basket in the lobby contains a variety of items for children's use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are

available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Liturgy Introduction ELW Setting 6

Welcome and Announcements

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gathering Dialog

The voice of wisdom is speaking; understanding raises her voice. At the crossroads she takes her stand, and at the gates of the city she exclaims:

To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

Let us worship the holy, triune God, **Speaker**, Word, and Breath of life.

Gathering Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy



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

We pray.

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

1st Reading Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Translation: NIV

A reading from Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? At the highest point along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud: "To you, O people, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind.

"The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be. When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water; before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, before he made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth. I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God!

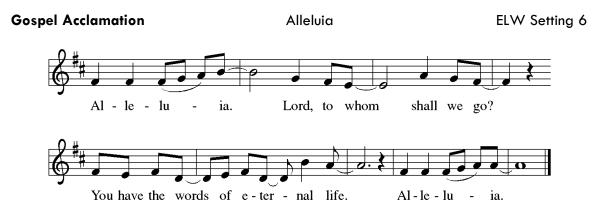
2nd Reading Romans 5:1-5

Translation: CEV

A reading from Romans.

By faith we have been made acceptable to God. And now, thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, we have peace with God. Christ has also introduced us to God's gift of undeserved grace on which we now take our stand. So we are happy, as we look forward to sharing in the glory of God. But that's not all! We gladly suffer, because we know that suffering helps us to endure. And endurance builds character, which gives us a hope that will never disappoint us. All of this happens because God has given us the Holy Spirit, who fills our hearts with his love.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God! Please rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.



Gospel John 16:12-15

Translation: NIV

The Good News from John, the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears,

and he will tell you what is yet to come.

He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine.

That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

The gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Please rise in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW 412



Affirmation of Faith for Trinity Sunday

I believe in God, Creator of all things seen and unseen,
rock, river, tree, animal and force,
who made me and set me on my path in this world.

I believe in Jesus, beloved of the Creator, who took on human form, was born of a woman, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and was raised within a family and community.
This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, made himself vulnerable to the world, endured the lies and violations of humanity, and withdrew only to pray and teach us the way of grace.
He walked a servant's path, through violence and death on the cross,

rose from the dead, defeated the tomb and restored creation forever.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, my advocate and the mystery of Creation.

I believe this Spirit settled in my soul before I even drew breath, bringing me into communion with all people, past, present and future.

This Spirit calls me to be a pilgrim of a sacred way, to meet people where they are, and to show compassion and care.

I believe in the Kin-dom of all Creation, a family under the heavens, where no one is excluded, and all belong.
I believe I am called and claimed to be the hands and feet of the Kin-dom, to embrace life, share joy and love, and extend mercy to all. Amen

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

After each petition: God in three persons, blessed Trinity, receive our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

> The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying, "Peace be with you."

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

During the Musical Offering, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated. If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.



Offering Prayer

We pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

Please rise in body or spirit.

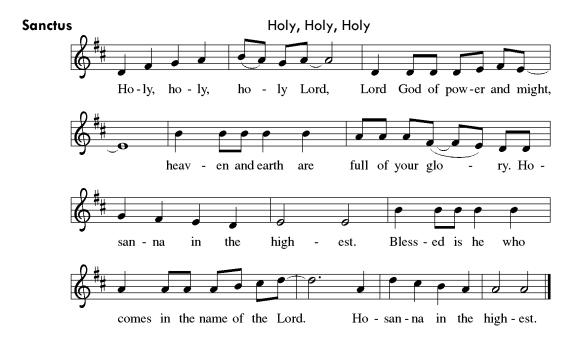
Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You revealed 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 hymn:



Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

We pray.

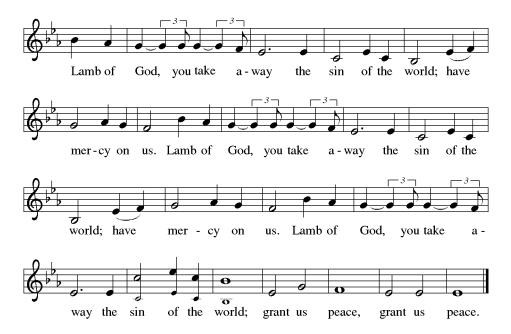
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Invitation to the table

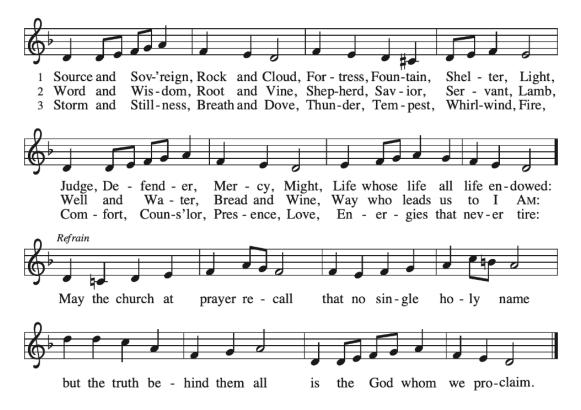
The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion



Communion Hymn





Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

We pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING OF VBS STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Our Road Trip VBS begins this week and amazing leaders have volunteered to provide leadership. We want to recognize these volunteers. Will the volunteers please come forward?

From the Book of Joshua we hear these words: "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

You who have committed to lead are dedicating yourselves to leading the children, the Travelers, who will attend VBS this week. You have committed to leading Travelers to a deeper relationship with God through Jesus by guiding them to trust God in every situation and to follow God's lead as they share the good news of Jesus and serve others in this world.

As leaders, you must do the same, and together commit to share with neighbors, relatives and friends who join us at Road Trip VBS. God is with us on the journey. God goes with us and guides us always, whether we are on the main roads or the scenic routes. God is with us even when we go off course.

May God guide you during these days and use you to lead the way for our Travelers.

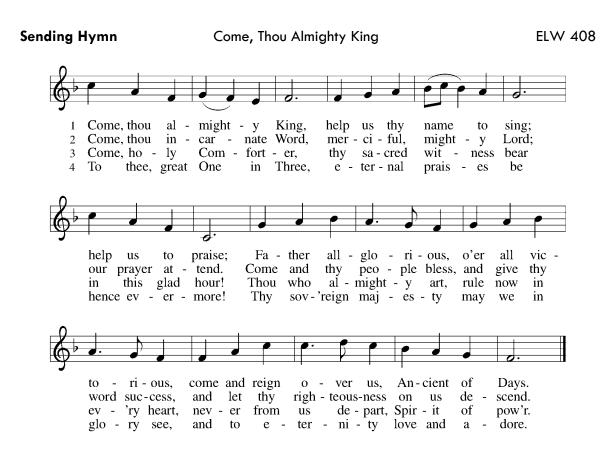
We pray.

Gracious God, thank you for these people you have called to your service. Give each leader a kind and compassionate heart for each child and youth. Fill their hearts with love. Help them be a blessing to all who take part in our Road Trip VBS program. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. Amen



Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

God, Whose Almighty Word

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- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
 - Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

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