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Below you will find the bulletin for the
11:00 a.m. service for Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024.

We come as Christ's body to honor God's presence together.

We come to share faith, hope, and love with one another.

We come to proclaim and to hear "God is with us! Thanks be to God!"

~Pastors Otto and Jeremy



May 26, 2024

Trinity Sunday

11:00 a.m.

Silent Meditation

*In your presence, we breathe new life when we dare to be still, to be centered,
to be whole, to be holy. Set us free to be holy.*

*Set us free to be for ourselves a place where sacredness is joy and peace.
And let us be a sacred space for others and make sacredness for them.*

Prayer by William Loader

GATHERING

WELCOME

DEDICATION OF CHOIR ROBES

PRELUDE:

“Full Organ Fanfare”
Eliza Jane Benton, organ

John G. Barr

ENTRANCE

† CALL TO WORSHIP:

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

**The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say,
"Glory!" The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

Psalm 29

† HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 64 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

NICEA

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1826

† COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

† GLORIA PATRI: No. 70

MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Text: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th century

PROCLAMATION

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN: *Please join us in singing after the Children's Message*

No. 61, v.4 "Come, Thou Almighty King" ITALIAN HYMN

**To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!**

Text: Anonymous

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-17 (NRSVue)

Reader: Carolyn Chappell

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 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 unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 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?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 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." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 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. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 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. 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 Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

SERMON:

“Of Water and Spirit”

Angela Roberson

RESPONSE

† **RESPONSIVE HYMN:** No. 119

“O God in Heaven”

HALAD

1. **O God in heaven, grant to thy children mercy and blessing, songs never ceasing, love to unite us, grace to redeem us, O God in heaven, dear Lord, our God.**
2. **Jesus, Redeemer, may we remember thy gracious passion, thy resurrection. Worship we bring thee, praise we shall sing thee, Jesus, Redeemer, Jesus, our Lord.**
3. **Spirit descending, whose is the blessing, strength for the weary, help for the needy; sealed in our kinship, thine be our worship, Spirit descending, Spirit adored.**

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† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

**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. Amen.**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

“You Are the One”

Thomas Keesecker

*You are the green, the blossom in the grasses. You are the seed that travels in the air.
 You are the bread, the harvest of the vineyard. You are the joy of beauty everywhere.
 You are the nest far higher than the eagle. You are the rock, the anchor of the soul.
 You are the love enthroned in highest heaven. You are the tree we see from far below.
 You are the time we never knew before us. You are the Alpha, ages in the past.
 You are the hope, the days that lie before us. You are the love we know as life at last.
 You are the cave that hides us in the mountain. You are the friend beside us in the night.
 You are the spring to feed us from the fountain. You are the sun to heal us in your light.
 You are the door that opens into treasures. You are the light, the beauty we will see.
 You are the sum of all the holy graces. You are the One, the holy Trinity. Amen.*

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† **DOXOLOGY:** No. 94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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† **OFFERING BLESSING****SENDING FORTH**† **HYMN OF DEDICATION:** No. 88

“Maker, in Whom We Live”

DIADEMATA

1. **Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move, the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love. Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high, while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.**
2. **Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace. The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim, and cry, “Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!”**
3. **Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power. Not angel tongues can tell thy love’s ecstatic height, the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.**
4. **Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above, let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love. When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face, sing all the saints thy love that made thine everlasting praise.**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747

† **BENEDICTION**

† **CHORAL BENEDICTION:** No. 336, vs.1 & 5 “Of All the Spirit’s Gifts to Me”

MEYER

**Of all the Spirit’s gifts to me, I pray that I may never cease to take and
treasure most these three: love, joy, and peace.**

**We go in peace, but made aware that, in a needy world like this,
our clearest purpose is to share love, joy, and peace.**

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POSTLUDE:

“Allegro maestoso”

Flor Peeters

***Our Service of Worship is ended.
Let our worship through service begin.***

† Please stand as you are able.

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