The Holy Trinity

05/26/2024 Greg Fetzer, Pastor J.V. Trautwein, Pastor Emeritus

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, as you are able.

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

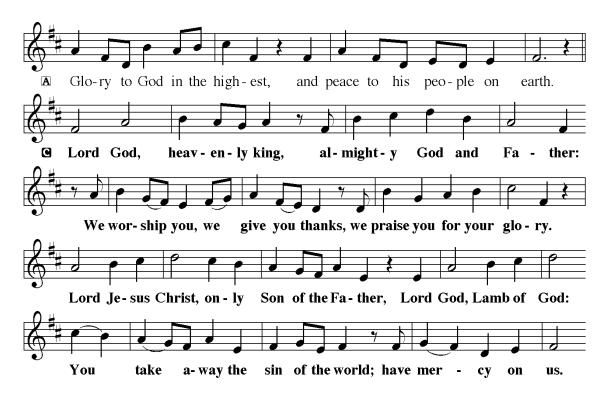
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

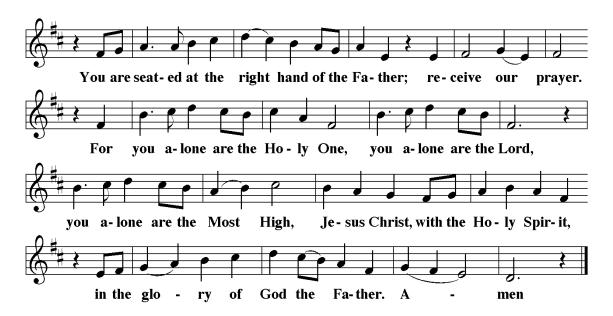
C Amen

GATHERING HYMN ELW#462 "Now We Join in Celebration"

- **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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest





- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- 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.

<u>PSALM 29</u>

- L ¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- C ²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- L ³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

- C ⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- L ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- C ⁶the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- L ⁷The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- C ⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- L ⁹The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"
- C ¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- L ¹¹O Lord, give strength to your people;
- C give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

JOHN 16:1-15

L A reading from the Gospel according to John: ¹"I have said these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. ³And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness

and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

- L The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW#412 "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"

SERMON: (Sermon Audio Link)

Please stand, as you are able.

- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

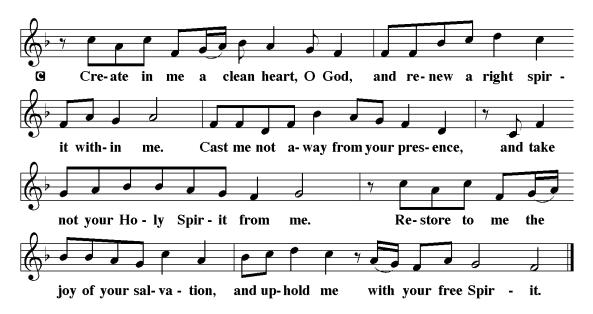
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and

apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

OFFERING*: (<u>On-Line giving Link</u>)

The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.

RESPONSE: <u>"Create in Me"</u>



L We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

- L Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

- L Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning, the dance of the wind, and the deeply rooted trees of the forest. Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems, that they flourish for generations to come. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- L Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- L You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing, especially Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Rebecca Brennan, Michelle Drayson, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Bob Hardy, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, MaKenzie Snyder, the Spiegler family, Tom, Chuck Trautwein, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- L Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- L The Spirit bears grateful witness to all children of God who have now come into their inheritance among the saints. As they lived with hope in your gift of eternal life, so strengthen us in faith, that we recognize your eternal presence even in this mortal life. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- L Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen

- **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
- **P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen

SENDING HYMN ELW#534 "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

- P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- **P** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

<u>POSTLUDE</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Upcoming Events

- Sunday, June 9 at 10:30am: Spring picnic to honor the years of service and commitment of Dr. Robert "Bob" C. Hardy
- Sunday, June 16, July 14, Aug 11 at 9:30am: Outdoor Worship

*Offering to be sent to Robert Brackbill 10274 Raleigh Tavern Lane Ellicott City, MD 21042

Epiphany Lutheran Church 9122 Sybert Drive Columbia Hills Ellicott City, MD 21043 https://www.epiphanylutherancolumbia.org

Please note that you now have the opportunity of online giving with the link found after the offering designation or here: <u>https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2627291</u>



Upcoming Preaching Texts

June 2	2 Pentecost	Ephesians 1
June 9	3 Pentecost	Ephesians 2
June 16	4 Pentecost	Ephesians 3
June 23	5 Pentecost	Ephesians 4
June 30	6 Pentecost	Ephesians 5
July 7	7 Pentecost	Ephesians 6

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