



Orthodox Icon depicting the Trinity as the three visitors to Abraham (Genesis 18:1-15)
The Holy Trinity **Sunday, June 7, 2009**
With One Voice: Setting Five

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INTRODUCTION

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

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GATHERING

The GATHERING MUSIC

The CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism as the Pastor begins

In the Name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Sisters and brothers,
bear with one another in love,
maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,
and take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness,
but instead expose them.

Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

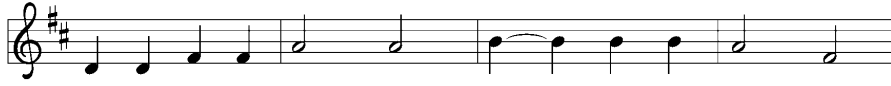
Holy and gracious God,
**we confess that we have not led a life
worthy of the calling to which we have been called.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not acted according to your will.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
Have mercy on us.
Forgive us according to the riches of your grace.
Make us holy and blameless before you in love,
so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for his sake God forgives you all your sins.
You who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,
and by his command and 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.

Amen.

The GATHERING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
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Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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The GREETING

The Pastor greets the assembly with the following words:

The blessing of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the glorious grace freely bestowed in the Son,
 and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The KYRIE

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The HYMN OF PRAISE

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The PRAYER OF THE DAY

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The assembly is seated

WORD

The FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

In 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!"

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Trinity/First Sunday after Pentecost B



Psalm 29:2

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- ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo-ry and strength.
- ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. Refrain**
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- ⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. Refrain**
- 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!"
- ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;

give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace. *Refrain*

The SECOND READING

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands

The GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1–17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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 apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus 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?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The 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." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For 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.

¹⁷Indeed, 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 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The SERMON

Silence for reflection

The assembly stands to proclaim the Word of God in song.

The HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Let the Son of God Enfold You
Spirit Song

Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with his Spir - it and his
love, let him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spir - it like a
dove will de - scend up - on your life and make you whole.

Refrain
Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and
fill your lambs. Je - sus, O
Je - sus, come and fill your lambs.

2 Oh, come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy,
lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
Oh, give him all your tears and sadness,
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *Refrain*

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The CREED

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The PRAYERS & PEACE

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The assembly is seated

MEAL

The OFFERING

The assembly stands

You Are Holy

Du är helig

1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The SANCTUS

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The THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (Right column)

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The LORD'S PRAYER (Right column)

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The BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated

The LAMB OF GOD

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The DISTRIBUTION

Believing in the Real Presence of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic Hospitality. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament may approach with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

"As the Grains of Wheat"

WOV 705

"I am the Bread of Life"

WOV 702

The assembly stands.

The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray... Gracious God, in this meal
you have rained down the true bread from heaven,
the body and blood of your beloved Son.
So by his promise bring us to abide in him, and he in us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

The Blessing

Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

The SENDING HYMN

"Shalom"

WOV 724

The SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The SENDING MUSIC

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Floyd Everhart, Ken Myers, Dennis Jensen

Altar Guild:

Alyce Snyder, Elaine Jensen

The **Altar Flowers** are given by John & Brenda Bitikofer in honor of Aaron's birthday.

The **Eternal Candle** is given by Mike & Doris Keener in memory of our parents.

PRAYER CONCERNS—Wilma Wiggs, Gary Courtwright, David Himes, Judy Himes and all nursing home residents.

Strasburg/Beach City Shared Ministry Task Force—held its first meeting last Monday evening. Pastor Steven, Floyd Everhart, and Lynnea Thomas met with three members from First, Beach City to begin the process to share ministries. This conversation was a Spirit-filled time of the many ministries both of our communities can share. A next meeting will be held in a couple weeks to discuss “nut and bolt” details regarding worship times and schedules as well as other details. With the hope of the Holy Spirit, this partnership will begin to come to fruition by Fall 2009. Pray for these task force members as well as both congregations.



A new sign up sheet for janitorial duties is posted in the Narthex. It will be broken down into a weekly schedule starting with the month of July. Please sign up and help maintain our church.

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you purchase the Altar Flowers on any given Sunday you are now responsible for taking them. The Altar Guild will no longer be delivering the flowers.

This decision was made by Church Council on May 12, 2009.



**SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH - AMERICAN LEGION CHICKEN
BBQ – MALCUIT'S PARKING LOT – DON'T MISS OUT ON SOME GREAT CHICKEN !!**



Please sign up to help out in the Noah's Ark Nursery. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex .

Vacation Bible School will be held from June 22 – 26, 2009. It will be held this year at St. John UCC. We are looking for teachers and helpers. If you would like to help please call Janelle Allensworth at 330-878-0400 or the Church Office. The VBS will also need 30 dozen cookies from First Lutheran for Wed., June 24th. There will be a sign up sheet located in the Narthex beginning the middle of May. **Registration forms are located in the Narthex.**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN (Week of 6/7—6/14)

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| Sunday | <u>The Holy Trinity</u>
9:30 AM—Holy Communion (Pavilion, weather permitting)
Recognition of <i>Divine Drama</i> participants |
| Monday | 6:30 PM—Finance (Library) |
| Tuesday | 7 PM—Strasburg Church Council (Lounge) |
| Wednesday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Thursday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Friday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Saturday | 10 AM – 2PM – Youth Gathering Car Wash
(Dairy Queen, Bolivar) |

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| Sunday | <u>Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 11</u>
9:30 AM—Holy Communion (Pavilion, weather permitting)
10:30 AM – Legion Chicken BBQ – Malcuit’s |
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Pastor Steven, serving part-time (75% time or 30 hours), office hours for this week

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| Sunday | Worship |
| Monday | OFF |
| Tuesday | 9-9 |
| Wednesday | 9-5 |
| Thursday | 9-5 |
| Friday | OFF |
| Saturday | OFF |

*These hours include sermon/worship preparation, meetings, and visitation. **Of course these hours do not apply if a pastoral emergency occurs.***