

# Christ Lutheran Church & The Bridge Campus Ministry

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*Here in Athens, in SE Ohio, we are occupying the traditional homeland of the Shawnee people. Before the Shawnee, this land was occupied by the Osage people, and by the Adena, Hopewell and Fort Ancient cultures.*



***SERVING TODAY:*** *Presider/Preacher: Chad Huebner; Organist: George Weckman; Choir Director: Christian Yoder; Choir Accompanist: Donnalee Yoder; Pianist: Patricia Cambridge; Lector: Elyce Friedman; Live Stream: Kay Cleland; Time with Children: Puppets!; Ushers: Dan Snoddy, JoAnn Ball; Greeter: Solveig Spjeldnes; Acolyte: Eliza; Tray Server: Chad Kopenski*

## INTRODUCTION

"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.

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.  
Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✙ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG****God of Our Fathers (LBW 567)**

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand  
2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;  
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,  
4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;

leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
in this free land by you our lot is cast;  
make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:  
oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace

our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.  
your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.  
your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841–1907, alt.  
Music: NATIONAL HYMN, George W. Warren, 1828–1902

**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**

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. Amen.**

## **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

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

A reading from Proverbs.

- <sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
<sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
<sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
<sup>4</sup> "To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.  
<sup>22</sup> The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup> 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,  
<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 8

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
- <sup>2</sup> **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.**
- <sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- <sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.
- <sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**
- <sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- <sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
- <sup>9</sup> O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

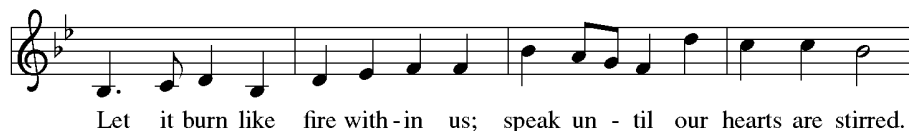
A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

The holy gospel according to John.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

## HYMN

### *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! (ELW 413)*



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.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray

On this Trinity Sunday we come before you Lord, to offer our thanks and praise. You are God the creator, giving us generously all things to enjoy. You are Christ the Savior of the world, made flesh to set us free. You are the Spirit of truth and love, willing to dwell in us.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace in the world. We pray for an end to unlawful invasions and wars and for an end to the violence inflicted upon innocent citizens, for the safety and well-being of refugees, for the healing of communities and for the restoration of infrastructure.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

During this Pride Month, we give thanks for the gifts, wisdom and faith of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer family members, neighbors and siblings in Christ. We ask the Spirit to stir and embolden us to advocate for laws, practices, values and institutional and social change that address injustice, bias and exclusion.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Renew and restore a vision of care for your creation. Remind us to take what we need and no more. Encourage us in a counter-cultural faithfulness that is not about consumerism. Spur us with new insights and deeper understanding that we may live mindfully each day, conscious of the impact of what we do and what we fail to do.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let us remember in our prayers the poor and helpless, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and those who feel unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not yet know and love Jesus Christ. Give them courage and hope and let us see Christ in them and surround them with our care.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, may they enter into the everlasting peace of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

And let us pray now for our family and friends who need our prayers...

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

On this Trinity Sunday, let us celebrate, and pray for our faith to deepen as we embrace the mystery of the Holy Trinity --- Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**AMEN**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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## OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
Text and music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## OFFERING PRAYER

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.**



## DIALOGUE

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.**

## PREFACE

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.

You reveal your glory

as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

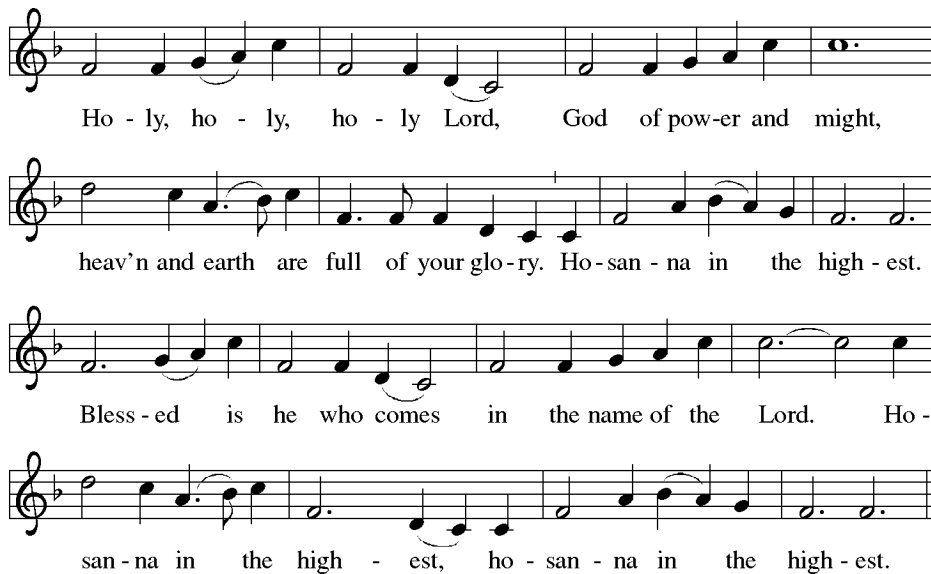
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,  
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

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, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,

our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,

in the harmonious world of your creation,

the plants and animals,

the seas and stars

were whole and well in your praise.  
When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering, therefore,  
his acts of healing,  
his body given up,  
and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.  
Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

### **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.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.  
**Thanks be to God!**

#### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

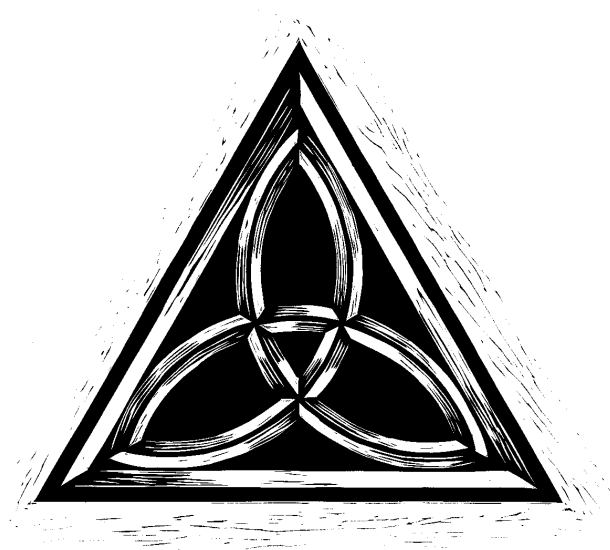
#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

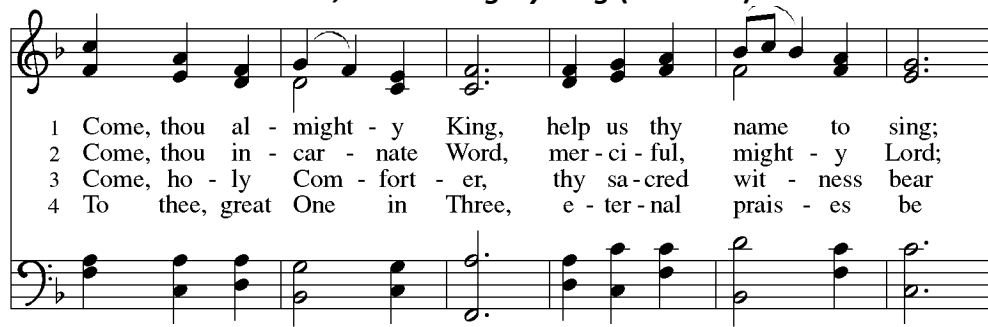
#### **BLESSING**

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.**



## SENDING SONG

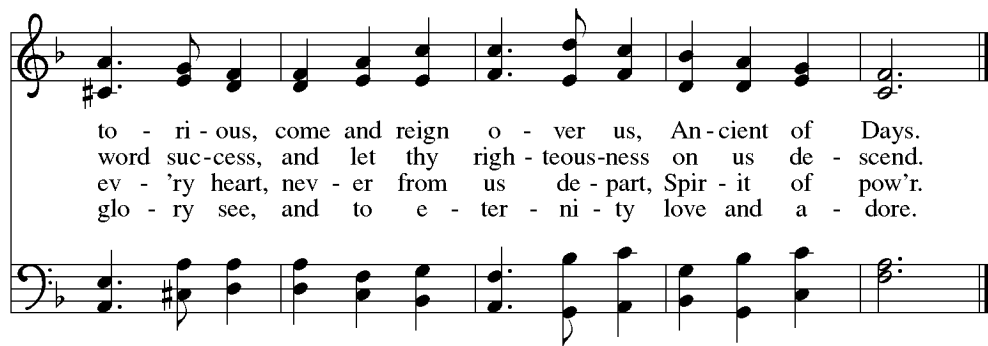
### *Come, Thou Almighty King (ELW 408)*



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.  
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

## DISMISSAL

The service has ended. **The ministry begins!**

Go in peace! Live by the Spirit!

**Thanks be to God.**