

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

WELCOME TO GUESTS AND VISITORS! We are glad you could join us for worship today. We hope that you are blessed by the Word and Sacraments that we share. We encourage you to participate as fully as you can. The screen in front will guide you. If desired, musical notation can be found as noted in the outline below. (The "#" indicates hymn numbers in red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal, and "SB" indicate page numbers in the "Song Book" pamphlet. The vertical line in the left margin indicates when we stand as we are able.)

HOLY COMMUNION WITH SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

"It is taught that the true body and blood of Christ are truly present under the form of bread and wine in the Lord's Supper and are distributed and received there" (Augsburg Confession, Article X). "A person who has faith in these words, 'given for you' and 'shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,' is really worthy and well prepared." "Forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament" (The Small Catechism, Part VI). "This church practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to Communion" (The Use of the Means of Grace, Principle 50).

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion, Setting Four

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- p. 94 Confession and Forgiveness
- #413 Gathering SongHoly, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! 🎜
- p. 147 Greeting
- Litany of the Most Holy Trinity
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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.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,

in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

³You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger. ⁴When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers. the moon and the stars you have set in their courses. ⁵what is man that you should be mindful of him, the son of man that you should seek him out? ⁶You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honor; ⁷you give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet: ⁸all sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field, 9the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea. ¹⁰O LORD our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world! p. 151 Second Reading2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Paul writes: ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. **Gospel Acclamation** ¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

— Sermon

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LECTIO SEMI-CONTINUA (LBW) **Holy Trinity and Following**

Sunday

Job 38:1-11; 42:1-5 Revelation 19:4-16

John 1:29-34

Monday

Proverbs 3:11-20 1 John 3:18--4:6 Matthew 11:1-6

Tuesday

Proverbs 4:1-27 1 John 4:7-21 Matthew 11:7-15

Wednesday Proverbs 6:1-19

1 John 5:1-12 Matthew 11:16-24

Thursday

Proverbs 7:1-27 1 John 5:13-21 Matthew 11:25-30

Friday

Proverbs 8:1-21 2 John 1-13 Matthew 12:1-14

Saturday

Proverbs 8:22-36 3 John 1-15 Matthew 12:15-21

READINGS THIS WEEK (ELW)

Mon – June 8	Job 38:39-39:12	1 Corinthians 12:1-3	Psalm 29
Tue – June 9	Job 39:13-25	1 Corinthians 12:4-13	Psalm 29
Wed - June 10	Job 39:26-40:5	John 14:25-26	Psalm 29
Thu – June 11	Exodus 4:18-23	Hebrews 3:1-6	Psalm 100

Or Thursday June 11 Barnabas, Apostle **Readings**

Isaiah 42:5-12 Psalm 112

Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3 Matthew 10:7-16

Prayer of the Day

We praise you, O God, for the life of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your church, gave generously of his life and possessions for the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel. Grant that we may follow his example and by our actions give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Fri – June 12	Exodus 4:18-23	Acts 7:35-43	Psalm 100
Sat – June 13	Exodus 6:28—	Mark 7:1-13	Psalm 100
	7:13		

Sunday June 14 - Second Sunday after Pentecost/Lectionary 11 Readings (Complementary Series)

Exodus 19:2-8 Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35—10:8 [10:9-23]

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

MOTHERS & FATHER IN THE FAITH (UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS)

Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866 Sunday, June 7, 2020

Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.

Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

Barnabas, Apostle Thursday, June 11, 2020

Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.

WORSHIP SERVICES WITH SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

As of May 19, 2020, by action of the Congregation Council of Saint John Lutheran Church,

In-person Worship Attendance remains at a maximum of ten per worship service, by reservation only.

The Congregation Council is reviewing this policy weekly in an effort to maintain the safety of all. See the congregation's web-site for the most up-to-date and accurate information. Please call a member of the Congregation Council with questions or comments.

Regular Worship Times:

- Thursday, 1:30 p.m.
- Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday 10:30 a.m.

All In-Person Worship Is By Reservation Only

Each week, Saint John Lutheran Church is **open for worship**, but only by reservation at this time. You must call Pastor Bond (608-208-0283) in advance, and reservations are "first-come, first-served." 24-hour-in-advance contact would be appreciated.

Opportunities for viewing the worship service include:

- The worship service can be viewed *live* on Sunday at 9:00 on Facebook, www.facebook.com/sjlc.elca
- A video recording of the worship service is available for viewing at your convenience, usually by Monday morning, at your congregation's web-site, www.sjlc-elca.org
- The worship service is broadcast on JATV, cable channel 994, one week delayed on Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Triune God, Triune Church

On this Trinity Sunday, we hear Jesus' final words to his disciples. They are words of sending, command, and blessing. They include the great promise, comfort, and empowerment: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20).

The rest of Jesus' message is all about what happens *until* the end of the age. In the meantime, the church is active in sharing the good news, baptizing, and teaching the way of Jesus. This is done at Jesus' command and under his authority with people of all nations. The word "nations" doesn't quite capture the breadth of what Jesus means. The actual term in Greek is more expansive, including all ethnicities and cultures. Instead of a blank, monochromatic sheet of paper, the church is a colorful patchwork quilt of people pieced together, stitched together, and united in the love of Christ.

Today we celebrate that we know God as Trinity. The Trinity serves as a model for the life of the church: God is not one-dimensional, but multifaceted. The Trinity is not monochromatic, but rather a swirling, colorful dance. There is no division in the Trinity, but an indwelling of the Spirit, the gentle authority of Christ, and the blessing of the Father.

In a world that is often polarized and divided, and in which marginalized groups face persecution and strife, we are called as followers of Christ to live beyond borders and division. The church is to be a gathering of peoples made up of every type of human distinction. By gathering all varieties of people into Christ, we live into the embodied reality of our triune God. May we be emboldened to do so, knowing that we are accompanied and empowered by our Savior "to the end of the age."

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