



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 2, 2021 / 5th Sunday of Easter



GATHERING

Prelude

Amy Kapp, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

Doug Gebhard, Interim Pastor

Centering Music

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

***Confession and Forgiveness (Unison)**

O Christ, you are the true vine,
and you have made us your branches.
In your grace, we find strength,
and in your love, we are set free.
Forgive us, O God, when we do not live
as people who have been freed,
when we act as if the Easter story
did not turn the world upside down.
Forgive us, O God, when we do not live
as people who are your branches,
when we forget that we are rooted in you
and bound to one another by your spirit.
Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine,
and teach us to abide in you.

Silent confession.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ +, we are forgiven!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn**

“Be Thou My Vision” #793

(vs. 1 & 2)

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

***Greeting**

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.**



WORD

First Reading 1 John 4:7-21

Krista Tozier/ Ed Ek

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel John 15:1–8**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Time with the Children

Sermon

Rev. Doug Gebhard

Special Music

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Doug Gebhard / Rick Hurt

AM: With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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 of God

Each petition concludes:

AM: By your grace, O God,

C: raise us from death to life.

The Peace

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Dedicate your gifts to God' mission. Financial offerings may be made by placing them in the offering basket in the Narthex, using our [online tool](#) on the church website, by sending to the church vial mail or by stopping by the church.

Musical Offering

Offering Song

“Create in Me A Clean Heart”

(Music at end of liturgy)

Create in me a clean heart, O God
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God
and renew a right spirit within me.

Offering Prayer

AM: Eternal God, take and use these gifts for your purpose in the world—giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the dead. Teach us to live each day for you, so that future generations will know your goodness and praise your glory; in the name of Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



MEAL

Invitation to Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Music at end of liturgy)

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest

Thanksgiving at the Table

Words of Institution and Acclamation

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again. Great is the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

Lamb of God

(Music at end of liturgy)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion of the People of God

P: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry..."
The body of Christ given for you.

C: Amen.

All partake of the bread.

P: Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches. Cut off from me, you can do nothing."
The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: Amen.

All partake of the cup.

Prayer after Communion



SENDING

Blessing

Hymn

"Baptized in Water"

#456 (vs. 1 & 3)

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Dismissal

AM: Now go forth in Jesus 'name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us.

C: Amen.

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Create in Me a Clean Heart

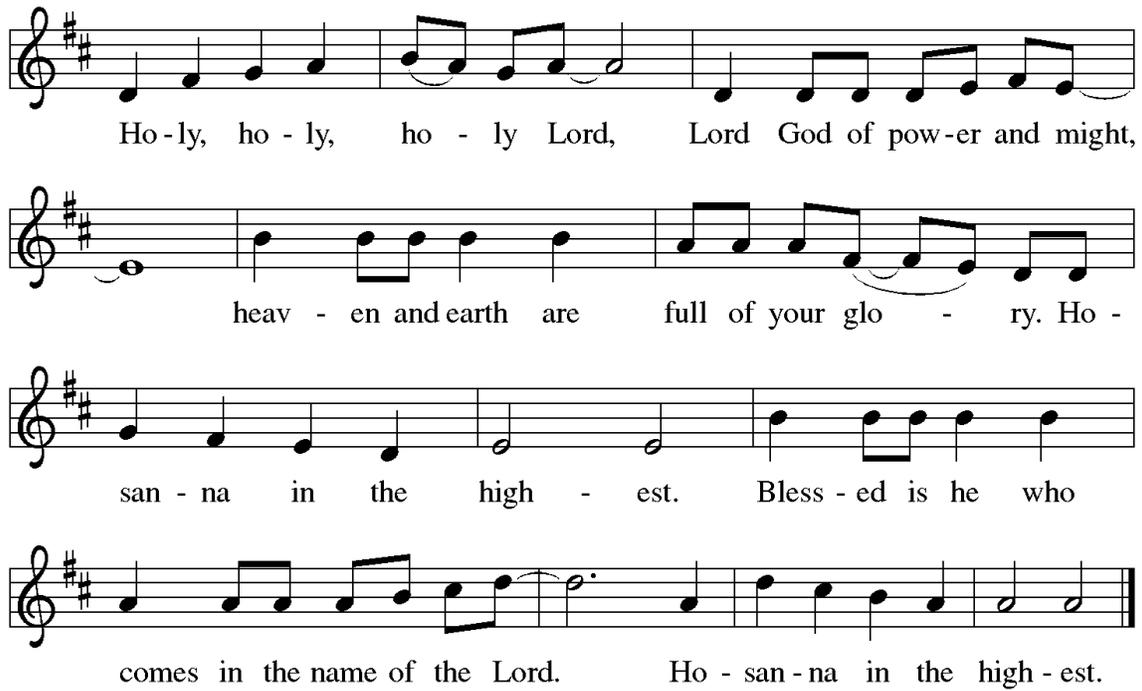
Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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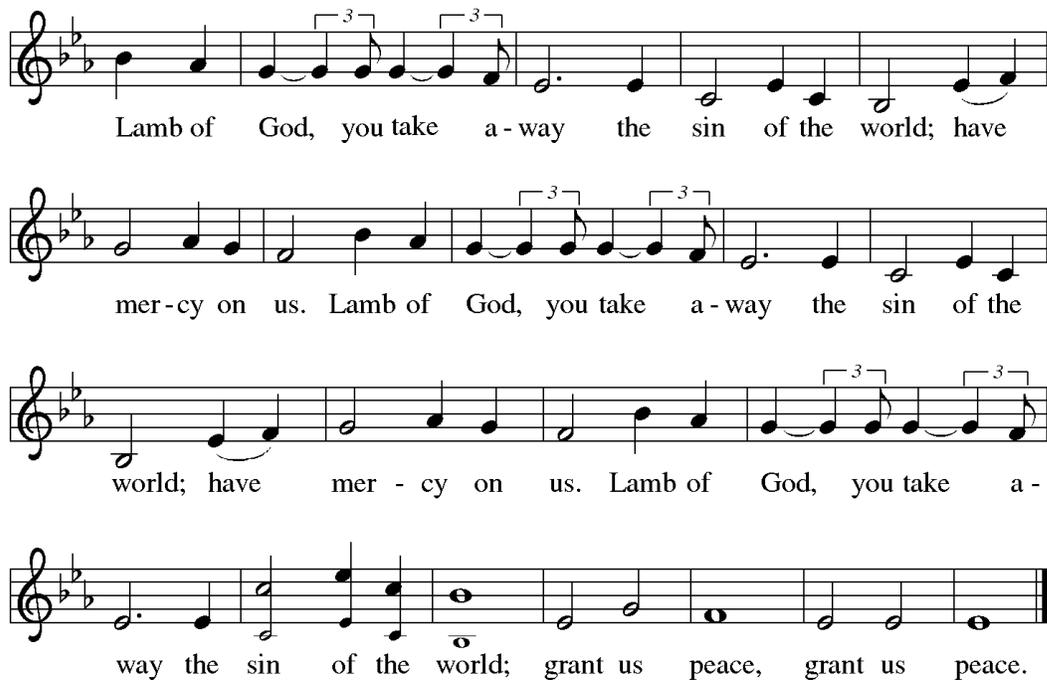
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Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en 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.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.