



*“Whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these little ones...”*  
*St. Matthew 10:42*

## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*June 28, 2020 — 10:00 a.m.*

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***“Come, Celebrate with Us”***

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**WELCOME**, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! To assist the office staff in serving you, **please sign the yellow Attendance & Communion Registration sheet included in the bulletin.** We also ask first time worshippers to sign the guest book on the table near the doors.

Please direct all pastoral care concerns to Pastor, Rich Mueller at 914-388-2240.



## *Gathering*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*We face the font, remembering God's promise of forgiveness in baptism.*

*P:* In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*P:* God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection*

*P:* Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive 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:* In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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

## 759, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## 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.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”  
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*P:* The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

*P:* Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## *Word*

### FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 28:5-9*

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah’s rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from

ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** (*Spoken in unison*)

*Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18*

*Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)*

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished  
forever;**

**you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>“I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

<sup>4</sup>**“I will establish your | line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all | generations.” R**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily | in your name;  
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory | of their strength,  
and by your favor our might | is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs | to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy | One of Israel. R**

**SECOND READING**

*Romans 6:12-23*

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin’s final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin’s slavery to live obediently under God’s grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

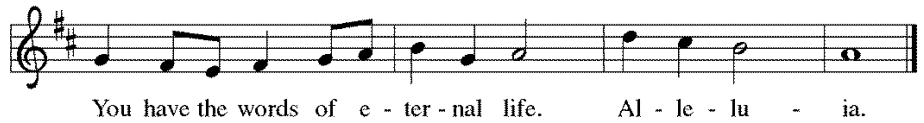
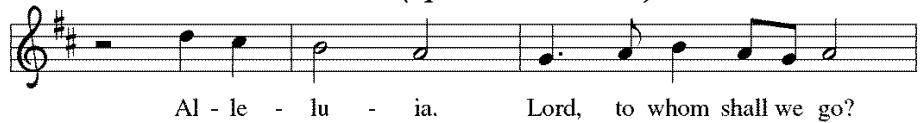
<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of

sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Spoken in unison)*



### GOSPEL LESSON

*Matthew 10:40-42*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40cc</sup>Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Linda Veren

### SERMON

Rev. Richard H. Mueller

1 A - maz - ing grace! — how sweet the sound — that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

## APOSTLES' CREED

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.

### **THE PRAYERS**    (*Stand or kneel*)

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned (*especially*). Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died (*especially Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon*). Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*P:* Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

*P:* The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*We greet one another with a gesture of peace.*

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

**Meal**

**OFFERING** *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Your offering can be left in the baskets provided near the entrance of the sanctuary.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** (*Spoken in unison*)

**186, “[Create in Me a Clean Heart](#)”**

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.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C: Amen

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Spoken in unison)*



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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



*The minister continues with the Words of Institution*

*Continue with the Lord's Prayer*

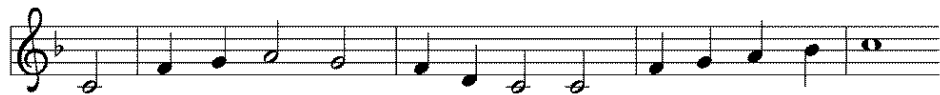
**C:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## COMMUNION

*P:* Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*Christ is truly present in this sacrament. We trust the Word, "The body and blood of Christ given and shed for you." By Christ's invitation, all baptized people of God are welcome to receive Christ's gift of love and mercy. Cups are available to receive wine from the Worship Assistant's pouring chalice. If grape juice is preferable, it is available in the tray the Acolyte carries.*

*Those not wishing to participate in Holy Communion may come forward and receive a blessing. Please notify the usher if you are unable to come forward, but wish to commune in your seat. Approach the altar from the center aisle and return to your seat by a side aisle.*



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN

824, "This is My Father's World"

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.  
 Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Mathie D. Babcock, 1858-1901  
 Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

*The presiding minister may say a table blessing.*

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

**C:** Amen

*The assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.*

*A:* God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

*C:* Amen.

## *Sending*

### BLESSING

*P:* Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

*C:* Amen.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SENDING HYMN [719, “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”](#)

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed  
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man  
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the

cries of  
thresh - olds  
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self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside  
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
 among these restless throngs abide;  
 oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
 and follow where your feet have trod;  
 till glorious from your heav'n above  
 shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.  
 Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

## DISMISSAL

*A:* Go in peace. Christ is with you.

*C:* Thanks be to God.

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# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Announcements for Sunday, June 28, 2020

**TO KEEP IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:** Those worshipping for the first time at Holy Trinity. Cancer/Illness: **Joyce Dyas, Danny Inlow, Bruce Peterson, Dot Peterson, and Wade Winslow;** Those serving in military, firefighters & law enforcement including: **Marc Alverson, Daryl Bogle, Adam and Cathryn Cormier, Steve Duke, Shawn Ethington, Brent Massey, Jordan Miller, Christopher Mueller, Rich Peacock, Derrick Thorsrud and Dylan Winslow;** Holy Trinity's Mission Partner: **Bethel Lutheran Church – Biloxi, MS and Pastor Kelly Pensinger;** ELCA Leaders: **SE Synod Bishop Rev. Kevin Strickland, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Pastor Rich Mueller.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our stewardship last week:** Attendance – 39 Offerings - \$2,710.00.

**SCRIPTURE JULY 5:** *Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**Today** 10:00am Service of Holy Communion

**Tues., Jun. 30** 9:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours  
2:00pm – 5:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons

**Wed., Jul. 1** 9:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours

**Thurs., Jul. 2** 9:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours  
1:00pm – 3:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons

**Sat., Jul. 4** Independence Day

**Sun., Jul. 5** 9:00am **Cancelled:** Sunday School  
9:00am **Cancelled:** Choir Practice  
10:00am Service of Holy Communion

# Assisting in Worship

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Richard H. Mueller
<b>Musician</b>	Joy M. Sullivan: Piano Steve Horlebein: Guitar
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jeff Ramsland
<b>Acolyte</b>	Erika Oldham
<b>Lector</b>	Andy Veren
<b>Cantor</b>	Randi Patterson
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Linda Veren
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mena Teal
<b>Greeters</b>	Ann & Rick Massey
<b>Ushers</b>	Katrina Schonemann, Rich Peacock & Derek Thorsrud
<b>Tellers</b>	Toni Fassbender & Diane MacShane
<b>Flower Pickup</b> ( <i>Saturday, July 4</i> )	Gary Lee

*The flowers at the Alter today are given to the Glory of God with Great Thanksgiving at the seventh Anniversary of marriage of Lorraine Studt and Pastor Mueller on June 22nd.*



## **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

God's purpose for Holy Trinity is to grow faith that moves us beyond ourselves.

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

1. Faithfully living with Christ at the center.
2. Prayerfully listening with open hearts and minds.
3. Selflessly welcoming all without preconceptions.
4. Courageously bearing our neighbor's burdens
5. Relating to one another with respect and honesty
6. Boldly sharing our blessings with other.



**JUNE 28, 2020**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**



*We are freed from sin to care for others.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 10:40-42</b>	<b>Receiving and serving others</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jeremiah 28:5-9</b>	<b>Hananiah opposes Jeremiah</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Romans 6:12-23</b>	<b>Slaves of righteousness</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Genesis 22:1-14</b>	<b>Command to sacrifice Isaac</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Psalm 13</b>	<b>Prayer for deliverance</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Acts 6:5-15</b>	<b>The arrest of Stephen</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18</b>	<b>God's covenant with David</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30</b>	<b>Rest for the weary</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. **Romans 6:13 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Gracious God, your love is so complete that we cannot fully grasp it. Help us to enjoy life in your presence and extend your love, grace, mercy, and peace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealttime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for this food, another example of your constant love and faithfulness, through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 89:2)

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord who has freed you from sin bless you with a holy life and life eternal. (Romans 6:22)



**JUNE 28, 2020**

## **HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*There's a Wideness in  
God's Mercy*



## **WEEKLY MILESTONES**

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you been tempted to do something you knew was wrong? What happened?
- Should there be consequences when someone does something wrong? Explain.
- How does the Christian faith lead you beyond selfish desires?

## **DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Romans 6:12-23.

Since the time Paul conveyed the radical message “where sin increased, grace abounded all the more” (Romans 5:20b), Christians and non-Christians alike have wondered if the Christian faith was license to live immorally. If our sin leads to God’s grace, should we help God out by sinning all the more so that God’s grace will be extended all the more? Heavens, no, answers Paul (6:15). What then? Sin is not simply bad actions. For Paul, sin is a demonic power in the universe opposed to everything that is of God. Being baptized into Christ is to die to that life opposed to God (6:4). What do we do then? With everything in us, we live “to God as instruments of righteousness” (6:13). We gladly participate in God’s saving activity in the world with our words, actions, thoughts, and hopes. The life ruled by Christ is not easy to comprehend so Paul writes, “I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations,” so just go for it! Give it your all for the sake of all that is holy, just, and full of God’s presence (v. 19). How does God’s grace give you a desire to do all you can to love and serve in Christ’s name?

*Pray:* **Gracious God, give us the desire to serve in your kingdom as instruments of your goodness through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SERVICE**



Leading a life as a follower of Jesus can seem to be a big task. In Matthew 10, Jesus reminds us that even the small things we do are acts of service, like giving a cup of water (v.42). Giving a drink of water, holding a door, and offering a kind word can make a difference in someone’s life. What acts of service can you do this week?

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults who practice the faith with them. Whether mealtime or bedtime prayers, reading the Bible, singing hymns, or blessing one another, the faith practices we model in our homes live on from generation to generation. Make a list of faith practices you do in your home. What ones have you passed on to others?



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# PANDEMIC WORSHIP ADAPTATIONS

Thank you and God for being part of our worship together. To protect you and other worshippers Holy Trinity is following CDC, our synod and Alabama state recommendations as extra precautions. Here is a summary of our temporary worship adaptations that we ask everyone to respect and abide by while attending services. If you have any questions, simply ask one of our ushers.

1. Bringing and wearing a mask is strongly encouraged, especially if you cannot maintain six feet of separation from others. If you do not have a mask with you we have a small supply on hand. Hand sanitizer is plentiful.
2. It is imperative that everyone completes an attendance card. Please do so as this information would be critical if we ever need to complete contact tracing and stem a potential outbreak.
3. Please bring your own writing instrument for completing attendance cards, taking notes, etc. If you do not have one with you, ask an usher for a pen or pencil. We sanitize them before and after each service.
4. Maintain six feet separation between families for adequate social distancing once entering the building, while in the sanctuary, and until you leave the building.
5. Only the main entrance is being used. As you enter the building please pick up a bulletin in the Narthex and proceed directly to the sanctuary. The doors will remain open during worship services to optimize ventilation.
6. Singing will be limited to only a soloist for a while. Our usual musical accompaniment remains.
7. Passing of the Peace is curtailed for now. Opportunities always remain for a "stay in place" wave or some other safe gesture.
8. Restroom doors at the end of the hallway will remain open to minimize your physical contact with any other objects. Multiple anti-bacterial soap dispensers are inside. Since the narthex restroom does not afford adequate privacy, it is not available.
9. The offering and attendance cards will not be collected during the service but may be dropped in the labelled baskets on either side of the sanctuary. Please be sure to complete and place your attendance card in the basket before you leave.
10. Communion is being administered by family/seating unit at the front of sanctuary. This might take a little longer, but please maintain six feet from the worshippers around you. Follow the usher's guidance when it's your turn, approach from the center aisle, and exit to the left and return to your seats.
11. After the worship service please proceed to the building exit, taking with you as you leave all paper, writing instruments, bibles, precious stones, popcorn or any other items. Please be safe by being patient.
12. Temporarily, the narthex cabinets are locked and inaccessible. Hence, we do not have access to our mail folders and we are not wearing our name tags.
13. Following worship services we are not hosting any hospitality. Please avoid entering the Fellowship Hall or the classrooms.
14. The sanctuary and other common spaces are being cleaned and disinfected after each Sunday's worship.

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