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## The Feast of The Holy Trinity

God's Gift Service T June 7, 2020

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Call to Worship:                    "I Bind unto Myself Today"                    *LSB # 604*

### God Gathers Us in His Name

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn:                    "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"                    *LSB # 607*

### God's Gift of Forgiveness

*As God gathers us in worship today the only thing we are able to give Him is our sins,  
and out of undeserved love for us God gives us forgiveness.*

*King David wrote in the Psalms: "I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD'  
— and You, [O God,] forgave the guilt of my sin."*

*Psalm 32:5b NIV*

- P Do you confess to Almighty God that you are a poor, miserable sinner who has sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed and therefore justly deserve His present and eternal punishment? If so, answer, "Yes."
- C Yes.
- P Do you believe that our Lord Jesus Christ has lived a holy life, satisfying all the demands of God's holy Law for you, and died, shedding His blood for you upon the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins? If so, answer, "Yes."
- C Yes.
- P Do you ask God, for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of His beloved Son Jesus, to be gracious and merciful to you? If so, answer, "Yes."
- C Yes.
- P I have great Good News! Through His holy life and innocent death on the cross, Jesus has satisfied the holy demands of God's Law and has earned forgiveness and eternal life for us. He desires that this gift be delivered to all people. For He told His disciples on Easter evening, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you. ... If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." *John 20:21,23 NIV*
- P Therefore, in the stead and by this command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and as the called and ordained servant of the Word in this place, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the T Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

P You are forgiven! You are set free! You are dearly loved children of God! Together you and I can now raise our voices in thanksgiving and praise to God for His tremendous grace. We can bring Him our fears and hopes, our needs and prayers, with all boldness and confidence as dear children do to their dear Father.

C Amen.

## God's Gift of His Word

— 1 Peter 1:23 NIV

*By ourselves we are spiritually dead. By our own efforts we are unable to create or sustain a relationship with God.*

*However, out of undeserved love for us, God has made us spiritually alive.*

*He creates and sustains a relationship with us by way of His Word, the Word of Jesus:*

*"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."*

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a ESV

[*By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Prophet Moses writes:*]

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds – livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

And God 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 heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens 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. And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36 ESV

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Evangelist St. Luke writes:]

[Peter's Pentecost sermon continues:] Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know – this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it.

"For David says concerning Him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that He would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

"For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'

"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Matthew writes:]

[Following His resurrection and at His command,] the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. [Therefore, as you are going,] make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: “Father, Most Holy” LSB # 504

Sermon: “1 in 3 – ALL for YOU!” *All 3 Readings*

Creedal Song: “This I Believe” *by Matt Crocker & Ben Fielding*

## Our Prayers in Response to God’s Word

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

- For the gift of the Holy Spirit through God’s Means of Grace.
- For the successful pace-maker replacement surgery for Dr. Harold Brockberg, Kimberly Kleckner’s father.
- Blessings and Thanksgiving for our 2020 graduates:

N Mt. Olive Lutheran School – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates: Geralyn Anderson – Audubon; Aaron Cheatham – Johnston; Drew Dunlap – Dowling; Alexander Hawbaker, Nadia Powell – North; Dylan Rains, Nolan Rains, Abigail Regalado – Urbandale; Kennedy Rice-Larimer, Dalton Schoen – Johnston; Lydia Schwaller – Grandview Christian; Mateya Speltz – Van Meter; and Brady Thomson – ?

N Indian Hills Jr. High: Madeline Leyhe – Valley

N Johnston High: Dawson Schoen – DMACC

### Prayers for Healing

- Bruce Christofferson, Sandi Meyer’s dad, gall bladder surgery on Fr. June 5; Ian Thompson, returned to Brio for more physical therapy; Dale Foltman; Joah Koch’s brother, Bill, cancer; John Light’s girlfriend, in a nursing home with various health issues; Dale Curtice; David West; Joan Erickson; Debbie Holseid; Gretchen Versteeg; Michael Sturgeon; Doug Burke; Pat Davison; Kathryn Sprecher; and all suffering with CoViD-19.

### Prayers for Comfort in Grief

- For Dwayne Wallukait and Julie & Mike Hoffman as they continue to grieve the death of William “Bill” Faulstick, Dwayne’s brother-in-law who died on May 11<sup>th</sup> from various health issues, including CoViD-19.
- For Ron, Lonn, Mark, and Kevin Maly and their families as they grieve the death of their wife and mother, Maxine Maly, on May 26 from CoViD-19 – a private, family memorial service was held at Mt. Olive on Saturday, May 30, a recording of which will be placed on the church’s website in the coming days.

### Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

- For Derek, Dorian, Daxton, and baby-in-waiting Theiss as they move from Grimes to St. Louis where Derek will be enrolling in the pastoral education program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

- For the Lord's guidance and blessing upon the voting phase of Mt. Olive's virtual congregational meeting. (See the email from Paul Brown for instructions on how to vote by email on MtO's 2020-2021 Budget and Election Slate.)
- For the Lord's continued blessing upon MtO's ongoing online worship and drive-through celebrations of the Lord's Supper.
- For families within the Mt. Olive Lutheran School Community: Brittany, Nathan & Brady Johnson; Elizabeth, Michael, Lincoln & Addison Kelley; Lydia, Brian, Roman & Castle Motis; Emily (Staff), Peter, Samantha & Jonathon Nolte; and Kearstan, Dave, Karis, Jackson, Brielle & Eden Rude.
- For the Lord's guidance and blessing upon all the members of the Mt. Olive Lutheran Faith Community as they pray for and reach out to others in Jesus' name.
- For the Lord's peace and aid in the midst of the civil turmoil following the death of George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis police and the tension and trials resulting from the continuing CoViD-19 pandemic.

*The prayers, silent or spoken, will be prayed now. Each prayer will end with:*

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your loving hands, dear Lord, we place everyone and everything for which we've prayed.  
We trust You to answer our prayers according to Your mercy in the way that is best for us.  
We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## Our Offerings in Response to God's Word

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor,  
so that you through His poverty might become rich. ...*

*Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*

– 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15 NIV

You are encouraged to continue regularly giving your tithes and offerings to the Lord either online at [www.molcs.org/church](http://www.molcs.org/church) or by mailing them to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 5625 Franklin Ave, Des Moines IA 50310 or bringing them to one of our drive through Communion services.

We thank God for your ongoing generosity in supporting the Lord's work during this challenging time.

## Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:  
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.

## Collect Prayer of the Day

P We join in the Collect Prayer of the Day:  
C Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Final Prayer

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, grant  
that our lips which have here sung Your praise may now glorify You in the world;  
that our ears which have heard the voice of our Shepherd through Your Word  
may now be closed to the clamorous voice of Satan and the world;  
that our eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope;  
that our tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth; and  
that we may be fully restored to newness of life  
through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His Face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give T you His peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C Amen.

Closing Song:                                   “By Faith”         *by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Stuart Townend*

## Announcements and Postlude

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As you leave His Service today,

*God wants you to be assured that ALL your sins have been forgiven  
and that He has declared you to be His holy, beloved child,  
an heir of an eternal, never-ending relationship with Him.*

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