

Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday, May 30, 2021
The Holy Trinity
Recorded Worship



THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST,
THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE COMMUNION OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH ALL OF YOU.

2 CORINTHIANS 13, NRSV

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: God, our provider,

All: help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Pastor: Beloved people of God:
 in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
 you are fed and nourished.
 By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
 there is always more than enough.
 Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
 you are shown God's mercy:
 you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!



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,



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;



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,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Almighty Creator and ever-living God:

All: **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.**

READING: ISAIAH 6:1-8

Leader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Leader: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**All: ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

Leader: ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**All: ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

Leader: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**All: ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

Leader: ⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**All: ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Leader: ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests
bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

All: ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

Leader: ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-17

Pastor: The holy gospel according to John.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON:

Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson - "The Holy Trinity"

HYMN OF THE DAY: COME, JOIN THE DANCE OF TRINITY



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Leader: We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. We pray especially for Israel and the Gaza Strip, Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD or any other mental health concerns. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day especially, those listed, those battling the coronavirus and those we name silently and aloud (brief silence). Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We also pray for all the people affected by the shooting in San Jose at the VTA. We pray for this worshiping community, Elim Lutheran Church, that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith. We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds, this week. Fill our hearts with love and acceptance, Hear us, O God.

All: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Leader: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

All: Holy, holy, holy 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Doxology"* by Daniel Read
Performed by Athena Labberton, Audrey Norman, Mark Norman,
and John Sedlander

Doxology

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Jesus, Bread of life,
All: we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world you love so much.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

BLESSING

Response after blessing: **Amen**

SENDING HYMN: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!



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!



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.



on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



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

EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

SENDING

Leader: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Week:

Sunday, June 6, 2021 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

Read Ahead: 1 Samuel 8:4-11 [12-15] 16-20 [11:14-15] / Psalm 138 / Mark 3:20-35



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