

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Belleville, PA**



**WELCOME BACK**  
**as the Body of Christ in the Church today**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**  
**JUNE 7, 2020**

*This famous icon pictures Emperor Constantine I and the bishops assembled at the Council of Nicaea in 325 displaying what we call the Nicene Creed, which was finally approved in 381, and which many Christians recite together on Trinity Sunday.*

## GATHERING

### **PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

### **\*CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

### **\*CONFESSION**

**Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **\*GREETING**

The grace of our lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C And Also with you.**

**\*KYRIE ~ Pastor Ela**

**\*HYMN of PRAISE ~ *Glory to God...***

**\*HYMN ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*** (Lisa Griffith leads us in song, you may sing along) see page 6

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY ~ *in unison***

**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. Amen**

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**\*FIRST READING** A reading excerpted from Genesis 1 and 2

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**\*PSALM 8**

**\*SECOND READING** A reading from Corinthians 13:11-13

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ~ *sung by Pastor Ela*

Allelulia, Lord to whom shall we go,  
You have the words of eternal life. Allelulia, Allelulia!

**\*GOSPEL READING**

**MESSAGE** ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton      *see back of bulletin for printed message*  
(you may be seated)

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**

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

God of community, you form us as your church. Guide our bishops, pastors, leaders and deacons, and all the baptized in sharing your life-giving good news with all the world. Strengthen us to be bold in our proclamation.

God of creation, you called everything into being. Sustain this world with your renewing care.  
Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of counsel, all authority belongs to you. Encourage the leaders of this and every land to seek peace, equality, and unity. Instill wisdom in advocates who work toward justice in often ignored communities

God of care, you created us in your image. Help us see your likeness in one another. Open our eyes to see and attend to all who face oppression and suffering. Help us to understand the complexities of racism, and let us not be complacent to your Gospel call to unity – Brothers and sisters in Christ. Put out the fire of hatred, prejudice and violence and ignite the fire of compassion and understanding.

Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

God of compassion, you comfort us in our grief with the promise of the resurrection. We give you thanks for the saints of all time and in our lives especially today we remember, Larry Walters, Jane Cullen and pray for the family of Tom McNabb on the loss of his brother, Jim. We mourn the death due to Covid of over 10,000 people in the US and more worldwide and ask that you help us to respond to the enormity of this loss with prayers for their families and the world. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

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

**HYMN** and special music

see page 7

*The Dance of the Trinity ~ instruments play through once, then sung by congregation.*

## **THE LORD's SUPPER**

### **\*THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

Let us extend the Peace of Christ to those around us and into the world.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (you will leave your gifts in the offering plate at the end of the front pew (Mechanic St. side) on your way out)

Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**C We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**\*LORD's PRAYER** *(in 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 today our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses (debts) as we forgive those who trespass against us (debtors); 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.**

**\*SENDING PRAYERS**

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who receive the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**\*DISMISSAL**

Come forth to take the sacrament.

Then go forth in peace and fellowship to serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**\*COMMUNION** and sending Christ's gifts and love into the world.

*We will come up for communion by the center aisle and depart by the side aisle (Mechanic St. side) or elevator and leave by the front open doors downstairs. The Pastor will greet people outside time/weather permitting.*

**\*BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father and + Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. **C Amen**

Parts of our liturgy today are adapted from *Sundays and Seasons*, Augsburg Fortress, from the Lutheran Book of Worship and from Kimberly Bracken Long, *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Year A, Volume I*, John Knox Press

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***Our Mission Statement***

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share  
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another  
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

***Our Vision Statement***

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community through our prayer,  
devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

Please remember in prayer ~ Audrey Michael and Donna Snook (sisters of Lucy Magda), Kim Aumiller, Ev Young, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Carol Yoder, Diddy Cleck, Betty Smith, Memory Lane ~ Nancy Aumiller and sister, Sally Shingler.

We will have a radio broadcast at 10:30am which will include excerpts from and additions to this bulletin. Tune into Big Louie AM 670 and FM 92.9. We anticipate this will be the last radio broadcast.

***Thanks so much for all the kind words, cards, prayers, and phone calls we received through the recent passing of Jay's mother. We love our church family!***

***Jay & Joy Byler***

As of June 7 we are resuming worship in the sanctuary with safety precautions in place. The use of the church during the week will continue to be limited. The Pastor for the most part will continue working from home; however, meetings and home visits may be arranged with distancing and masks in place. I look forward to fellowship with all you again.

Pastor Ela

During the month of June, council members will be performing **ALL** worship duties, with the exception of elevator and sound system. The weekly bulletins will be mailed to our shut-ins and those residing at Valley View. If you cannot attend worship and would appreciate having a bulletin mailed to you, please contact the church office or your "Good Shepherd".

For the time being, the use of Altar flowers will be determined on a weekly basis. Since we will not be delivering them, the person(s) who signed up for that particular Sunday are being asked to take both vases. Calls will be made to those members who placed flowers the beginning of each week.

In April, St. John's and West Kish both applied and were approved for Payroll Protection Program Loans through the government's COVID-19 relief efforts. As long as 75% of the loan proceeds are used for payroll purposes that part of the loan can be forgiven. Payroll for church and daycare employees have/continue to be covered by the loan for an 8 week period. Pastor Ela's full salary is covered through West Kish, which also includes St. John's portion. We recently received information from Kish Bank that the loan is being amended with some changes and extended to 24 weeks. We are awaiting further information on how this will affect/benefit us further.

St. John's ~ January thru June 5

Income \$104,122.96 Expense \$87,415.73

Net Income \$ 16,707.23

Parking Lot Project Donations ~ \$7,335.00

Daycare ~ January thru June 5

YTD Income ~ \$ 79,998.59 YTD Expense ~ \$ 74,135.64

Net Income \$ 5,862.95



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NICAEA 11.12.12.10

Reginald Heber (1783–1826)

As in *Hymns Written and Adapted*, 1827; alt.

John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

Desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

*Descant*

4. Ho - - - ly,

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,  
 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!

Ho - - - ly,

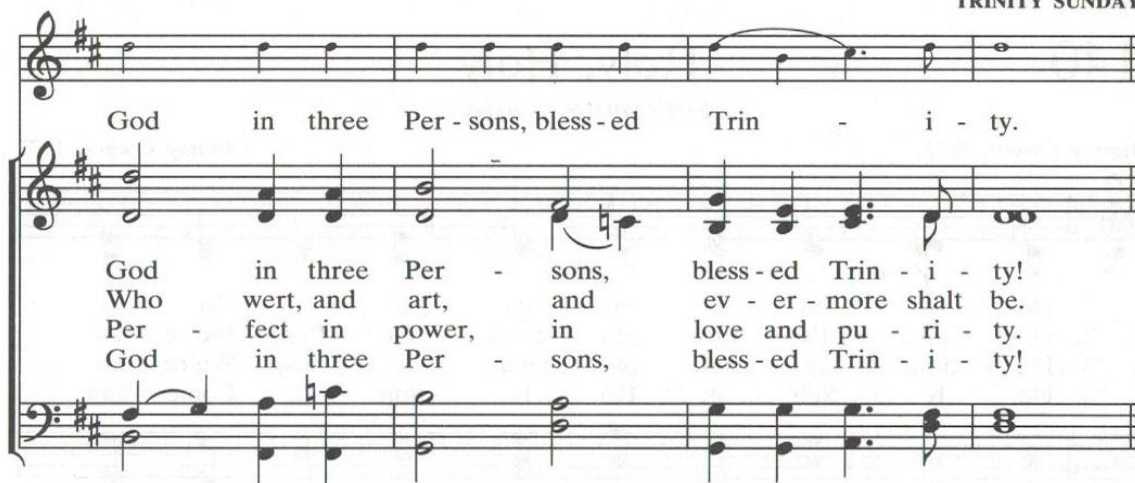
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eye of sin - ful-ness Thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - - - ly,

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,  
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

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*Hymn continued on next page*



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 Per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

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- 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;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 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.  
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
 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;  
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
 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.  
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.