

+Festival Worship

May 18, 2019

5:30 pm

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“O Blessed Light, O Trinity” 890

♪O blessed Light, O Trinity,
O everlasting Unity:

as now the fiery sun departs,
send forth Your light into our hearts.

To You our morning song of praise,
to You our evening prayer we raise;
we praise Your light in ev'ry age,
the glory of our pilgrimage.

All glory be to God above
and to the Son, the Prince of love,
and to the Spirit, One in Three!
We praise You, blessed Trinity.

“O BLESSED LIGHT, O TRINITY” Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; tr. *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006, st. 1; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, sts. 2-3. Tune: Nicolaus Herman, c. 1480-1561; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941. Text (sr. 1): © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Text (sts. 2-3): © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*; music; public domain. Concordia Publishing House, used by permission.

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 98 (*selected verses*)

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE

“In Thee Is Gladness” 819

♪In Thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.

By Thee are given The gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.

our souls Thou wakest, our bonds Thou breakest;
who trusts Thee surely has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!

Our hearts are pining to see Thy shining,
dying or living to Thee are cleaving;
naught can us sever: Alleluia!

Since He is ours, we fear no powers,
not of earth nor sin nor death.

He sees and blesses in worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.

**Wherefore the story tell of His glory
with hearts and voices; all heav'n rejoices
in Him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,
love Him and praise Him and still shall raise Him
glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

"IN THEE IS GLADNESS" Text: Johann Lindmann, 1549-1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt. Tune: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556-c. 1622; setting: Württembergisches Neues Choralbuch, 1956. Text and tune: public domain, Setting: © 1956 Barenreiter. Concordia Publishing House, used by permission.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." But Peter began and explained it to them in order: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life

without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Love in Christ Is Strong and Living" 706

**Love in Christ is strong and living, binding faithful hearts in one;
love in Christ is true and giving. May His will in us be done.**

**Love is patient and forbearing, clothed in Christ's humility,
gentle, selfless, kind, and caring, reaching out in charity.**

**Love in Christ abides forever, fainting not when ills attend;
love, forgiving and forgiven, shall endure until life's end.**

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SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(As you see your fellow members and friends receiving Holy Communion today and perhaps know a special need in their lives, lift them up to the Lord in silent prayer.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

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♪ Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
to all believers life eternal yields;
with heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
as in this feast of love You bless us now.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” 570

♪ Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me
and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Just as I am; Thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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POST COMMUNION COLLECT *(p. 218)*

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

917

♪Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
with Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.

Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
turn Thou for us its darkness into light.

From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
for dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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