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Festival of the Holy Trinity – June 4, 2023

Order of Worship: Service of Word & Sacrament

(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler

Usher: Josh Ruegge; Communion Usher: Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-service Devotion: Psalm 113 (pew bible, p.542)
- ◆ The Hymns: 816, 811, 507, 805
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14, Matthew 28:18-20
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 150
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The First Article of the Apostles' Creed, with Martin Luther's Explanation (top of page 5)

Sermon Text – Genesis 1:1–2:3

Listen to Your Triune God as He Answers Our Most Basic Questions:

1. Where did we come from?
2. Why are we here?

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (805)

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Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

11 Finally, brothers, good-by. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. 13 All the saints send their greetings. 14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 150

- P Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary:
C **Praise him in his mighty heavens.**
P Praise him for his acts of power:
C **Praise him for his surpassing greatness.**
P Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet:
C **Praise him with the harp and lyre.**
P Praise him with tambourine and dancing:
C **Praise him with the strings and flute.**
P Praise him with the clash of cymbals:
C **Praise him with resounding cymbals.**
P Let everything that has breath praise the LORD:
C **Praise the LORD.**

Second Lesson – Matthew 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Sermon Text – Genesis 1:1–2:3

1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. 6 And God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water.” 7 So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. 8 God called the expanse “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. 9 And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God

saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. 12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. 14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. 16 God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. 20 And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.” 21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” 23 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. 24 And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” 29 Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. 2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

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Confession of Faith for the Festival of the Holy Trinity

The First Article of the Apostles' Creed

(read in unison by all after the Scripture readings)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind and all my senses, and still keeps them for me. God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil. God does this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.



A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (6/4) 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45 am Bible Class
Sun (6/11) 9:30 am Worship Service

Extended Calendar

Sat, July 8 Summer Clean-Up Day, 8:00 am to noon
Sun, July 23 Quarterly Voters' Meeting, 10:45 am

In Our Prayers: Willa Mae Janssen who was admitted to the hospital last Tuesday with a case of pneumonia. Under God's blessing she was able to return home on Friday. We pray for His blessing upon her recovery.

Flower Donations: St. Paul's Mary & Martha ladies are taking monetary donations toward the purchase of perennial flowers for the front church planters. You can do several things:

- place your offering in an envelope & put the amount on the "Other" line
- place it in a plain envelope with "Mary Martha Flowers"
- give your offering to Crystal Ruegge, Mary & Martha Treasurer

Thank you for considering to make a donation for the flowers! For questions, please ask Lisa Sprengeler.

Synod News & Notes

The CLC General Pastoral Conference is scheduled to be held in Eau Claire WI on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College on Tuesday through Thursday, June 20-22.

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church of Madison Heights (Detroit), MI will observe its 50th anniversary in a special worship service of praise to the Lord on Sunday, August 6, at 4:00 pm. Guest speakers will be Pastor Em. Walter Schaller, who served as pastor of Mt. Zion from 2000-2017, and Pastor David Naumann, chairman of the CLC Board of Education and Publications. A catered meal will be provided after the service. Those planning to attend are requested to RSVP to Pastor Tom Naumann at 920-266-5387 or tomnaumann.pastor@gmail.com.

"Praise Be unto Our Gracious God for 100 Years of His Grace! You are invited to a special worship service observing the 100th anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD, on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. The message of God's grace preached for the occasion will be provided by guest preacher, Pastor Mark Tiefel, pastor of our sister congregation at Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church of Middleton, WI, and a grandson of Zion Lutheran's long time, former pastor, Pastor Em. Leland Grams, who served Zion as pastor for 31 years. The service will be held at Schriver's Funeral home (720 6th St. Ipswich, SD 57451), which is the regular place of worship for Zion Lutheran Church. A catered meal will follow the service. The meal will be held at the Edmunds County 4H building, which is located near the worship venue. Please RSVP to Pastor Zachary Sippert at 715-523-0826 or pastorzippert@gmail.com"

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

June 5-10, '23

Mon Matthew 28:16-20 It is common in the world that people are born into their family name. Here Jesus sends His disciples into all the world to make disciples, baptizing them into another name, none other than the name of the Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Tues Ephesians 1:3-10 Our human minds cannot fathom this information about God: that He is three separate persons, yet not three gods, but one God. He reveals this to us, however, to teach us about our salvation. God the Father chose us in Christ before the world began, and sent God the Son to redeem us by His blood. In Him we have forgiveness and eternal life!

Wed Ephesians 1:11-14 Continuing the thought of yesterdays' reading, while the Father sent the Son to save us, God the Holy Spirit brought us to hope in Christ, our Savior, assuring us by the Word that the promised heavenly inheritance is ours through Jesus even before the day when we will see it in person.

Thur Isaiah 6:1-8 The Lord of hosts is addressed as "Holy, Holy, Holy"(v3), reminding us that God is triune. It is He who called Isaiah to be His spokesman at a definite time in history, and prepared Him as He prepares all of His speakers: by cleansing them from their sins and by putting His Word in their mouths.

Fri 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 In closing his letter to the Corinthians, Paul urges them to live a life of peace and love, and points to the source of peace and love with the "apostolic benediction" (v14). The love, grace, and fellowship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit brings about restoration, comfort, agreement, peace.

Sat Numbers 6:22-27 It is the Lord who made and preserves us. It is the Lord who graciously redeemed us by His blood. It is the Lord who gives us peace through the Word of forgiveness. When His name is put upon us (v27), in benediction or baptism (cp Monday's reading), the result is blessing!