

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

CELEBRATION SERVICE AT 10:30 AM SUNDAY, MAY 30TH, 2021 The Holy Trinity

(You may also follow the Order of Worship as projected on the overhead screens.)

PRELUDE: "One Thing Remains"

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER ASKING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

OPENING SONG: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

THE INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION

- L: I confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, my own grievous fault; wherefore, I pray Almighty God to have mercy upon me, to forgive me all my sins, and to make clean my heart within me.
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THE PSALM OF PRAISE: Psalm 8 (ESV pg. 450)

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SONG: "Where I Belong" ~ Soloist, Keriann Ross

THE RESPONSIVE READINGS ABOUT THE FATHER:

- L: "The Lord has established His throne in Heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all. Praise the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, who obey His word. Praise the Lord, all His Heavenly hosts, you His servants who do His will. Praise the Lord, all His works everywhere in His dominion." (Psalm 103:19-22)
- C: "Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why do we profane the covenant of our Father's by breaking faith with one another?" (Malachi 2:10)
- L: "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)
- C: "How many are Your works, O Lord! In wisdom You make them all; the earth is full of Your creatures." (*Psalm 104:24*)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 4:32-40 (ESV pg. 149)

"For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live? Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the LORD your God

did for you in Egypt before your eyes? To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides him. Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day, know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for all time."

THE RESPONSIVE READINGS ABOUT THE SON:

- L: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:1-5, 14)
- C: "Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:4, 6)
- L: "I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said." (Matthew 28:5b-6a)
- C: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (*Philippians 2:10-11*)

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-36 (ESV pg. 910)

But 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."

SONG: "How Can it Be" ~ Soloist, Evin Ross

THE RESPONSIVE READINGS ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT:

- L: "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit." (John 3:5-6)
- C: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:38-39)
- L: "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! (1 John 3:1-3)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV pg. 835)

Now 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. Go therefore and 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."

THE RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL READING:

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SOLO: "There Was Jesus" ~ soloist, Jeff Burke

THE MESSAGE: "Any God Will Do" ~ Rev. Keith Enko

AFTER SERMON SOLO: "Salt and Light" ~ soloist, Jesse Grace Pearson

THE 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.

THE LIFTING UP OF OUR PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Five Questions to Ask Yourself:

- 1. Am I a baptized member of the Christian Faith?
- 2. Am I a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- 3. Do I believe that my only hope of forgiveness is found in my Savior Jesus Christ and His death and resurrection for me?
- 4. Do I believe that Jesus gave me His body and blood together with the bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of my sins?
- 5. Will I try, by the power of God, to amend my sinful life?

(If a worshipper cannot answer yes to all five of these questions, or if they are not sure what they mean, then we ask them to speak with the Pastor before they commune. We do this out of love and concern for all our worshippers.)

THE DISTRIBUTION

A PRAYER OF THANKS

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "I Can Only Imagine"