



**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Holy Trinity**

June 7-8, 2020

# ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)*

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## FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's eternal love for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing, or sitting will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

- Restrooms are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.
- If you have young children with you today, great! We encourage families to worship together. We do have a nursery area available just outside the chapel near the bathrooms, should you feel the need to step out of worship with your child for a moment.

## NEW WORSHIP SERIES: Genesis: Foundations of the Christian Faith

Beginning with the Genesis 1 lesson appointed for today (Trinity Sunday)

we will springboard into a six-week series based on Genesis 1-3. These first chapters of the Bible reveal so many central truths of the Christian faith, all while remaining relevant to the relationships we have in this world. We'll see who God is, who we were created to be, and what we have become. We'll find our purpose in this world and who we are in Christ. Together, as we worship our Lord, we go back to the beginning, back to Genesis, back to the Foundations of the Christian Faith.



**Today's Focus:** The Holy Trinity

## OUR HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE

Eternal Love Lutheran Church views the Lord's Supper as a powerful disbursement of Jesus' grace. We receive it with joy and treat it with respect. Communing together signifies a oneness in faith, life and worship. So we ask you to judge us; discover what we believe and determine if you wish to be one with us. If you are interested in taking communion in the future and are not a member of Eternal Love or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, please speak to one of our pastors.

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

*Christian Worship #241*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa - ther  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb of  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho - ly  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri - une



let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion. To him  
 God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed. He bought  
 Ghost we sing, For our re - gen - er - a - tion. The sav -  
 God we sing; Blest be his name for - ev - er! With an -



through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon - or,  
 the Church with his own blood; He cleansed her in that  
 ing faith in us he wrought And us un - to the  
 gel hosts let us a - dore And sing his prais - es



pow'r, and praise Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.  
 bless - ed flood And as his bride se - lect - ed.  
 Bride-groom brought, Made us his cho - sen na - tion.  
 more and more For all his grace and fa - vor.



Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly.  
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly Is our un - ion And com - mun - ion.  
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;  
 Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly.



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.  
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.  
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.  
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God the Lord of glo - ry!

STAND

## INVOCATION

Minister: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**Congregation: Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.**

M: Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

**C: The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION

*Christian Worship Supplement, p. 15*

M: Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment, both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

## ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

M: *Let us pray.* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, thank you for revealing yourself to us in the Scriptures so that we might know you better. It amazes us to know you are Three, yet One. It humbles us to know you are all-knowing and almighty. It comforts us to know that you are compassionate and merciful. It reassures us to know that you care deeply about us, like a loving father cares for his little children, and it inspires us to know that one day you will come and bring us into your eternal dwelling place. Teach us more about you today, and lead us to fear, love, and trust in you above all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*a selection from the Athanasian Creed*

*This creed, named after Athanasius, a strong defender of the faith, is one of the three universal creeds confessed by all Christians. This section of the creed focuses on the essence and persons of God.*

M: Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

**C: Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.**

M: Now this is the true Christian faith: We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,

**C: without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

M: For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,

**C: equal in glory and co-eternal in majesty.**

M: What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

**C: The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

M: the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

**C: the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;**

M: yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,

**C: but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**

M: In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;

**C: yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.**

M: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**C: yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**

M: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**C: yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

M: For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,

**C: so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.**

M: The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

**C: The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.**

M: The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**C: So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

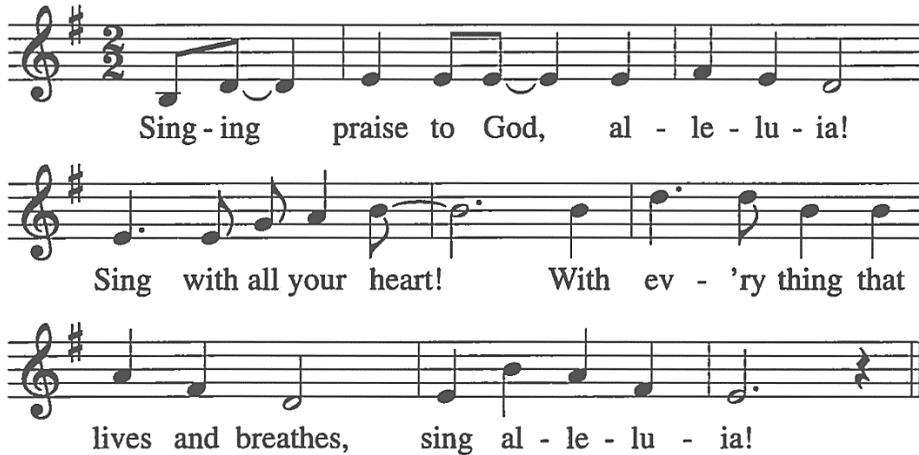
M: And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,

**C: but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,**

M: so that, in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshipped as one God, and one God worshipped as three persons.

**C: Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity. Amen.**

**REFRAIN:**



Sing - ing praise to God, al - le - lu - ia!

Sing with all your heart! With ev - 'ry thing that

lives and breathes, sing al - le - lu - ia!

*Verse:* Praise to God in all holy places, praise to the sea and skies!  
Praise to God for all good things, all the wonders before our eyes!

**REFRAIN**

*Verse:* Praise to God with the blast of the thunder, praise with harp and string!  
Praise to God with dance and sound, with everything that sings!

**REFRAIN**

*Verse:* Praise to God with the crashing cymbals, drums beating loud and strong!  
All that lives, sing praise to God, our justice and our song!

**REFRAIN**

*Verse:* Praise to the Source, our God and maker, praise to the Risen One!  
Praise to the Breath of life and freedom. Sing alleluia!

## THE WORD

### LESSON

### 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

*The grace, the love, the fellowship. That is the story of the Trinity in the lives of believers. Grace is that which we don't deserve; God's love is what drove it; our fellowship with God and with each other is its result.*

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers, rejoice. Set things in order. Be encouraged. Agree with one another. Be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All the saints greet you.

<sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

STAND

### GOSPEL

### Matthew 28:16-20

*God reveals himself as triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The God who made us is the God who saved us and is still the God who sets us apart.*

<sup>16</sup> The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain. <sup>18</sup> Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age."

BE SEATED

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children may remain seated with their families as pastor shares a message.*

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

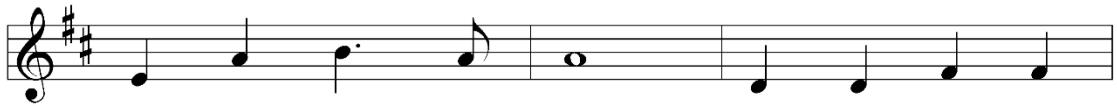
*Christian Worship #195*



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a -  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -



might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our  
 dore thee, Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -  
 hide thee, Though the eye of sin - ful man thy  
 might - y! All thy works shall praise thy name in



song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and  
 glo - ry may not see, On - ly thou art  
 earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.  
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## SERMON

## Genesis 1:1-2:3

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was undeveloped and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

<sup>3</sup> God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” There was evening and there was morning—the first day.

<sup>6</sup> God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters, and let it separate the water from the water.” <sup>7</sup> God made the expanse, and he separated the water that was below the expanse from the water that was above the expanse, and it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the expanse “sky.” There was evening and there was morning—the second day.

<sup>9</sup> God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear,” and it was so. The waters under the sky gathered to their own places, and the dry land appeared. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathering places of the waters he called “seas.” God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> God said, “Let the earth produce plants—vegetation that produces seed, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it—each according to its own kind on the earth,” and it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth plants, vegetation that produces seed according to its own kind, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it, each according to its own kind, and God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> There was evening and there was morning—the third day.

<sup>14</sup> God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to divide the day from the night, and let them serve as markers to indicate seasons, days, and years. <sup>15</sup> Let them serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to give light to the earth,” and it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set these lights in place in the expanse of the sky to provide light for the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> There was evening and there was morning—the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> God said, “Let the waters swarm with living creatures, and let birds and other winged creatures fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> God created the large sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their own kind, and every winged bird according to its own kind. God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them when he said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> There was evening and there was morning—the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> God said, “Let the earth produce living creatures according to their own kind, livestock, creeping things, and wild animals according to their own kind,” and it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made

the wild animals according to their own kind, and the livestock according to their own kind, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its own kind. God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>God created the man in his own image.  
In the image of God he created him.  
Male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup>God said, “Look, I have given you every plant that produces seed on the face of the whole earth, and every tree that bears fruit that produces seed. It will be your food. <sup>30</sup>To every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

2 The heavens and the earth were finished, along with everything in them. <sup>2</sup>On the seventh day God had finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had been doing. <sup>3</sup>God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as holy, because on it he rested from all his work of creation that he had done.



## OFFERING

*The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. However, we do ask that everyone take part in completing the worship register. Whether you are worshipping in person or watching online, please fill out the Connection Card on our web site at [www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship](http://www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship).*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: O Lord God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier: We marvel at the great mystery of the Holy Trinity, your revelation that you are three persons in one God.

**C: Help us to believe this mystery which we cannot understand.**

M: We praise you, heavenly Father, for creating us and the beautiful world in which we live.

**C: All creation testifies to your wisdom and power.**

M: We praise you Lord Jesus, God the Son, for taking our flesh and blood, for bearing the curse of our sin and paying its full penalty by your suffering and crucifixion.

**C: You are the Christ, the risen and living Son of God, our Savior from hell.**

M: We praise you Holy Spirit, Divine Counselor, for inspiring the written Word, and for guiding us into the truth.

**C: Without you we could not believe in Jesus Christ.**

M: O Triune God, strengthen our homes. Lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

**C: Keep our families from being torn apart by conflict and strife and protect us and our children from falling away from the faith.**

M: Have mercy on all those whom you welcome as guests at your Holy Supper this day. Strengthen their faith, enkindle their love, comfort their conscience, and refresh their hope with this Sacrament of your Son's body and blood.

**C: We praise you for giving us this wonderful Sacrament.**

M Now, O Lord, for everything else we need for body or soul, and to praise you for your many blessings to us, we stand before you to pray:

*STAND*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

*Eternal Love Lutheran Church practices close communion. We ask that only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member of Eternal Love or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and are interested in communing in the future, please speak to one of our pastors.*

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

# Take and Eat

Christian Worship Supplement #741

## Refrain



Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y



giv-en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,



this is my blood giv - en up for you. Last time

## Verses



- 1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
- 2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
- 3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
- 4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid,
- 5 I am the Light that came in - to the world;
- 6 I am the First and Last, the liv - ing One;



I am the seed that died to be re - born;  
 I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;  
 I am the gate that guards you night and day.  
 A chos-en stone and pre-cious in his eyes.  
 I am the Light that dark-ness can - not hide;  
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;



I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;  
 I am the life that rais - es up the dead;  
 You are my flock: you know the Shep-herd's voice;  
 You are God's dwell-ing place; on me you rest  
 I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets.  
 I am the Bride-groom, this my wed-ding song.

*To Refrain*



I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.  
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.  
You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.  
Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.  
Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.  
You are my bride; come to the mar - riage feast.

*STAND*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

M: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M: Dear Lord Jesus, we proclaim that by your death you have removed our sin and guilt forever. We praise you for the covenant of love and forgiveness which you have made for us in this blessed meal. Through it, strengthen and keep us in the one true faith, until you come again to take your people home to glory.

**C: We give you our thanks and praise. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

M: Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Go in peace.  
Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

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