

St Mark Lutheran Church Soli Deo Gloria! Alleluia!



Welcome to this holy service of the Word!

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June 11, 2017: Feast of the Holy Trinity

8:00/11:00AM

Welcome and Prayer Before Worship

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. **Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Prelude

Father

A.

Ridout

†Confession and Forgiveness

In honesty and faith, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed.
I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

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and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.**

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†Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - mighty!

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 - mighty!

Far - 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, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - plum 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!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty'
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be,
 per - feet in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty,
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty'

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.;
 Music: NICOLAUS JOHANNES DOKTOR, 1822-1876

†Greeting

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

†Kyrie

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive
power and value and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing!
Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

We do not know how to pray as we ought,
but the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.
Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

†Canticle of Praise

Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther.
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High.

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

†Prayer of the Day

Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. **Amen.**

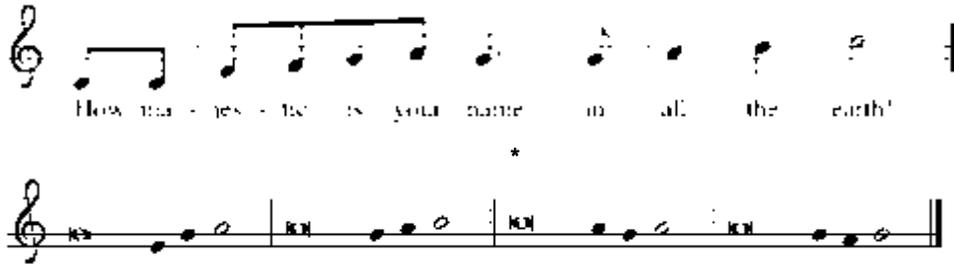
First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a *(excepts are printed; please listen for the full reading)*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ...God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply...” ...God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. ... God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 8

Refrain:



O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe | and avenger.

**When I consider your heavens,
the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them? Refrain:**

Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:
all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

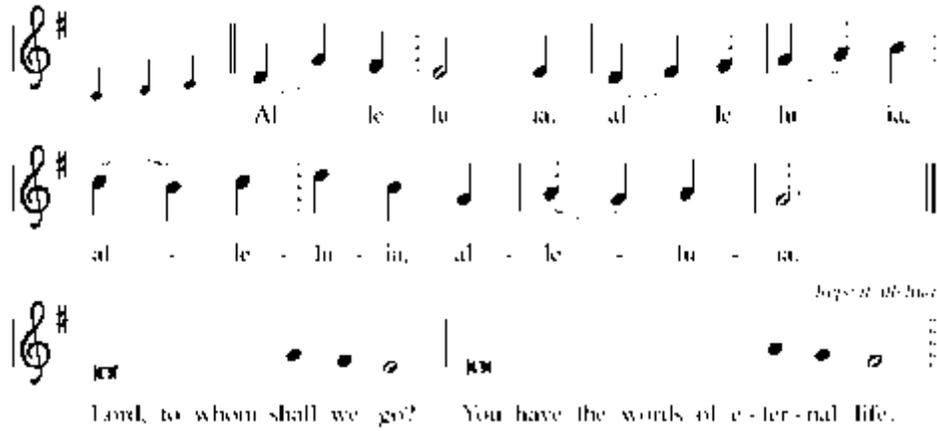
*** O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! Refrain:**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

†Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

†Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

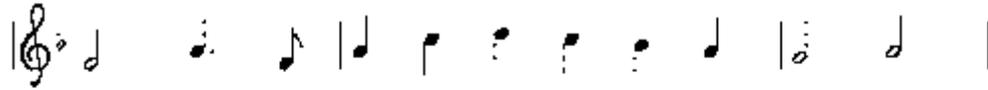
Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

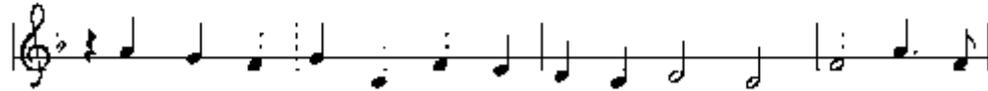
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received from the Rev Bishop James Mauney, Virginia Synod of

†Hymn: *Rise, Shine, You People!*



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - fur - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed,
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en,
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ex - try - in - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Kluge, 1991, alt.
 Music: WOLFRUM WITKOWSKI, Dale Wood, 1991, 2003
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†Athanasian Creed**

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Now this is the catholic faith:
We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity,
neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.
For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

**But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.
What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.**

Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.
The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.
Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:
And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;
as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings,
but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

**Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:
And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.**

Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God:
And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

**Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord:
And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.**

As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,
so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

**The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;
the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father;
the Spirit was neither made nor created,
but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.**

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;
one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

**And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other;
but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;
and so we must worship the Trinity in unity & the one God in three persons.**

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

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‡**Prayers of Intercession** (*Petitions Conclude:* Lord, in your mercy, / **hear our prayer.**)

†Peace, Offering and Friendship Registers

The peace of Christ be with you always.

** *The Athanasian Creed, a bedrock of Western Christianity, is one of the three ecumenical creeds professed within the Lutheran confessions; these excerpts of the creed point to our confession of the one living God in holy Trinity.*

And also with you.

Offertory
Cherwein

O Blessed Spring

Arr. D.

†Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all
creatures here below; praise God above, ye
heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken 1632; 1711, ed.
Merrill G. Colburn 1801; 1819; 1836

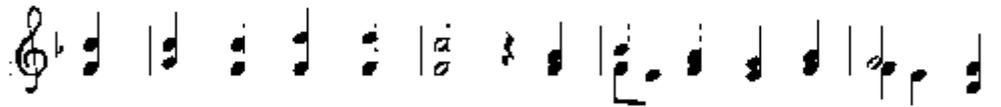
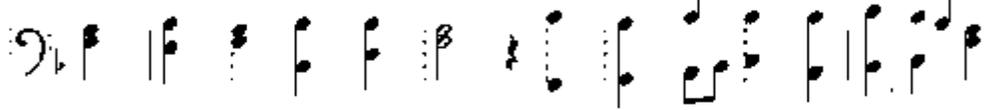
†Offertory Prayer

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve all who live and die in poverty and hunger.
Give them through our hands their daily bread, and peace, and joy. Amen.

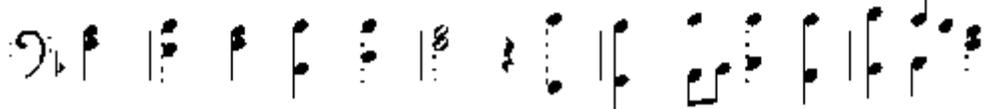
†Hymn: *Now Thank We All our God*



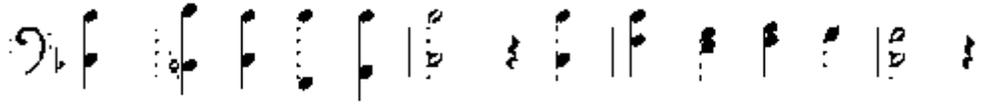
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voice - es,
 2 Oh, may this hour-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joice - es;
 with ev - er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high-est heav - en,



who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day,
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next,
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more



Text: Martin Kalkbrenner, 1598-1674; Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878
 Music: "NUNENKELN ALLE GOTT", Johann Crüger, 1598-1667

†Thanksgiving for the Word

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.

For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

†Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

†Nunc Dimittis

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre - pared in the

sight of ev - ry peo - ple: a light to re - veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

†Benediction

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the God of all grace bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

†Hymn: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a
 3 Lay, the ap - os - to - lic tran - joun your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

how be - fore you. All on earth your ser - ven - tice
 have are rais - ing, chie - f in him and set a claim,
 name to his low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, thought in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In fi - nite your
 in in ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, till the heav'n with
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs tel - low, and from morn - to
 in di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dore - ing,

cast do - min, ex - er - cist - ing is your reign
 sweet ae - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on,
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown in Church, 3rd Walsworth, 1890-1900.
 Music: CARLSON, RUDOLF, *Gesänge der evangel. Kirche*, Vienna, 1771

†Dismissal

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

†Postlude
Ridout

Spirit

A.

*Our Reformation began with Martin Luther's posting of Ninety-five Theses on October 31, 1517.
As we prepare to commemorate 500 years of our Lutheran witness, we turn to Martin Luther's
teaching.*

Martin Luther's Lectures on Genesis 1:3, early June 1535:

And God said: Let there be light, and there was light.

...[T]hrough His speaking, God makes something out of nothing. And so here, for the first time Moses mentions the means and the instrument God used in doing His work, namely, the Word.

...God is, so to speak, the Speaker who creates; nevertheless, He does not make use of matter, but He makes heaven and earth out of nothing solely by the Word which He utters.

...What is this Word, or what did He do? Listen to Moses. The light, he says, was not yet in existence; but out of its state of being nothing the darkness was turned into that most outstanding creature, light. Through what? Through the Word. Therefore in the beginning and before every creature there is the Word, and it is such a powerful Word that it makes all things out of nothing. From this follows without possibility of contradiction what John expressly adds: "This Word is God and yet is a Person distinct from God the Father, just as a word and he who utters a word are separate entities." Yet this distinction is such that, to use the expression, a most single singleness of essence remains.

These are difficult matters, and it is unsafe to go beyond the limit to which the Holy Spirit leads us. Let us, therefore, come to a halt with the knowledge that when the unformed heaven and the unformed earth, both of them marred by mist and darkness, had come into existence, light also came into existence out of nothing, that is, out of the very darkness.

...This, therefore, is sufficient for the confirmation of our faith: that Christ is true God, who is with the Father from eternity, before the world was made, and that through Him, who is the wisdom and Word of the Father, the Father made everything.

...[O]utside that beginning of creation there is nothing but the uncovered divine essence and the uncovered God. And so, because He is incomprehensible, that, too, is incomprehensible which was before the world, because it is nothing except God.

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