

# HOLY TRINITY

MAY 26, 2024

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

MINNEAPOLIS

***Welcome to worship at Holy Cross! We are glad that you are here.***

*We practice open communion, welcoming all to Christ's table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is typically served on the second and last Sundays of each month.*

*Child care is available in the nursery for young children. Talk to an usher if you would like to make use of the nursery.*

*Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.*

*If you are seeking pastoral care, please speak to the pastor today, or call or email Pastor Jay at 612-722-1083 or [pastorjay@holycrossmpls.org](mailto:pastorjay@holycrossmpls.org)*

*We invite ordinary people  
with everyday struggles,  
who need a place to lighten the load.*

*We offer a hug if you need one,  
a blessing if you seek one,  
and a place to belong if you want one.*

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***Hymnals:*** *All Creation Sings (ACS), Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW, the red cover hymnal) and With One Voice (WOV, blue paperback cover)*

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## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

*O Trinity, O Blessed Light*

Robert Buckley Farlee  
(b. 1950)

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION

Blessed be God, eternal majesty, living Word, abiding Spirit.

**Glory to God forever. Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the One who gives life eternally.


Holy God,

**we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. Amen.**

Siblings in Christ, hear the good news:

We did not receive the spirit of slavery, but rather the spirit of adoption. Your guilt has departed; your sin is blotted out, for you are God's beloved children—forgiven, loved, and free. May God's peace be with you.

**Amen.**




1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 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 - might - y!



Ear - 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 - phim 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 - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## + GREETING

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.**

## + PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8

L: A reading from Isaiah:

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

*Read responsively.*

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;

**worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

**the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;

**the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

**the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD

**bursts forth in lightning flashes.**

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

**the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

**And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"**

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;

**the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

O LORD, give strength to your people;

**give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.**

**SECOND READING**    Romans 8:12-17

L: A reading from Romans:

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

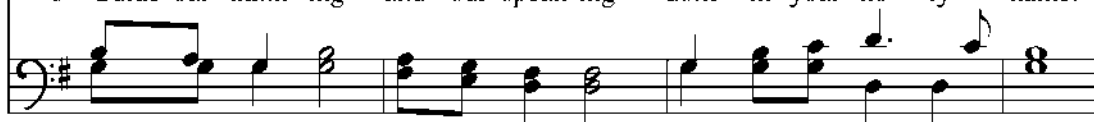
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Stanzas 1, 3



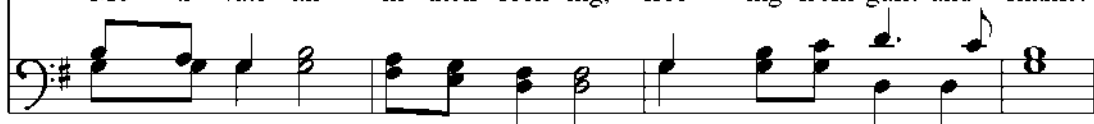
1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead-ing, fash - ion us all a - new.

3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.

Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.



*Refrain*



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.





+ **GOSPEL** John 3:1-17

P: The gospel according to John:

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

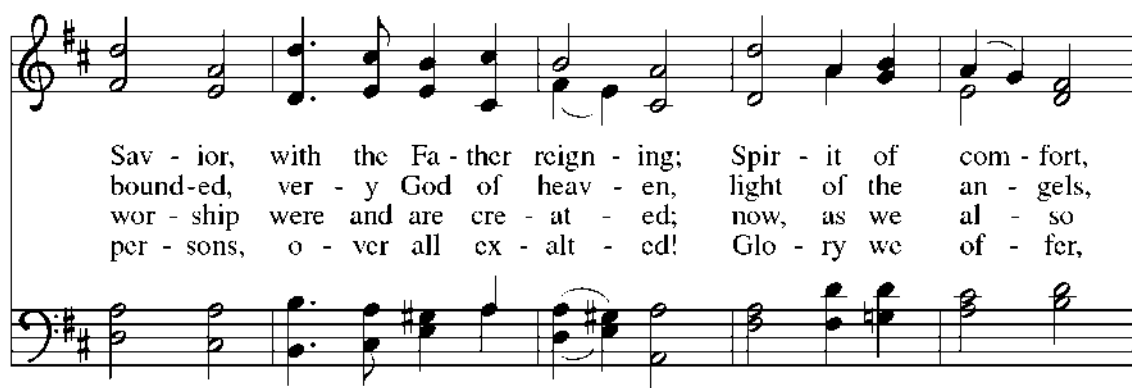
P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our  
 2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en; good - ness un -  
 3 Mak - er of all things, all thy crea - tures praise thee; all for thy  
 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to thee be glo - ry, one in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,  
 bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, light of the an - gels,  
 wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; now, as we al - so  
 per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, light nev - er wan - ing.  
 joy of those for - sak - en, hope of all liv - ing.  
 wor - ship thee de - vout - ly, hear thou our voic - es.  
 praise thee and a - dore thee, now and for - ev - er.

**+ NICENE CREED**

Let us confess the faith of the church.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**+ PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to exchange words and signs of peace with those around you.*

**OFFERTORY**

*What Shall I Render*

Setting by David Cherwien

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 188

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

**+ LORD'S PRAYER**

*ELW p. 208*

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.

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**SENDING**

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**+ BENEDICTION**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

## + **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Nancy Hill Cobb

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Summer by the Creek**

Our Sunday worship on June 9 will be held outdoors on the church lawn with a picnic and games after. If you can bring food or help in other ways, please sign up in the narthex. *Event flyers are available in the narthex – please take a few to invite your friends and neighbors!*

### **Stewardship Forms**

Thank you to all who completed a Statement of Intent form for giving and volunteering in the coming year. If you haven't returned your form, you may still do so. Forms are available in the narthex. You may place in the offering plate, give to Pastor Jay, or return them to the office.



## **Weed and Water**

Calling all volunteers who can help water the flowers this spring, summer and early fall. Consider signing up for a week or more and water the following:

1. Main planters at the front steps,
2. Planter that borders the sidewalk along the Parkway,
3. Flowers planted under the sign and the
4. Planters and hostas near the Office door

The sign-up calendar is in the narthex. If it turns out you have a conflict, please contact someone else on the schedule to trade weeks. Thanks so much for your help again this summer! Questions? Contact Sally Gorski or Carol Horrmann.

## **Neighborhood Group Meeting**

The Field, Regina, Northrup Neighborhood Group Board Meeting will be held at Holy Cross June 12 at 6:30 pm. The Office of Community Safety will facilitate a discussion about the Community Safety Center Projects. Participate to voice what you envision for the projects and what services you'd like to see provided in these facilities.

## **Save the Date**

Please join us Saturday, June 22, from 3-6pm to celebrate Jackson's graduation from Washburn High School. Invitations with details are on the table in the Narthex. All are welcome!

~Linda and Steve McConley

## **Statistics**

The attendance on Sunday, May 19, was 61 (36 also attended online). The total offering was \$1,848, including \$75 for the We Care Fund. Additionally, \$154.13 was received electronically.

## **Upcoming Dates:**

Thursday, June 6	Elders, 7:00 pm
Sunday, June 9	Summer by the Creek
Thursday, June 13	Hands in Ministry, 2:00 pm
Sunday, June 23	Annual Meeting

# Summer by the Creek

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

**9:30 a.m. Outdoor worship**

**11:00 a.m. Music by Roosevelt High School J  
directed by Nick Wilson**

**11:30 a.m. Eron Woods Trio**

**Free food, music, dog treats, and  
including a bouncy castle, until 1 p**

***Free of charge but accepting donations for the Food***

**Sunday, June 9**



**Jazz Band**



**children's activities,  
p.m.!**

**Food Pantry**



## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

### **Today, Sunday, May 26**

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jay Carlson

Lector: Jim Likely

Musician: Scott Rohr

Altar Guild: Mary Lange

Audio: James Blomberg

Video: Ed Copeland

Usher: Lynn Oolman

Counters: Gail Klatt and Sandi Likely

Treats: Pat Swanson

### **Next Sunday, June 2**

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jay Carlson

Lector: Tim Phelon

Musician: Scott Rohr

Altar Guild: Judy Sorenson

Audio: James Blomberg

Video: Ed Copeland

Usher: Tim Phelon

Counters: Adam Horrmann and Gail Klatt

Treats: Open

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