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**INTROIT                    FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH                    (ARR. B. BALTZER KINYON)**

Holy Trinity Bells

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG                    JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE                    ELW #836**

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!  
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## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PASTOR ALYSA OFFMAN**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC      10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)      (ARR, L. LARSON)**

Holy Trinity Chancel Choir and Trinity Bells

## **2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13**

A reading from Second Corinthians.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; 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.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ELW P. 124**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **GOSPEL READING**

## **MATTHEW 28:16-20**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**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 they 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."

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

# SERMON

**PASTOR ANDREW CHAVANAK, OLF**

**SONG OF THE DAY      HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!      ELW #413**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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## **NICENE CREED**

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.

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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.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace, **heed our prayer.**

Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace, **heed our prayer.**

Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace, **heed our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship, especially Kim, Dorisann, Steve, Jo, Ron, Robert, Rhonda, Jared, Elaine, Roberta, Neil, Donna H., Jenny, Steve Y., Carrie, George, Kaamil, Janet, Eric, Titus, Sandy, Monica, Greg, and the family and friends of Barbara Carson Gardner. For what else do the people of God pray today? God of grace, **heed our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace, **heed our prayer.**

Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises, especially Diane and Barb. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace, **heed our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our petitions, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior, by the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **STEWARDSHIP APPEAL THANKSGIVING**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

Holy Trinity Chancel Choir

### **BEHOLD THE LAMB**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**ELW P. 130**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ELW P. 145**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Heaven has come near. Now share in the feast!

## **COMMUNION SONG**

## **LAMB OF GOD**

**ELW P. 146**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **COMMUNION SONG**

## **GLORIFY THY NAME**

**W&P 42**

Father [Jesus, Spirit] we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

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## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

## **IN REMEMBRANCE**

**(ARR. D. MIKAT)**

Bob Hawkins and Gary Maki, trumpet

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING FOR RETIREMENT**

#### **SENDING SONG            OH, LET THE SON OF GOD ENFOLD YOU            W&P #130**

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

"Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.

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### **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

We are a welcoming community of believers in Jesus Christ who witness our faith...

**...by serving together, praying together, and living generously together.**

### **BLESSING**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **SERVING TODAY**

**Presiding Minister:** The Rev. Alysa Offman

**Preaching Minister:** The Rev. Br. Andrew Chavanak, OLF

**Director of Music Ministries:** Dr. Daniel Mikat

**Assisting Minister:** Michelle Groven Nelson

**Lector:** Sherri Wisniewski

**Sacristan:** Eric Nelson

**Communion Servers:** Joan Gaul and Linda Schwelhus

**Altar Guild:** Lisa Hissong and Karen Hissong

**Usher Team:** Brad Allan, David Doyle, MB Kocsis, Ron Perian, Dick Schmidt, Don Rysztak

**Counters:** Bill & Jeanette Wiljanen, and Sue Mount-Campbell