Holy Trinity Sunday
Sunday, May 30, 2021

Children's Message *by Dana Salazar*

Prelude
"*Prelude and Fugue in C Major*" by J.S. Bach

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

Opening Hymn:
ELW 413 "*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"*

1 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!

2 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.

4 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!

Prayer of the Day
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.
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.

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

[1]In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, [2]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. [3]Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was
light. [4]And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the
darkness. [5]God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was
evening and there was morning, the first day.
[6]And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the
waters from the waters." [7]So God made the dome and separated the waters that were
under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. [8]God called
the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.
[9]And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and
let the dry land appear." And it was so. [10]God called the dry land Earth, and the waters
that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. [11]Then God
said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every
kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. [12]The earth brought forth
vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with
the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. [13]And there was evening and there was
morning, the third day.
[14]And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the
night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, [15]and let them be
lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. [16]God made the
two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night —
and the stars. [17]God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, [18]to
rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And
God saw that it was good. [19]And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth
day.
[20]And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly
above the earth across the dome of the sky." [21]So God created the great sea monsters
and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and
every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. [22]God blessed them,
saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on
the earth." [23]And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.
[24]And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and
creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. [25]God made
the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything
that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.
[26]Then 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."
[27]So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

[28]God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." [29]God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. [30]And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. [31]God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
[1]Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. [2]And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. [3]So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.
[4]These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 *(sung by musicians)*

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-7; 22-26
[1]Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. [2]And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. [3]And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
[4]he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."
[5]And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." [6]Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. [7]Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.
[22]I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. [23]And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. [24]The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. [25]Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. [26]People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation **(Setting 3)**

P: The Gospel according to St. John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 3:1-17

[1]Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. [2]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." [3]Jesus
answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being
born from above." [4]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?" [5]Jesus
answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being
born of water and Spirit. [6]What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit
is spirit. [7]Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' [8]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."
[9]Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" [10]Jesus answered him, "Are you a
teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?
[11]"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. [12]If I have told you about earthly things and you
do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? [13]No one has
ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.
[14]And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be
lifted up, [15]that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
[16]"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.
[17]"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.

Gospel Acclamation (Setting 3)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

ELW 323 *"God Loved the World"*

1 God loved the world so that he gave

his only Son the lost to save,
that all who would in him believe
should everlasting life receive.

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
forgives all sins that you have done,
and justified by Jesus' blood,
your baptism grants the highest good.

5 All glory to the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise now and eternally!

Apostle's Creed

A: Let us confess our faith:
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A: Let us pray to the Lord.
C: Hear us, risen Lord.

A: Holy God, you reveal your triune identity through Jesus Christ, and call us to our future in your love. Send your Spirit on us to proclaim this good news in word and deed throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church and Concordia Place with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially those we now name before you *Carol*, *Nancy*, *Pastor Steve Swanson*, *Jean*, *Guy*, *Perry*, *Rose*, *Cindy*, *Corie*, *Sandy*, *Gary*, *Michael*, *Ray*, *Will*, *all those diagnosed with COVID-19, and those we hold in our thoughts.* Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.
C: Amen.

Anthem
"***Holy Holy Holy***" **by Pyotr Illych Tchaikovsy**

Eucharist Liturgy

P: The Lord be with you
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Sanctus

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: With this bread
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on this gift of bread
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

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

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

You are invited to come to the altar for Holy Communion. Places are marked where you may stand. Communion will be by the distribution of bread alone. After you have communed, please return to your place in the pews. We ask that everyone observe the protocols of social distancing and wear your mask when approaching and leaving the altar.

Lamb of God – Setting 3

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Living God,
you have greeted us in our brokenness
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
Risen to new life with you
Send us now to bear your healing love
Into the wounded world,
In the name of our risen Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

ELW 414 "*Holy God, We Praise your Name*"

1 Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,

everlasting is your reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

4 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and grant you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God.

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"*The Lord Bless and Keep You*" by Peter C. Lutkin

Today's Worship leaders:

Rev. Nicholas Zook, Pastor
Jen Phillips, Deacon
Mary-Ann Lupa, Lector

Today's Musicians:

Luke Duroc-Danner, organist
Marisa Buchheit, Music Director & soprano
Gabrielle Goudard, alto
Benjamin Burney, tenor
Bill McMurray, baritone

Announcements

Beginning next Sunday, June 6th, we will move to our summer worship time of 9:00am. We will continue to offer worship both in-person and virtually! All services will still be livestreamed on Sunday mornings and the recordings will be available on our YouTube channel following the service.

Due to recent adjustments to guidelines outlined by the CDC and local governments, Concordia Church is also adjusting its worship protocols. **These changes will take effect beginning on June 6th**. The new protocols will encompass the following:

- No preregistration required
- No temperature checks upon arrival for worship
- Return to full communion including both bread and wine
- Congregational singing is allowed
- *For vaccinated individuals*:
    - Masks will be optional
    - Social distancing will no longer be required
- *For unvaccinated individuals*, masks are still required

Please note that we will not ask for proof of your vaccination status; we trust that our worshippers will make the decision to do what is safest for themselves and others.

An invitation to those in our community who are worshipping with us virtually…
Join us (via Zoom) as we kick off the new summer worship time and liturgy at our 'Watch Party' on June 6th , beginning at 9:00 am. In addition to watching the live worship stream, we will also be offering a time of fellowship after the worship service. Join us for one, or both, as you are able. The Zoom link below is for both the worship and fellowship meetings. Questions? Connect with Jen Phillips.

Zoom Worship Watch Party (room opens at 8:55 am) & Fellowship (open following worship)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84635363685?pwd=ZitoNmowekdwTDhoZEd5Y2tFUDZJdz09

Meeting ID: 846 3536 3685
Passcode: 173275

Dial by your location
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Concordia Church is partnering with the Common Pantry to support a 'Take What You Need' food pantry in the lobby of Swedish Covenant hospital, created for patients to grab grocery staples they need on their day of discharge. The neighbors (and their immediate families) utilizing this food pantry are often facing a double challenge of (1) experiencing food insecurity and (2) being sidelined from work and the ability to care for themselves/families while being in the hospital. This food pantry aims to lessen the stress for these patients leaving the hospital.

Our first delivery date is approaching fast - June 1st! Please bring shelf-stable groceries (examples are: canned goods, pasta, jarred sauces, rice, boxed mixes, etc.) to the marked container(s) in the church's main entrance on or before Tuesday, June 1st. Donations received after June 1st will be included in a future delivery. Connect with Jen Phillips if you have any questions.

Get ready for the **First Annual Concordia Place Golf Classic**, a benefit for Concordia Place. This year's event will be on Monday, June 28, 2021, at River Forest Country Club in Elmhurst, IL. Proceeds from the outing will help in supporting Concordia Place's mission to create involved communities where all our neighbors can gather, learn, and grow. **To read more details and/or to register, visit:** concordiaplace.org/golf

Do you have pictures of past Concordia Church events? We would love for you to share them with us for use in our service slideshows. If you have any photos of Concordia Church, members engaged in church activities, or other memories from past years, please send them to Desirae in the church office at ddiehl@concordiafaith.org .

We appreciate your continued gifts to Concordia Church! Remember, you may give in three ways:

1. Text-to-give: Text"Concordia"to73256 and follow the link you receive

2. Give online at onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give
3. Send a check via mail to the church