

# The Holy Trinity

June 4, 2023 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 3



## Prelude Music

## Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

P: Merciful God,

**C: ... we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Righteous God,

**C: ... we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering Song:

**Come, All You People**

**ELW #819**

## Greeting

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!**

## Kyrie

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

**C: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

*At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

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. 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. 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 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." 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. 2:1 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. 4a These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. L: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm: Psalm 8

1 O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

2 **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

4 **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

5 Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

6 **You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

7 all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

8 **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

9 O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## Gospel Acclamation:

## Alleluia

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

## Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P: A reading from... **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 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, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

*Skip Brown / Freedom Builders*

## Song of the Day:

*Listen, God Is Calling*

**ELW #513**

## Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 the Church / Sign of the Peace *(Let us give one another a sign of peace according to your comfort level.)*

### Offering

Offering Song:

Zeke Clemons

Offertory:

***Come to the Table***

**ELW #481**

### Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

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.

**Communion** *(Please note: gluten-free wafers and white grape juice cups are available)*

Communion Songs:

***Majestic*** *(words below)*  
***Come, Join the Dance of Trinity***

**ELW #412**

O Lord our Lord How majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord our Lord How majestic is Your name in all the earth.

The heavens Declare Your greatness, The oceans Cry out to you.

The mountains They bow down before you. So I'll join with the earth And I'll give my praise to you!

O Lord our Lord How majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord our Lord How majestic is Your name in all the earth.

The heavens Declare Your greatness, The oceans Cry out to you.

The mountains They bow down before you. So I'll join with the earth And I'll sing...

The heavens Declare Your greatness, The oceans Cry out to you.

The mountains They bow down before you. So I'll join with the earth And I'll give my praise to you!

(instrumental)

I will worship You. I will worship You.

We will worship You. We will worship You.

The heavens Declare Your greatness, The oceans Cry out to you.

The mountains They bow down before you. So I'll join with the earth And I'll sing...

The heavens Declare Your greatness, The oceans Cry out to you.

The mountains They bow down before you. So I'll join with the earth And I'll give my praise to you!

So I'll join with the earth And I'll give my praise to you! So I'll join with the earth And I'll give my praise to you!

## Final Blessing

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

**C: Amen.**

## Sending Song:

## You Are Holy (Prince Of Peace)

(sung through twice, congregation in bold)

### Verse 1

You are holy (**You are holy**)

You are mighty (**You are mighty**)

You are worthy (**You are worthy**)

Worthy of praise (**worthy of praise**)

I will follow (**I will follow**)

I will listen (**I will listen**)

I will love You (**I will love You**)

All of my days (**all of my days**)

### Chorus 1 Will Be Sung Simultaneously

#### Chorus 1 - Leader

I will sing to and worship

The King who is worthy

And I will love and adore Him

And I will bow down before Him

And I will sing to and worship

The King who is worthy

And I will love and adore Him

And I will bow down before Him

You're my Prince of Peace

And I will live my life for You

#### Chorus 1 - Congregation

**You are Lord of lords You are King of kings**

**You are mighty God Lord of ev'rything**

**You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am**

**You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb**

**You're the living God You're my saving grace**

**You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days**

**You are Alpha Omega Beginning and End**

**You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and Friend**

**You're my Prince of Peace**

**And I will live my life for You**

## Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/4—Milt Bowes

6/4—Leonard Graf

6/4—Stewart Nunnelley

6/5—Marilyn Dork

6/7—Megan Acker

6/8—Steve Hubert

6/8—Chuck Rubino

6/9—Niki Hengartner

6/9—Barbara Wright

6/10—Barb Hammond

6/11—Kristen Rivard

6/11—Danielle Rice

**We welcome Pr. Richard Anderson as Presiding Minister for today's service.** Pr Anderson is a retired pastor providing pastoral supply to congregations in the region. Previously, he served as a chaplain for Samaritas in Acme and Cadillac.

**We welcome Skip Brown, Executive Director – Freedom Builders as Preaching for today's service.** Freedom Builders uses housing needs as an opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ.

**Join us next week, Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, for our monthly Traditional Service.**

**For Pastoral Care during Pr Paul's Sabbatical time,** please call Barbara in the church office. If it is after hours and it cannot wait until the next work day or Sunday, you may call Barbara at home (231.668.7038) so that she can contact someone. We have two different people for Pastoral Care.

**Building and Office Hours are: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday.**

### **Please Note:**

Barbara Oster/Administrative Assistant works 9:00am-2:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Phil Anderson/Bookkeeper works 8:30am-12:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and **Thursday**. This will last through the summer months.

Alanna Steffunick/Ministry Coordinator works 9:00am-2:30pm – in the office on Tuesday and Thursday and from home on Wednesday

**COVID UPDATE:** As of 4/18/2023, masks are no longer required, regardless of vaccination status. A supply of masks will still be available for anyone who may be more comfortable wearing one. Please reach out to BLC Council with any questions or concerns.

**Offerings:** The offering plates are now passed during the service. The vase in the back of the Sanctuary is still available for those who prefer not to touch the offering plate.

**Today's altar flowers are donated:** *in Memory of Betty Cole's June 5th birthday*

**The June issue of the STAR is now available.** For current issues of the Star, feel free to check online at [www.bethlehemtc.org](http://www.bethlehemtc.org) < About Us > "The Online Bethlehem Star" or type this URL to get these directly: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>.

**Looking for a link to last month's full Council minutes?** Type this address/url into your web browser to get the latest approved minutes from Council: [bethlehemtc.org/Council-Minutes](http://bethlehemtc.org/Council-Minutes) OR you may call the office to request a copy.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- **Prayer Chain:** Please contact Jan Stretlien at [jstretlien@gmail.com](mailto:jstretlien@gmail.com) or 231-947-3265
- **Prayers read from the altar:** Please call Administrative Assistant in the church office 231-947-9880

**Celebrate a new child in your life with a rose on the baptismal font!** Cost \$10.00 per rose. Contact Barbara Oster at beo6475@yahoo.com or 231.668.7038.

**Due Dates for STAR/Bulletin/Screen Announcements:**

- **STAR:** The third Friday of the month sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Please note STAR in subject line)
- **Bulletin/Verbal Announcements:** Tuesday of the week sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Bulletin/Worship Folder is prepared on Tuesday and printed on Thursday morning.) (Please note Bulletin or Announcement in subject line)
- **Screen Announcements/Weekly BLC Emails:** Tuesday of the week sent to [alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org)

**Photo Directory:** We have a chance to make a new directory the final week of September, but with any project like this we need volunteers. Please leave your name in the office if you can help on this project in any way. Thanks to those who have already volunteered. And please, try to be in town that week. We want everyone's smiling faces in our new directory.

**We have heard that our friend and former Choir Director, Billie Thompson, has had a stroke.** She cannot communicate but would love to get any well wishes. Her address is 3436 29th Street, San Diego, CA 92104

**Sunday Adult Education and Sunday School will resume in the Fall.**

**Special music will be provided by a Barbershop Quartet at the beginning of the service on June 11.** Be sure to be in the sanctuary early or have your Facebook or youtube ready to watch and listen. It should be a special treat as part of our Sabbatical.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be holding its Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 25 at 11:15am** after the 10:00am service. We will be electing members for Church Council, Mission Endowment and Sustaining Endowment Committees and any other business that may be brought up. Then after the meeting, Sundaes on Sunday will be served. Please plan to attend!

**SUMMER SABBATICAL ACTIVITIES:** Please take a moment to review the activity sheets on the table in the Gathering Space and SIGN-UP!! The date has now been determined for the cookie decorating activity. It will be **TUES, Aug 8 6-8 pm**. Come prepared to have a good time.

**2023 Relay for Life:** The American Cancer Society will be holding their annual 24-Hour Relay for Life event on **Saturday, June 10, 2023 starting at 10 AM with an opening ceremony to Sunday, June 11, 2023 ending at 10 AM** at the Grand Traverse Mall. As a long-time volunteer with the organization, I would like to request your support in the form of monetary donations to the American Cancer Society in support of this great cause, which will impact so many wonderful people who need your help. Thank you very much for your generous donations in the past, which helped the American Cancer Society provide more programs and do more research and advocacy for cancer patients and their caregivers. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is really appreciated!

**Norm Fred has helped a previously homeless couple for a few years.** They are proud people and do not like to be given charity but they will accept help in the form of donated cans that they can recycle for money. Please bring in your recyclables in for them. Leave them by the garage. These are nice people. There, but for the Grace of our God, go we.

**BLC Book Club:** The BLC book club's June meeting is on the 27th at 5:30 in person in the office conference room and via ZOOM. The book is *Lottery* by Patricia Wood. This book is fiction but the author knows the topic well since her father won 6 million dollars in the Washington State Lottery in 1993!! Books will be available in the bin outside the front door. If you are not on the email list and want to be involved send your information to [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net).

**The newest Living Lutheran magazine and the April/May/June Christ in Our Home** can be picked up at the welcome table on Sunday mornings or from the Shooting STAR box below the outside mailbox

**Are you looking for the Caring Table for your donations?** It has been moved inside the coat room to the right.

**Coffee and Cookies:** You are welcome to stay after the Sunday service for coffee, cookies and conversation. This will be done as many Sundays as there are volunteers to make the coffee and/or bring cookies, etc. There is a sign-up sheet available near the cookies. There are open dates, so please sign up!

**Name tags:** Your name tags are in your mailboxes. Please retrieve them so you can proudly wear them on Sunday mornings. We often have visitors and with so many recent new members it helps them if they can see a friendly face and attach a name to it.

**BABY PANTRY:** Suggested donations for June are: paper towels, toothpaste and brushes, baby shampoo and any other cleaning products. Thank you!

**FOOD PANTRY:** With the return of good weather we have re-opened our outdoor food pantry to the community. Please be watching for special deals so you can help us restock our pantry. It's pretty slim pickings right now. The shelves are labeled so if the church is not open you can put your gifts right in. Or, when the church is open you can bring them to the "offering" table in the coat room. Thanks

**GOLF OUTING:** If you are interested in a golf outing this summer, please let either Phil Anderson or Barbara Wright know. It will probably be 9 holes on a Sunday afternoon.

**Love Thy Neighbor is having its annual night at the ballpark** as the Traverse City PitSpitters will be taking on the Battle Creek Battle Jacks on Friday, June 16. We will be receiving a portion of each ticket purchased with the promo code "LOVE" to help fund our programs as we help our neighbors in need. It will be a wonderful night of exciting baseball, delicious food, and amazing fireworks after the game!

**Freedom Builders Needs Our Help:** Freedom Builders is a wonderful ministry in our area. They help to build ramps and make homes accessible for people in need. Now they are in need of a large building to store their supplies. If you have such a space or know of one for sale at a reasonable price, they would appreciate your input. If they have to purchase a place they will need size-able donations dedicated towards their building fund. For any questions or assistance contact Skip Brown at 231-642-7140 or skip@fbmissions.org. **Bethlehem's week for volunteering at Freedom Builders will be July 17-22.**

**A big thank you to all who turned in Olesons' receipts.** We just received a check from them for \$304.88. Last year received \$651.20. Let's see if we can do even better this year! Please continue to drop off your receipts at Bethlehem. Please note they do not expire. Thank you!

**The church calendar is below. Please be sure to notify the office (admin@bethlehemtc.org or 231.947.9880) to be sure that your group is of the calendar.**

**Sunday, June 4**

10:00am—Worship Service (S)

**Monday, June 5**

4:00pm—Chair Yoga (FH)

**Tuesday, June 6**

**Bulletin articles due today**

9:00am—Property Work Group

10:00am—Staff Meeting (CR)

**Wednesday, June 7**

11:30am—WELCA Board

11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)

4:30pm—Safety and Security Meeting

**Thursday, June 8**

9:00am—Baby Pantry Set Up (FH)

10:00am—Baby Pantry (FH)

1:00pm—Rebecca Anna Circle

5:30pm—ACA

**Saturday, June 10**

12:00pm—Making Cinnamon Rolls (Kitchen)

7:00pm—Contra Dance—Bayside Travellers (FH)

**Sunday, June 11**

10:00am—Traditional Worship Service (S)

dance by donation  
suggested \$10/person\*

Bayside Travellers

# Contra Dance

June 10th, 2023  
Beginner Workshop 7pm Dances 7:30-10:30pm

LED BY CALLER DAVE GOODWIN

Live Music  
by  
Harbor Hoedown

NO PARTNER OR EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

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