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Carlton Hills Lutheran Church / Santee, CA

*Strengthen Faith in Christ, Enlarge our Hearts, Energize for Mission, Stretch our Minds*

## Holy Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

### Gathering

#### Prelude

"The Kingsfold Trumpet" (ELW #412  
Come Join the Dance of Trinity) by Alfred  
V. Fedak



#### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is  
marked at baptism, as the minister begins.*

## Memorial Day

- + Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
  - o the God of manna,
  - o the God of miracles,
  - o the God of mercy. **Amen.**
- + Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**Help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

- + **We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.**
- + **We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting you.**
- + **We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**
- + **Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

- + in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.
- + By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always enough.
- + Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
  - o you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

## Litany for Trinity Sunday

Chip Hardwick, [thepastorsworkshop.com](http://thepastorsworkshop.com)

**Leader:** Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:  
**People:** **Glory to you forever!**  
**Leader:** Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:  
**People:** **Glory to you forever!**  
**Leader:** Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River:  
**People:** **Glory to you forever!**  
**Leader:** Sun, Light, and Burning Ray:  
**People:** **Glory to you forever!**  
**Leader:** Giver, Gift, and Giving:  
**People:** **Glory to you forever!**  
**Leader:** Lover, Beloved, and Love itself:  
**People:** **Glory to you forever!**  
**Leader:** God who was, God who is, God who is to come:  
**People:** **Glory to you forever!**  
**All:** **Let us worship our triune God!**

### Covid 19 RESTRICTIONS:

Please remember to keep your mask on and maintain social distancing **throughout** and **after** the service. Where responses or songs are indicated, please do so in low tones if at all, while maintaining your mask in place. **Your silent response "in the heart" is equally appropriate.**

## GATHERING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty ELW #413

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.

3 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.

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!



## APOSTOLIC 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.**



## HYMN OF PRAISE

### Let all things now living ELW 881

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses,  
And sun in its orbit, obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine,  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

## Word

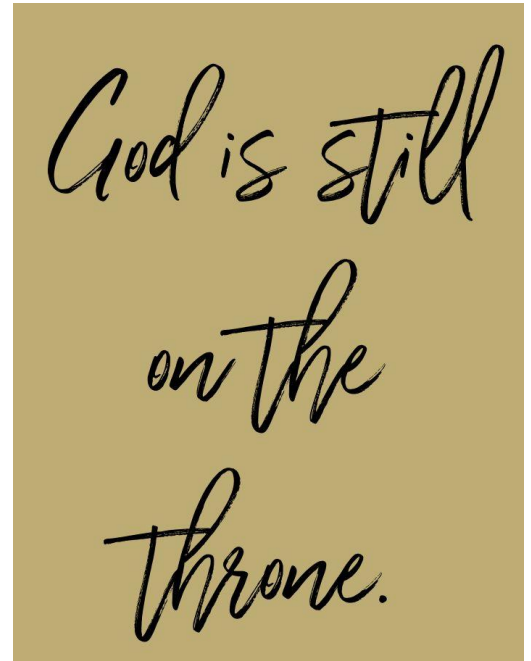
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**FIRST READING**    Isaiah 6:1-8    Read by Glenn Teichner

### A Vision of God in the Temple

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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

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



<sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> 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!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> 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.” <sup>8</sup> 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: Word of God, Word of Life!*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

### **Nicodemus Visits Jesus**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> 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.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> 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?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> 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.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

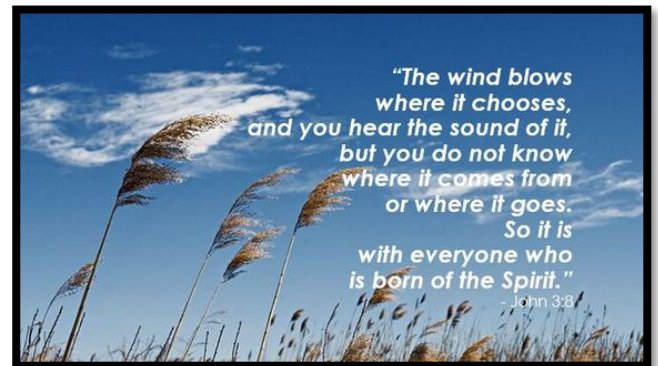
<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “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. <sup>17</sup> “

*L: Word of God, Word of Life!*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON** Pastor Andreas



## HYMN OF THE DAY

### COME, JOIN THE DANCE OF TRINITY ELW 412

1 Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun—  
The interweaving of the three, the Father, Spirit, Son.  
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,  
But as the three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.

2 Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;  
Then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.  
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;  
When fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.

3 Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame  
Set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!

4 Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,  
We sing the praises of the three, the Father, Spirit, Son.  
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,  
To shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Erin Kole

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. We give thanks for those who gave their lives in sacrifice for their country, and who fought in their hearts for peace in this world. We pray especially *that Israelis and Palestinians can find the road of dialogue and forgiveness, to become patient builders of peace and of justice, opening themselves, step by step, to a common hope and to a coexistence as brothers and sisters.* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. We pray for those who lost their lives in yet another mass shooting this week, in San Jose, and for their families who grieve. We pray that you will give respite to those living with anxiety, with PTSD or any other mental health concerns. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this worshipping community Carlton Hills Lutheran Church, that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here in our community, we especially lift up our Friday Community Meal, the Santee Food Bank, the East County Homeless Task Force, the “You did it 4me’ program, the Welcome Ministry in El Cajon, and the Orphanage of Mundo Pequeño Especial: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray also for the Dorcas Circle, the Choir, the Stephen Ministers, The Men’s Group, and the Seniors Exercise group, the Boy Scouts, and the Model A Ford Club, that your steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**



*Epecially we pray for:*

- For **ROYCE PRIVETT** – who now rests in the arms of his Lord. We pray for **MARIAN** his wife, **BELINDA** and his extended family as they cared for him, as funeral plans are put into place.
- For **JIM** – Brother of Pam Meyers, who this last week underwent surgery to repair a collapsed lung; grateful for good success in surgery and in healing, though other health issues continue to be of concern.
- For **RON DIXON** who experienced shortness of breath, but was released from the hospital last Sunday and is doing well, and **Carole**, his wife.
- **DEBBIE SAILER** – mother of Monica Paul, who resides in Maine and was recently diagnosed with liver cancer; be with her as she is scheduled for surgery in May and especially as she is a cancer survivor (in remission) from a previous diagnosis.
- We thank you for the life of **LES LEWIS** and his family and friends, who passed into the arms of his Lord at age 95 after a serious reaction to the COVID shot. *(Laura Vaughan)*
- For **JANICE**, who has an unidentified infection in her arm. Be with her as she visits the Mayo Clinic in MN for a last chance to save her arm. *(Wentz)*
- For **MARVIN HAMILTON**, who continues to deal with medical issues with his TMJ (temporomandibular joint); we pray for healing and easing of any pain.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for **GAELYN**. Her surgery was successful in eradicating the cancer and she is well on her way to recovering. THANKS BE TO GOD! *(Dierdre Zeller)*
- For **RICK BLOCK** and for **HIS FAMILY** – finally out of ICU and allowed to have visitors. He still has a long way to go before going home, but he is making vast improvements. *(Wentz)*
- **FOR CAMERON BOX**, spouse of Kate Francis Box, as they relocate to Fort Lauderdale and his Coast Guard unit deploys to the Caribbean for the next two months. *(Kris Francis)*
- **ADDISON**, born in November with a protein deficiency, and thankfully received meds that stopped her seizures, who was able to go home with her family *(Laura Vaughan)*
- Marvin’s sister **LINDA** in her treatment for a brain aneurysm *(Marvin Hamilton)*
- **GAIL** – for healing from her loss and successful treatment of her cancer *(Kris Francis)*
- **SIGRID THODE**, who anticipates surgical treatment for her back pain. *(Pastor Andreas)*

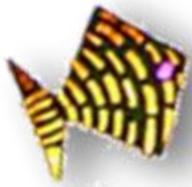
- For **MANDY AND NATE WAGNER** in Mandy’s retirement from the US Army. Be present as they now settle into their new home in El Paso. *(Laura Vaughan’s daughter.)*
- God’s protection and mercy over business partners, employees, customers, and their families. *(Lee, Corky & Michele Strand)*
- For **DAVID FRANCIS, SYDNE BROWN, SERENITY AND ZACK STARK**, that their studies might continue and that they have productive learning experiences.
- We pray for students and teachers who return now to the challenge of distance learning or hybrid learning as the school year moves forward.
- We pray for **all our youth** to make wise decisions, for the future and for the present.

For all these: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Please continue to share your prayer requests with us. If you become aware of an update, please let us know so that we can pray accordingly. Requests will be removed after about one month if we have not received an update.*

In the midst of the COVID pandemic, we pray  
 for those who are doubting, renew faith.  
 For those who are worrying, provide release.  
 For those who are struggling, ease burdens.  
 For those in fear, give hope.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**



We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith Rich, Kay, Les, and Royce.  
 We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war [pause for remembrance]. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **C: Amen.**

**PEACE** *We share peace with one another, saying “Peace be with you” or similar words.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**HYMN**

**Thine the amen** ELW 826

Thine the amen Thine the praise  
 alleluias angels raise  
 Thine the everlasting head  
 Thine the breaking of the bread  
 Thine the glory Thine the story  
 Thine the harvest then the cup  
 Thine the vineyard then the cup is  
 lifted up lifted up.

*You are invited to **SHARE THE PEACE** with a wave, a bow, in sign-language, or any other non-contact greeting that is appropriate.*



Thine the truly Thine the yes  
 Thine the table we the guest  
 Thine the mercy all from Thee  
 Thine the glory yet to be  
 Then the ringing and the singing  
 then the end of all the war  
 Thine the living Thine the loving  
 evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize  
 Thine the wonder full surprise  
 Thine the banquet then the praise  
 then the justice of Thy ways  
 Thine the glory Thine the story  
 Then the welcome to the least  
 Then the wonder all increasing  
 at Thy feast at Thy feast.

### OFFERING PRAYER

We invite you to send your tithes and offering to the church either by mail or via your bank: **Carlton Hills Lutheran Church, 9735 Halberns Blvd, Santee, CA 92071**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
 you have set this table with your very self,  
 and called us to the feast of the plenty.  
 Gather what has been sown among us,  
 and strengthen us in this meal.  
 Make us to be what we receive here,  
 your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

We encourage you to keep giving through your bank. However, if you wish to give your offering while you are here for worship, please place it in the **GIVING STATION**. *No collection of offerings will be taken or received.*

## Meal

The Lord be 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 God,  
 You alone are holy,  
 You alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
 Beyond the stars

Beneath the sea  
 Within each cell  
 With every breath.  
 We praise you, O God.  
**We praise you, O God.**





Generations bless your faithfulness:

Through the water  
By night and day  
Across the wilderness;  
Out of exile;  
Into the future.  
We bless you, O God.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

At the heart of human life;  
Near to those who suffer;  
Beside the sinner;  
Among the poor;  
With us now.  
We thank you, O God.

**We thank you, O God.**

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 to remember me.*

Again, after supper, he took the Cup, gave  
thanks, and gave it for all to drink,  
saying:

*This Cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin.*

*Do this to remember me.*

Remembering his love for us

On the way,  
At the table,  
And to the end,  
We proclaim the mystery of faith:

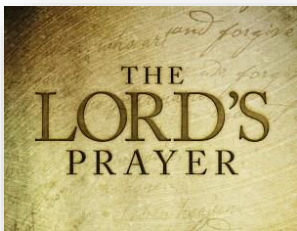
**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

We pray

For the gift of your Spirit:  
In our gathering;  
Within this meal;  
Among your people;  
Throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you,  
Holy God,  
Through Christ Jesus,  
By your Spirit,  
In your church,  
Without end.

Amen.



### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

We join in prayer as our Lord 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.

**The Body of Christ, given for you.**

**The Blood of Christ, shed for you.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

## Sending

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

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name ELW #414

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!"

3 Lo, the apostolic train  
join your sacred name to hallow;  
prophets swell the glad refrain,  
and the white-robed martyrs follow;  
and from morn to set of sun  
through the church the song goes on.

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (ELW #414) by Flor Peeters