

St. James Lutheran Church

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HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Jesus Is Here To See Us
Through Our Struggles

June 12, 2022



Meditation: : *In logic a consistent theory is one that does not contain a contradiction. A commonly held definition of the word, consistency, is this: "the property of holding together and retaining shape." It describes something that is the same throughout. The Word of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit must be absolutely consistent with one another and it is. This is what validates the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. On this special Sunday, we make it clear that that there is unity with one God in three persons. We have the truth from God, the Father, communicated and demonstrated by Jesus, the Son, and made known through the power of the Holy Spirit.*



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Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

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Doug Gast, Interim Pastor

Joe Faith, Music Director

TO ALL GUESTS...

- **THANKS** for joining us for worship today. We hope your experience will be one of being touched by God and of being enriched through our experience of fellowship. **Please fill out the Connection Card found in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.** And please come again!!
- **PARTICIPATE**
 - The worship service is printed in the bulletin and can also be viewed on the video screen for your convenience. Bulletins are emailed to all members each week.
 - **Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off during the worship service.**
 - The service is streamed live and available online afterward on YouTube. Links can be found on the [St. James website](#) and [Facebook page](#).
- **COMMUNE** — All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is present with his body and blood in the bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. The ushers will direct those receiving the sacrament down the center aisle to the altar rail.
- **NEED ASSISTANCE?**
 - **Hearing devices** are available for those who have trouble hearing through the loudspeaker system.
 - Hand sanitizer is available on the tables in the Narthex and in the pews.
 - Please feel free to ask an Usher for assistance, they will be happy to help you.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

June 12th, 2022 Holy Trinity Sunday 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Joe Faith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

† We Lift Our Hearts in Worship †

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. We come before God, confessing our sins, known and unknown, trusting in God's gracious word of forgiveness for all those whom he has called and chosen in Jesus. (Ephesians 1:3-4)

(silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have failed to put away falsehood and anger and have grieved your Spirit with that which has torn down rather than built up the communion of saints. Help us to lead a life worthy of the calling you have put on our lives so that we might know the riches of your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: By the command and authority of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We who were once dead through the trespasses and sins in which we once lived, are now forgiven and renewed out of God's great love for us in Jesus Christ. He has made us alive together with Christ through grace.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LBW Hymn 165

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 made blind by sin 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!

CALL TO WORSHIP

A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who calls us to come and follow, the love of the Father who created us and calls us His own, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

C: And also with you!

A: What a joy it is today to be together on this Holy Trinity Sunday, a day on which we celebrate God who co-exists in three persons. We worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

A: Let us pray . . . Almighty God, our Father, You have made Yourself known to us as the author and giver of life. It is through Your mighty Spirit that You strengthen, renew, and sustain all creation. It is through Your Son, Jesus Christ, that You reveal Your grace and Your love. We are here to seek Your presence and power and ask that You come to us in our state of weakness, that we may be strengthened and transformed. Send Your mighty Spirit!

C: In the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

Please be seated

† We Hear God's Word †

FIRST READING

Romans 5:1-5

(pg. 969 in pew Bible)

We have been reconciled with Christ which gives us peace, yet we still face daily struggles that help us grow---knowing that the Holy Spirit is always there to help us.

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

THE "GOSPEL ACCLAMATION" *"Father, I Adore You"*

*Father, I adore You, Lay my life before you. How I love You.
Jesus, I adore You, Lay my life before you. How I love You.
Spirit, I adore You, Lay my life before you. How I love You.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL **John 16:12-15** (pg. 928 in pew Bible)

¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES *Pastor Doug Gast*

SERMON HYMN *"You Are Still Holy"* Words on screen

Verse

Holy You are still holy
Even when the darkness surrounds my life
Sovereign You are still sovereign
Even when confusion has blinded my eyes
Lord I don't deserve Your kind affection
When my unbelief has kept me from Your touch
I want my life to be a pure reflection of Your love

Chorus

And so I come into Your chambers
And I dance at Your feet Lord
You are my Savior and I'm at Your mercy
All that has been in my life up to now
Belongs to You (for You are still holy)
(Belongs to You)

I belong to You for You are still holy

Please be seated

MESSAGE FOR OUR OLDER DISCIPLES

Pastor Doug Gast

Please Stand

† We Respond to God's Word †

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

THE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Please be seated

THE OFFERING

Now we join with Christians all over the world in worshipping God through our giving of our financial resources. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. Instead, we hope that we are able to give something to you. We welcome you to give only as your heart desires. For members and friends, the vision and ministry of St. James depends on your giving. We thank you in advance for your generosity. This time of offering is a significant act of worship as we now offer our offerings and tithes.

Please Stand

OFFERING RESPONSE “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
LBW Hymn 564

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: Benevolent God, you have granted us in abundance all the good things that life has to offer. In joy and thanksgiving we offer to you what you have first given to us, our resources, our time, our very lives. Receive them and use them for your holy purposes. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

† We Celebrate the Lord's Supper †

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins

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 him thanks and praise.

P: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, We have been invited now to this meal to receive the gifts that cannot be put into adequate words. We have gathered here to recall and celebrate the precious and glorious life of Jesus Christ. We remember with gratitude His humble birth, His early display of wisdom, His commitment to the disciples, His extraordinary teaching, and most importantly, His sacrifice on the cross and bodily resurrection, so that all believers will have eternal life. We ask now for the gift of your Spirit to empower us in the celebration of this Holy Sacrament of His presence. And so we join with the hosts of heaven singing:

(Congregation sings:)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might: Heaven 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.

THE WORDS OF JESUS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

C: **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

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Ushers will direct those receiving the Sacrament down the center aisle. For those who prefer, white grape juice is located in the center of the pre-filled trays. Common cup is also available. If you wish to kneel at the communion rail as you receive the Sacrament, please feel free to do so. Please dispose of your cup in the basket near the side aisle.

LAMB OF GOD

"Lamb of God"

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

"The Wonderful Cross"

Words on Screen

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Verse 2

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

Chorus

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

Chorus

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
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Please stand

† We Depart in Peace †

THE BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL

P: You have now partaken of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are renewed and strengthened for the future.

ALL: **We are filled with joy and God's grace! Praise to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit!**

THE BENEDICTION

P: Experience now the Holy Spirit breathed into your life, empowering you to serve not in fear but in peace. You are sent as Jesus was sent, so go boldly now to live together as the Body of Christ in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

THE CLOSING HYMN *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* LBW Hymn 559

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

In reverence of Christ, we invite you to follow the cross as it is carried out. You may use your hymnal to sing as you turn.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Pastor Doug Gast for preaching today!

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

This Week, June 12th	9:30 a.m. Pastor Doug Gast	Next Week, June 19th	9:30 a.m. Joe Rudy
Assisting Minister	Joan Shaw	Assisting Minister	Christian Gries
Lector	John Shaw	Lector	Christian Gries
Ushers	Sheila Bryan John Browder	Ushers	Tracy Guffey Neal Guffey
Greeters	June Gries Ron Westerfeld	Greeters	John Shaw Joan Shaw
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	June Gries	Communion Assistant	Karen Bell
Acolyte	Andrew Turner	Acolyte	Luke Soberalski
Sound Technician	Dan Ivers	Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell
Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower	Video Technician	Neal Guffey
Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeier	Bread Baker	Janet Farrow
Children's Sermon	Pastor Doug Gast	Children's Sermon	Joe Rudy
Counters (Monday) Wk2	Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory	Counters (Monday) Wk3	Christian Gries Phil Miller