



## THE HOLY TRINITY

### Bethel & Hemnes Lutheran Churches

### June 7, 2020

*More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in our worship. Listen carefully to the opening greeting, the baptismal “formula” in the Creed, and the final blessing: we are accompanied in life’s journey by a community of persons. We are not alone. Indeed, the church is intended to be a sign in the world of the Holy Trinity’s unity-in-diversity.*

*Today the Church commemorates Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, 1866. He chose to live peacefully with the white settlers, and after his conversion to Roman Catholicism began the practice of morning and evening prayer in the tribe.*

#### ✠GATHERING✠

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as we begin.*

P. We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. Trusting God’s promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another..

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

P. Loving God,

C. we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to worship you with our whole being and to share the abundance of grace you give us. We have acted out of selfish ambition rather than the interests of others; we have nursed grudges rather than seeking reconciliation and peace. Forgive us and renew in us the mind of Christ Jesus, that we may live according to your will. Amen.

P. Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of Almighty God, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us; and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin, in the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 5:1a, 5b, 8b)

C. Amen.

#### 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

*Father Most Holy*

1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our  
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en; good - ness un -

Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,  
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, light of the an - gels,

ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, light nev - er wan - ing.  
joy of those for - sak - en, hope of all liv - ing.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. 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.

C. Amen.

## ✠ WORD ✠

## FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4

*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 of the seventh day.*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>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, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>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.” <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>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.

<sup>26</sup>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.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in His image,  
in the image of God He created them;  
male and female He created them.

<sup>28</sup>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.” <sup>29</sup>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.

<sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that He had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 8

O LORD our Lord,  
how exalted is Your name in all the world!

<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of infants and children  
Your majesty is praised above the heavens.

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against Your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>4</sup>When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,  
the moon and the stars You have set in their courses,

<sup>5</sup>what is man that You should be mindful of him,  
the son of man that You should seek him out?

<sup>6</sup>You have made him but little lower than the angels;  
You adorn him with glory and honor;

<sup>7</sup>You give him mastery over the works of Your hands;  
You put all things under his feet:

<sup>8</sup>all sheep and oxen,  
even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>9</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

<sup>10</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how exalted is Your name in all the world!

#### SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

*Paul concludes his painful letter to the troubled church at Corinth with a final appeal for Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.*

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

#### HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them for mission in the name of the triune God.*

C. (spoken) Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

<sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>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. (*spoken*) Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY      *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

### THE 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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake He was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
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.

With the Father and the Son He is  
worshiped and glorified.  
He 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

✠ PRAYER ✠

OFFERING

If you have not signed up for electronic giving, you can mail your offering in to Bethel (P.O. Box 126, Porter, 56280), you may drop it in the offering box at the church, or you may make your offering online at our website ([www.bethelofporter.com](http://www.bethelofporter.com)).

OFFERTORY



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.  
2 God, bless us by Your grace; re - mind us of Your care



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.

Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P. Blessed are you,  
C. O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered into the mystery of the Trinity, and held together in the mercy of the triune God, let us join with one another to pray for the Church and the world and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

O triune God, bless the preaching and reception of Your Word, and pour Your Spirit onto congregational leaders and all the baptized. May we be strengthened to share the good news of Jesus Christ, and in prayer and action, strive for peace and justice in all the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

O triune God, at the beginning of time Your word and spirit swept over the face of the earth. Sustain this world with Your renewing Spirit. Teach us to care for the earth that You created and called good. Calm the summer's storms, and send rain where there is drought. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

O triune God, with Your powerful mercy guide our troubled nation, where relationships are fractured and injustice marks the land. Heal our wounded people. Give hope to the despairing. Protect the protestors. Preserve our cities from more upheaval, and keep away those intent on destruction. Guard stores and homes from fire, and save us from bloodshed. Give wisdom to our police and national guard as they stand against violence. Further the work of advocates who pursue justice in often ignored communities (*like Chief Seattle, whom we commemorate today*). Assist our president, our governors and our legislators in moving forward from a history of racism into a future of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

O triune God, You created us in Your image; we are Your beloved children. Open our eyes to see Your likeness in one another. We pray for all mourning the death of Your beloved child, George Floyd. Hold in Your loving embrace all experiencing trauma, fear, uncertainty, and loss (*especially*). Protect vulnerable children and adults from violence or neglect; provide what is needed for those lacking access to food, shelter, and other services. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

O triune God, You accompany us in sickness and suffering. We ask Your mercy on the millions who suffer from the coronavirus – the sick, the dying, the bereaved, the unemployed and all those isolated now more than ever, especially those in prison or care facilities. Uphold caregivers, health workers, and all whose work ensures the safety and well-being of others. Accompany researchers as they seek a vaccine. Console, heal, and nourish all in need this day (*especially*). Lord, in Your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

O triune God, as summer begins, give safety to those who travel and contentment to those who cannot. Give a sense of sabbath rest to those whose vacation plans have been canceled, and grant activities to the children who cannot attend summer camp. Shine Your sun on famers' fields, so that enough food will grow for our needs. Shield all farm workers from the worst of the heat. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

O triune God, You call us to make Your presence known. Accompany people of faith as they nurture relationships in new ways. Where sin fractures our relationships, bring repentance and reconciliation. Open our hearts for attentive listening so that our conversations may be filled with Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

O triune God, You comfort us in our grief with the promise of the resurrection. We praise You for all the saints who, in the past and the present, have lived and died in You. At the end, bring us all into the fullness of joy in Your presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to You that You light our way through life with the words of Your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to Your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C. Amen.**

## THE 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  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### BLESSING

P. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. May you be rooted and grounded in His love. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C. Amen

### CLOSING HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy*



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 of sin - ful - ness 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!

**DISMISSAL**

P. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

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**MAY 31, 2020**

General: \$1,597.75 (\$397.75 received through eGiving)

			Year:	2020			
			Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 103,919.70	*Does not include the Hemnes share of the Parish Budget.		
			Monthly revenue required to meet budget:	\$ 8,659.98			
Year to Date Actual Revenue and Budgeted Expenses Comparison-							
This report is based on budgeted expenses only, divided evenly for each month of the calendar year. Actual expenses per month varie greatly. This analysis is to be used as a guideline only and not a full representation of the full financial health of Bethel Lutheran Church.							
This report does not include revenues assigned to the Hemnes Lutheran Church portion of the joint parish budget or transfers from savings accounts that cover special, non-budgeted expenses.							
	Total Revenue for Month	Year to Date Revenue	Year to Date Budgeted Expense	Year to Date Difference: shortfalls shown as negative numbers	Cash Reserves Expended	Cash Reserves Repaid	Reserves Repaid Notes
January	\$7,965.95	\$7,965.95	\$8,659.98	-\$694.03			
February	\$4,163.24	\$12,129.19	\$17,319.95	-\$5,190.76			
March	\$8,867.00	\$20,996.19	\$25,979.93	-\$4,983.74			
April	\$8,572.27	\$29,568.46	\$34,639.90	-\$5,071.44			
May	\$16,332.87	\$45,902.14	\$43,299.88	\$2,602.27		\$3,000.00	Federal COVID Response Grant

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