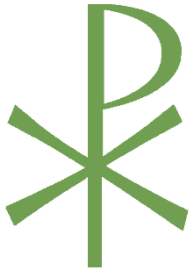


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H oly T rinity S unday

June 4, 2023



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

## **Assisting in Worship**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader: *JoLynn Stewart*  
Prayer Leader: *Beth Williams*  
Acolyte: *Avery Wymer*  
Ushers: *Jill Guy, Don Stewart*  
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## **To the Glory of God**

June Altar Candles: [available for sign-up](#)  
June Bulletins: [available for sign-up](#)  
June Newsletter: [available for sign-up](#)



**The Altar flowers** are given in honor of Bob & Jo Kelley's 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with love, your 6 kids and their families.

**North Baltimore Food Pantry June** requested donations include: peanut butter, jams, jellies, and preserves.

# Order of Worship

Sunday, June 4, 2023

God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism. \*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable. Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.

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## GOD GATHERS US

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### GREETING

### PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Gracious God." When you exhale, pray, "open my heart."

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL: and also with you**

*Please share God's peace using the "peace sign."*

### AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Leader: Blessed be the ✠ One God who, like a farmer, plants the seeds of wisdom, faith, and joy in our hearts, so that we may reap a harvest of new life.

**ALL: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: If I say I have no sin, I deceive myself and the truth is not in me. However, if I confess my sins, you are faithful and just. Forgive me. Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*In your heart and your spirit, confess to God your fears, your anger, your greed, and your disappointments. Lift up the names of people whom you've hurt recently.*

**ALL: Most merciful God, I confess that I am captive to sin and cannot free myself. I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart. I have not loved my neighbors as you have loved me. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me; renew me; and lead me, so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: Hear these words and believe in their power: Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed. God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:9; James 5:16*

## **\*GATHERING HYMN #413**

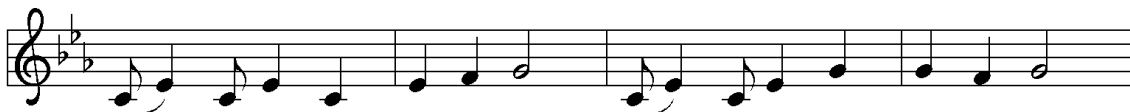
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

## **\*CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ..... with you all.

**ALL: and also with you.**

## **\*KYRIE HYMN #151**



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	Lord, . . . . . have mer - cy.	Lord, . . . . . have mer - cy.
2	Christ, . . . . . have mer - cy.	Christ, . . . . . have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
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Christ, . . . . . have mer - cy.	Christ, . . . . . have mer - cy.

## \*GLORY TO GOD

SETTING #2 HYMNAL PAGE 121

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray:

**ALL: O God our rock, you offer us a covenant of mercy, and you provide the foundation of our lives. Ground us in your word, and strengthen our resolve to be your disciples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

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# GOD SPEAKS TO US

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## PROPHETIC READING

*(responsively)*

PSALM 8

Reader: O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens.

**ALL: <sup>2</sup> You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength, silencing your enemies and all who oppose you.**

Reader: <sup>3</sup> When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers — the moon and the stars you set in place, <sup>4</sup> what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?

**ALL: <sup>5</sup> Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.**

Reader: <sup>6</sup> You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority, <sup>7</sup> the flocks and the herds and all the wild animals, <sup>8</sup> the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and everything that swims the ocean currents.

**ALL: <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!**

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## DISCIPLESHIP READING

2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-14

Reader: <sup>11</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup> Greet each other with a sacred kiss. <sup>13</sup> All of God's people here send you their greetings. <sup>14</sup> May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HYMN #172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## \*GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 28:16-20

*Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. 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 word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

Leader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 28. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: <sup>16</sup> 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 they 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.”

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## \* THE APOSTLES' CREED

**ALL: 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**

## THE MESSAGE

### \* HYMN OF THE DAY #414

HOLY GOD WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

### \* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION

### \* PRAYER SONG HYMN #752

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: God, in your mercy. **ALL: hear our prayer.**

We pray for the family of Gerald Leitch who passed away on Thursday, Janet, Jim, Harry, Julie, Cheryl, John, Fred, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Jim, Barb, Jack, Rex, Susan, Daryl, Beth, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Chelsea, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, Catherine, Ed, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Teresa, Betty, Don, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Braxton, Eric, Lisa, Cindy, Chris, Arlene, Logan, Don, Ashley, Beth, Jayne, Ed, Barb, Riker, Kelly, Al, Pat, and Dan.

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## INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #182

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #182 (CONT'D)



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

**ALL:** 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.

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# GOD NOURISHES US

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## THE TABLE PRAYER

Leader: God of all creation, all you have made is good.

**ALL:** Your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish me with these gifts. Use me and what I have gathered to feed the world with your love, through the feast of love and bread of life, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE EXHORTATION

SETTING #2 HYMNAL PAGE 133

Leader: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life.

**ALL: Blessed is the Lord, the God of the universe. God's faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise the Lord in the heights above. Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars. Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, and stormy winds. Praise the Lord, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for they were created.**

*Psalm 148*

Leader: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. And so, with all the universe and the hosts of heaven, we join in praise and sing....

## \*SANCTUS

SETTING #2 HYMNAL PAGE 130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Leader: In the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, gave a piece to each disciple and said

**ALL: This is my body, given for you. Do this and remember me.**

Leader: Again, after supper, Jesus took a cup of wine, gave thanks; and gave it to each disciple to drink, saying

**ALL: This is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this and remember me.**

Leader: We proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Sin is conquered! Death is defeated! Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Leader: God of resurrection and new life: pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine

**ALL: Grace this table with your presence. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.**

## **\*THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US**

**All: 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**



## \*SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please join in prayer if you are unable to receive the elements.*

**ALL: Forgiving and faithful God, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed and Holy Sacrament. Your Spirit fills my spirit, allowing it to bloom like a flower in spring. Since I cannot now receive You through bread and wine, come spiritually into my heart. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a forgiving spirit within me. Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION

### \*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313

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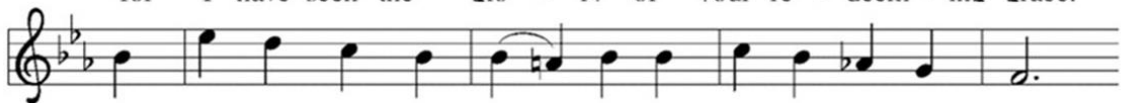
#### O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



I O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill.



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

## \*PRAYER OF ABSOLUTION

Leader: Please join me in the absolution,

**ALL:** God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen in life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## GOD SENDS US

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### \*BLESSING

SETTING #2 HYMNAL PAGE 136-137

In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

### \*THE AMEN



### \*SENDING HYMN #856

HOW GREAT THOU ART

### \*DISMISSAL

SETTING #2 HYMNAL PAGE 137

*We are sent to serve others.*

## POSTLUDE

**ELCA "Hunger Appeal" Offering** - Each week as we leave worship, we remember the poor by placing loose change offerings in the "hunger bowls" on the Information Table in the Narthex.

*Praise  
to the Lord*

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## The Gift

The stained-glass replica of St. Luke's Church in the entry was created by a student of Dennis Bauer and has been gifted to us. Thanks be to God!

**St. Luke's Church Vacation Bible School**  
July 23-27, 2023 5:30-8 p.m.

**STELLAR**  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

Registration for 5-year-olds through those who just completed 6th Grade has begun online at [www.mvbs.org/stlukelutheranmb](http://www.mvbs.org/stlukelutheranmb), on the church's website at [www.stlukensb.org](http://www.stlukensb.org), or call the church and leave a message. 419-257-3263.

Early bird deadline for registration is July 22 for a chance to win a prize.

A light dinner will be served each evening.

**Please note new blast off time of 5:30**

Volunteers to help with VBS at [www.mvbs.org/stlukelutheranmb](http://www.mvbs.org/stlukelutheranmb) 215 N. Second St., North Baltimore, OH 43872  
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Posters have been printed to announce our Vacation Bible School around the community. Please pick up a few and check the list of places where you might distribute them. Thank you for your assistance.



Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

**WE GIVE THANKS:** for the freedom to celebrate the glory of God's creation. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Janet Holloway, Jim Wymer, Harry & Julie Friess, Cheryl & John Kruse, Fred Husing, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha & Jim Carter, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Susan Miller, Daryl Miller, Beth Johnson, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy, Catherine Pritts.

**GRIEVING:** Jennifer McCartney and family following the death of Rex on May 25.

**MILITARY:** for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

**COMPANION CHURCH:** Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, all our bishops, pastors, leaders, of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

**THE WORLD:** for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.



# Celebrating Our God beyond Understanding

The festival of the Holy Trinity celebrates the wonder of relationship with God while leaving us distinctly dissatisfied with our limited understanding of what God is. While guarding against the idolatry of language, we survey our scripture, doctrine, creeds, and symbols of our heritage. Equally important, we pray for God to inspire fresh, innovative ideas of God in the present moment.

Today's gospel contains one of the few biblical references to the trinitarian formula. As the commissioned to and teach, we are calling to influence news of God's love. Corinthians also naming of the Holy affectionate sign-off With the psalm and sustainer of all relates the first of two creation stories, this one an ancient liturgy celebrating God as a divine plural.



eleven are make disciples, baptize, invited to consider our the world with the good The text from Second includes a kind of Trinity in an of a personal letter. praising God the creator creation, Genesis 1

That God that is beyond our understanding may be both troubling and comforting. The temptation may be to attempt to apprehend the idea of God with our intellect, offering the worshipping assembly a showcase of various models for God. The result is usually disappointing and feeds our bias toward intellectualism. Another possibility is to celebrate God's presence in all its glory and colorful wonder and our belonging to this wonder-full God.

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