

**The Holy Trinity  
June 4, 2023**

Welcome

**P** This is the day that the Lord has made!

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**P** Merciful God, 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.

**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. **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. **And also with you.**

Praise Songs

*How Majestic is Your Name*

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.

O Lord, we praise Your name, O Lord, we magnify Your name;

Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

***The Strong Name of Jesus***

There is only one Lord that we cling to,  
There is only one truth that we claim;  
There is only one way that we walk in,  
There is only power in one name.

*Refrain:*

And in the strong name of Jesus, by the blood of the Lamb,  
We are able to triumph, we are able to stand.  
In the power of His Spirit, by the strength of His hand;  
In the strong name of Jesus, by the precious blood of the Lamb.

Though apart from Him we can do nothing,  
By His Spirit we can do all things;  
Covered by His blood we are made righteous,  
Lifting up the name of Christ the King!   *Back to Refrain*

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray together. **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.**

### The Peace

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

**C** And also with you.

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

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 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.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 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. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

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. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 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. 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. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

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.” 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. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

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. 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.

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.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 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.”

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. 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.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. 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. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

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

<sup>1</sup>O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

<sup>2</sup>**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.**

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

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

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. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. 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 Verse

*Please stand as you are able*

***Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?***

***You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.***

*The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel **Matthew 28:16-20**

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

....*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*(sung)* ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Youth Time

*Please be seated*

Choir Anthem

***How Great is Our God***

Meditation

Hymn *(next page)*

## 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 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!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## The Apostles' Creed

**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 to the dead. 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.**

## Prayers of the Church

**A** Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations. Encourage our church leaders in their proclamation of the gospel and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service. Make your presence known through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Bless the ministries of TOL and Augustana, and show us your will as we serve our neighbors in love.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect lands and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain all living creatures of every kind.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth. Raise up leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal divisions between nations, that we might live in peace.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age. Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who are grieving, and those who are sick especially Glenda, Ralph, Dorothy, Sheela and Cynthia.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for all first responders. We also ask for your mercy and blessing on those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you give rest when our work is done. We give thanks for all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the age to come.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving *able*

*Please stand as you are*

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 God thanks and praise.**

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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and

archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*sung*):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.**

#### Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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 for the remembrance of 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 for the remembrance of me.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

*{P All are welcome to this meal as we proclaim Jesus is Lord, through the Holy Spirit.}*

#### Communion Song

*Please be seated*

**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.**

Communion: *Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come to the communion rail and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. All who share our confession that Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the communion cup tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.*

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.



### Post-Communion Blessing

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

**A** Let us pray. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### Blessing

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

## Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword;  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in  
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

### Dismissal

**A** Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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## **Prayers and Announcements**

### **Prayers**

**Welcome:** We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time.

**Prayer Partner Ministry:** If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the altar following worship. Prayers are confidential. Today's prayer partner is Earlene Crocker.

**Women's Luncheon Group:** We will meet at Danny's Restaurant, Genesee Street, Cheektowaga this **Thursday, June 8 at 12:30 pm**. **If you need a ride from TOL**, or have any questions, please contact Judy Menz at 716-435-6077 or Barb Maugans at 716-692-8116. Everyone is invited to join us!

**Bible Study at Augustana:** Everyone is invited to join Pastor Fred at Augustana for a four-week Bible Study of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, which begins **Friday, June 9** from 10 – 11:30 am. It will be hybrid, so if you would like the Zoom invite, please contact Pastor Fred.

**Table Talk:** Please join us for our monthly discussion group; our next session will be on **Wednesday, June 14**. Our focus will be on Oprah Winfrey's "Belief" video series. A discussion will follow each episode. We meet from 6:30 till 8 pm, and there will also be a Zoom option; please contact Charlie Schmidtke for the link.

**BW's Chicken BBQ Fundraiser:** There's less than 2 weeks till our fundraising dinner on **Friday, June 16 from 3 - 6 pm**. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors! This event will be drive through only, and volunteers are needed to help make this a success. A portion of the proceeds will go to the 11daypowerplay, which supports Roswell, Camp Good Days, and Make a Wish. Augustana members Tom Kerr, Charlie Kerr, and Gary Kerr are part of this charitable event. Please let Earlene Crocker know if you can help, and we hope you will join us that day. Thank you!

**Reconciling in Christ:** All are welcome to join our team or to learn more about exploring how to welcome across the spectrum of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. We meet again on **Tuesday, June 20** at 7 pm at Augustana Lutheran Church. We are using Reconciling in Christ guidance for our meetings: *"Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."* Matthew 25:40

**Good Shepherd Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:** On **Sunday, July 9**, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is holding a fundraiser for little Arlen Jenkins. Good Shepherd is asking for volunteers for that day or basket donations for their raffle. Spaghetti dinners are \$10 for children and \$15 for adults. Thank you.

**Adult Retreat Coming in September:** Please see the article in the May Trinity Tidings about the upcoming Adult Retreat which will take place at beautiful Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center. There is also a display in the narthex with photos and memories of last year's retreat. If you are interested, there is a sign up sheet on the main bulletin board.

**Offering:** Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only-please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website homepage ([www.trinityoldlutheran](http://www.trinityoldlutheran)). If you have a smartphone, you can download the Tithe.ly app. Instructions for both ways of giving through Tithe.ly are on our website's homepage. Please call the office at (716) 836-4868 if you have any questions.

**Summer Ushers Needed:** If you would like to sign up to usher in July or August, please add your name to the sign up sheet on the main bulletin board. If you have any questions, please see Lanny Repman. Thank you – we appreciate your help!

**Food Drive:** We are so grateful for all your donations of food and money! We continue to welcome grocery donations of non-perishable items (and gift cards to grocery stores), such as:

Soups and other canned goods (vegetables, tuna, beans, etc.)

Peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, applesauce

Breakfast items: cereal, oatmeal, grits, granola bars

Boxes of pantry staples: instant potatoes, rice, mac and cheese, pasta, ramen noodles

*(Please check food expiration dates before donating.)*

Paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)

Personal care (feminine hygiene products, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, etc.)

Food items can be dropped off here at TOL Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. – noon - just ring the doorbell to let the office know that you're here. Thank you for your generosity!

**June Mission:** Our mission this month is ELCA World Hunger. This organization meets people's basic needs and recognizes the universal human right to food. They also connect people with the resources they need to produce their own food and gain access to clean water, education and health care. ELCA World Hunger envelopes are located in the narthex, you can donate through tithe.ly, or you can mail your check to the church office. Thank you.

**Friends of Night People Info:** We continue to make 100 sandwiches each week! In addition to that, there is a barrel in the main hallway for clothing donations, and in the narthex there is a tote for new socks, small sized hygiene products, such as soap, shampoo, combs, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

**Operation Christmas Child:** For the month of June, the suggested donations are stuffed toys 10" or smaller, dolls, and reusable plastic cups/water bottles. Thank you for your continued support.

**Book and Puzzle Sale:** Stop by the TOL Book and Puzzle sale in the Resource Library near the main bulletin board. Browse the many books and puzzles being offered at low prices – new items are being added weekly!

**Announcements:** If you'd like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send to [trinityoldlutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:trinityoldlutheranchurch@gmail.com) or call 716-836-4868 by Wednesday. Thank you.

***This week's calendar***

<i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 am–12 noon. Please note that the office is unstaffed on Mondays. For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message or send an email.</i>	Sun	6/4	9:30 am 9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Choir Rehearsal Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA and GAMAnon Meetings
	Mon	6/5	10 am 5:45 pm 6 pm	OA Meeting Yoga (in Studio and Zoom) Sandwich Team #6
	Tues	6/6	7 pm 7:30 pm	Worship & Music Team CoDA
	Wed	6/7	12 noon 5:45 pm	Yoga (via Zoom) Yoga (in Studio and Zoom)
	Thurs	6/8	9:30 am 12:30 pm 5:45 pm	Yoga (in Studio and Zoom) Women's Lunch Group Yoga (in Studio and Zoom)
	Fri	6/9	10 am	Bible Study at Augustana
	Sat	6/10		
	Sun	6/11	9:30 am 9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Choir Rehearsal Worship Service at TOL - Pentecost Abiding Faith Worship GA and GAMAnon Meetings

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