

# HOLY COMMUNION JUNE 4, 2023 HOLY TRINITY GODPARENTS DAY

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray: **Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Prepare us to receive His body and blood, that abiding in Him, and He in us, we may be filled with the power of His endless life. AMEN.***

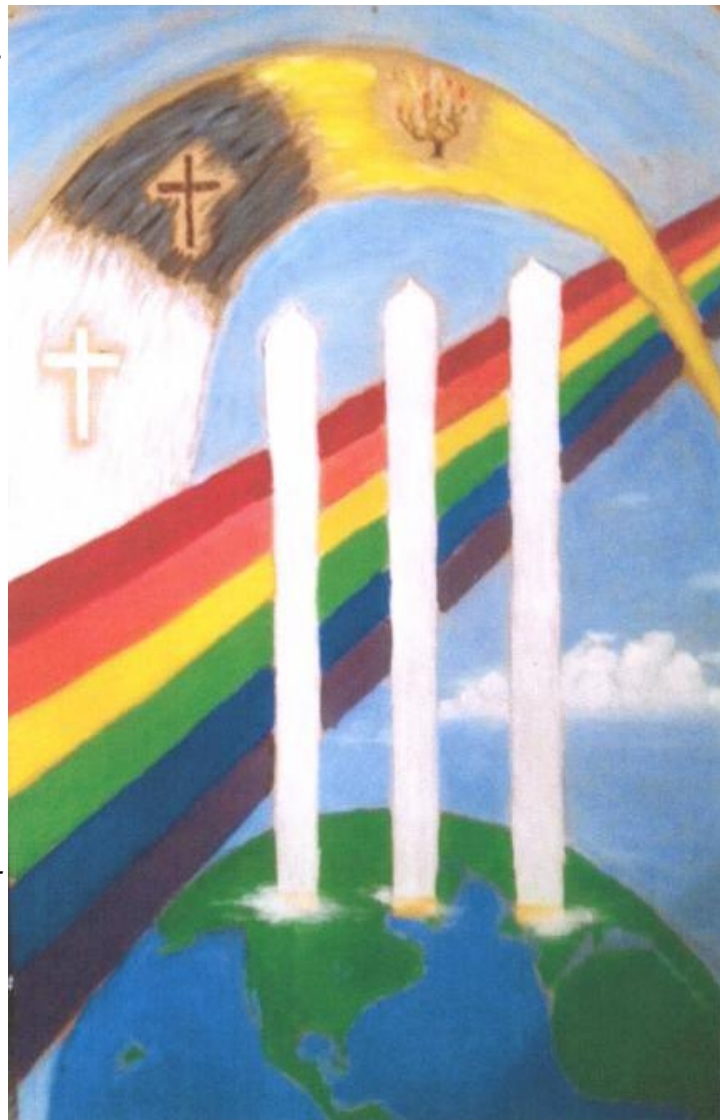
### CHILDREN

*We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

### INTRODUCTION

*The word "trinity" is not found in the scriptures, but the doctrine is thoroughly scriptural. Today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting we often use in our 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, Son, and 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.*



### WELCOME AND MEDITATION

(Please rise.)

# GATHERING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

(Maj # 47 - favorite - Text: Reginald Heber; Tune: John B. Dykes)

Reginald Heber

NICAEA  
John B. Dykes

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!

1 Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
2 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
3 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;  
4 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
2 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
3 On - ly Thou art ho - ly - there is none be - side Thee  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

1 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
2 Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shall be.  
3 Per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
4 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A - men.

**Cover art:** *“And THE WORD Is GOD!”* by Robert A. Buzzard, April 15, 1960. This was my art work as a young Muhlenberg College student fulfilling the request in a Literature Course for a Symbolic Painting.

*My Explanation: The story commences on the right side of the painting with the invoking of God’s gold radiant Arc, “THE WORD.” The Arc progresses to Moses and the burning bush, Jesus’ crucifixion, Jesus’ resurrection, then expands to our eternal living world. The spectrum rainbow, Our Hope, is not an arc but forever linear signifying infinity which is the never ending of “THE WORD!” The candles represent the “trinity of the world” and although they appear void of light they are forever illuminated by “God’s Arc!”*

**INVOCATION** ( = All may make the sign of the cross.)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Who forgives all our sin, Whose mercy endures forever.

**C: AMEN.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: Gracious God, **C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: AMEN.**

**GREETING** *(Please rise.)*

P: Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

# WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

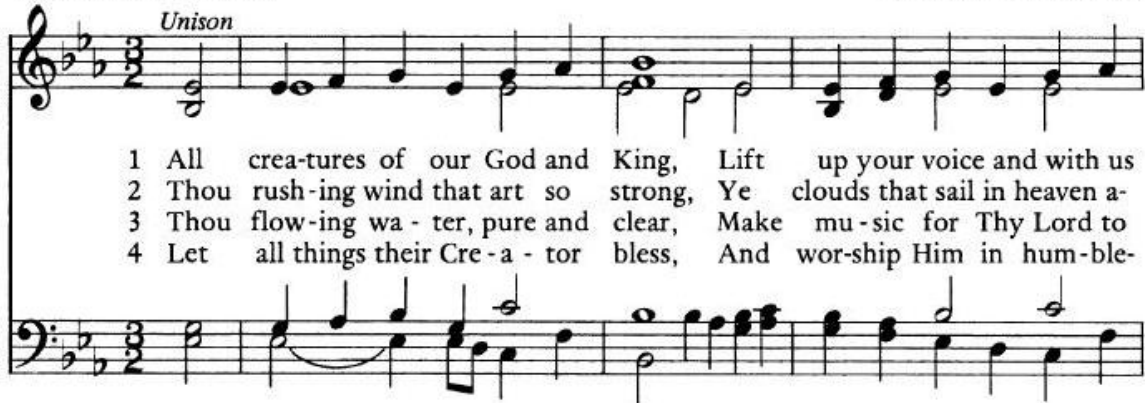
## HYMN OF PRAISE

*"All Creatures of our God and King" (Maj # 61)*

Francis of Assisi  
Tr. by William H. Draper

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
Geistliche Kirchengesäng

*Unison*

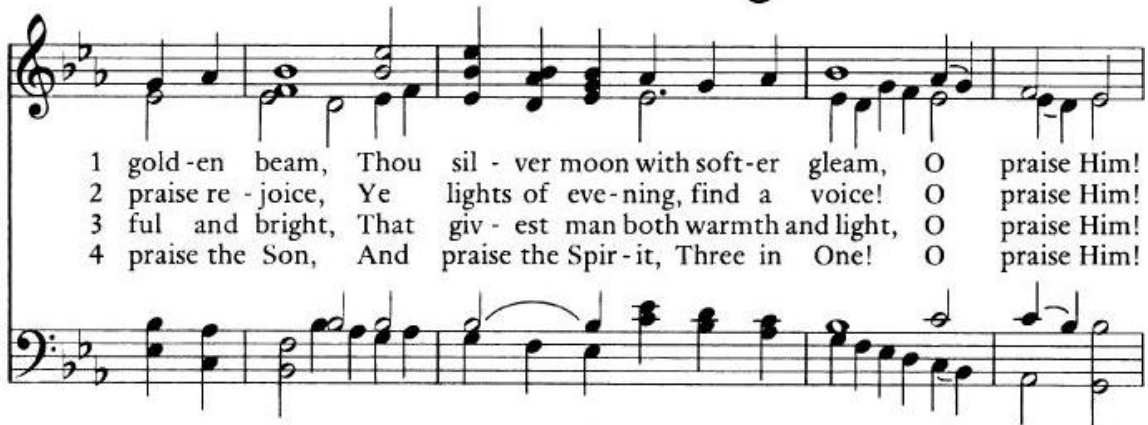


1 All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us  
2 Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven a-  
3 Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for Thy Lord to  
4 Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And wor-ship Him in hum-ble-

*Harmony* *Unison*



1 sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ing sun with  
2 long, O praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn, in  
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter -  
4 ness. O praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther,



1 gold - en beam, Thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O praise Him!  
2 praise re - joice, Ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice! O praise Him!  
3 ful and bright, That giv - est man both warmth and light, O praise Him!  
4 praise the Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One! O praise Him!



O praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.      **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together:      **C: Almighty and ever-living God, You have given us grace, by the confession of the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of Your divine majesty, to worship the unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see You in Your eternal glory, one God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN.**

## RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 8 (*congregation: indented*)

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**You have set Your glory above the heavens.**

From the lips of children and infants You have ordained praise because of Your enemies,

**to silence the foe and the avenger.**

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

**the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,**

what is man that You are mindful of him,

**the son of man that You care for him?**

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

**and crowned him with glory and honor.**

You made him ruler over the works of Your hands;

**you put everything under his feet:**

all flocks and herds,

**and the beasts of the field,**

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

**all that swim the paths of the seas.**

O LORD, our Lord,

**how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

## PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)*

### *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”*



1 I sing the might-y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food,  
3 There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes your glo - ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.  
who formed cre - a - tion with a word and then pro-nounced it good.  
and clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from your throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how your won-ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
while all that bor-rows life from you is ev - er in your care,



the moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - 'ry - where that I could be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, M. v. Werkmeister, *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle*, 1784

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**FIRST READING** ...Genesis 1:1-2:4a.....Pg. 1

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**...2 Corinthians 13:5-14.....Pg. 1808

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Please rise.)*

*“Holy Ground” (Maj # 547 - favorite - Geron Davis)*



We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground  
 and I know that there are an - gels all a - round;  
 Let us praise Je - sus now. We are  
 stand - ing in His pres - ence on ho - ly ground. ho - ly ground.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** .....Matthew 28:16-20.....Pg. 1550

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

**SERMON** *“The New Way of Living in the Spirit”*

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *(Please rise.)*

*“Lord you Give the Great Commission” (ELW # 579 verses 1,2,5)*

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you  
 preach the Word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,  
 and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the  
 to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty.  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.  
*Refrain*  
 With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934 Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

## ATHANASIAN CREED *(Read in dialogue)*

P: Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold the true Christian\* faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled, will without doubt perish for eternity.

### **PART 1 - WE WORSHIP ONE GOD IN TRINITY:** **FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT**

L: Now this is the true Christian\* faith: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

**C: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.**

L: But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

**C: What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit. Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit. The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite. Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:**



L: And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal; as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

**C: Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:**

L: And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

**C: Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God:**

L: And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

**C: Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord:**

L: And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

P: As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so Christian\* religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

**C: The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten; the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father; the Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son. Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.**

L: And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;

**C: And so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.**

P: Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

**PART 2 - WE BELIEVE AND CONFESS ONE CHRIST  
WHO IS BOTH GOD AND MAN**

P: It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus became flesh.

L: For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:

That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

**C: He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and He is man, born in the world from the being of His mother— existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body; equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.**

L: Although He is God and man, He is not divided, but is one Christ. He is united because God has taken humanity into Himself; He does not transform deity into humanity. He is completely one in the unity of

His person, without confusing His natures. For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

**C: He suffered death for our salvation. He descended into hell and rose again from the dead. 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.**

L: At His coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

P: This is the true Christian\* faith. One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

*\*catholic (Adapted from the LBW.)*

*(Please sit. All God-Parents/Sponsors are invited to stand in place.)*

**MISSION MOMENT** Honoring God-Parents

*(God-Parents are recognized with applause.)*

**RECOMMITMENT**

P: When you sponsored your God-Children, you renounced the Devil and his evil ways, confessed the faith of the church and promised to help nurture your godchild in the Christian faith and to help him/her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church. Do you renew this promise today?

*Response: I do.*

**PRAYER** *(God-Parents/Sponsors kneel, as able.)*

P: Loving God, we thank You for godparents who pray for us and listen to us, who help us make good choices, and show us more about Jesus. Bless them on their journey of faith, and encourage them in their prayers. Let their hearts overflow with love for You and for the children of every age they promised to support. May they have the joy of seeing their God-children grow strong in faith and love, and find the path You have marked out for them. We ask in Jesus' name. **C: AMEN.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Please kneel.)*

*(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

**OFFERING**

*We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

# WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You have revealed Your glory as the glory also of Your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in Your everlasting glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: *“Praise Ye The Father”*

*(Maj # 106 - Text: Elizabeth R. Charles; Tune: Friedrich F. Flemming)*

1. Praise ye the Fa - ther! for His lov - ing kind - ness, Ten - der - ly  
2. Praise ye the Sav - ior! great is His com - pas - sion, Gra - cious - ly  
3. Praise ye the Spir - it! Com - fort - er of Is - rael, Sent of the

cares He for His err - ing chil - dren; Praise Him, ye an - gels,  
cares He for His cho - sen peo - ple; Young men and maid - ens,  
Fa - ther and the Son to bless us; Praise ye the Fa - ther,

praise Him in the heav - ens, Praise ye Je - ho - vah!  
ye old men and chil - dren, Praise ye the Sav - ior!  
Son and Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise ye the tri - une God! A - men.

## PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

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 in 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.

Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory. Pour out Your Holy Spirit, that by this memorial meal we may know the unity we share with all Your people in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(sung) (please be seated after "Amen")*

**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. AMEN.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

## LAMB OF GOD *(WOV p39)*

**☐** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

### 1. "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life" *(ELW # 399)*

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre - a - tor,  
 2 E - ter - nal Vig - or, Sav - ing One, you free us  
 3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en - com - pass  
 cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -  
 by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to  
 us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -  
 wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.  
 wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.  
 cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933, based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1078–1179

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, 15th cent., adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

### 2. "Father, I Adore You" *(Maj # 34 - favorite - Terry Coelho)*

1 Fa - ther,  
2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -  
3 Spir - it,

fore you; how I love you.

## CANTICLE “Gloria Patri” (Tune: Henry W. Greatorex)

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, As it was in  
the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

## WE ARE SENT INTO GOD’S WORLD

### SENDING OF COMMUNION (10:45) (Please rise.)

**L:** Let us pray together:      **C:** We give You thanks, O God, that You make Your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Bless those who go forth to share Your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. Fill us all with Your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **AMEN.**

### BLESSING

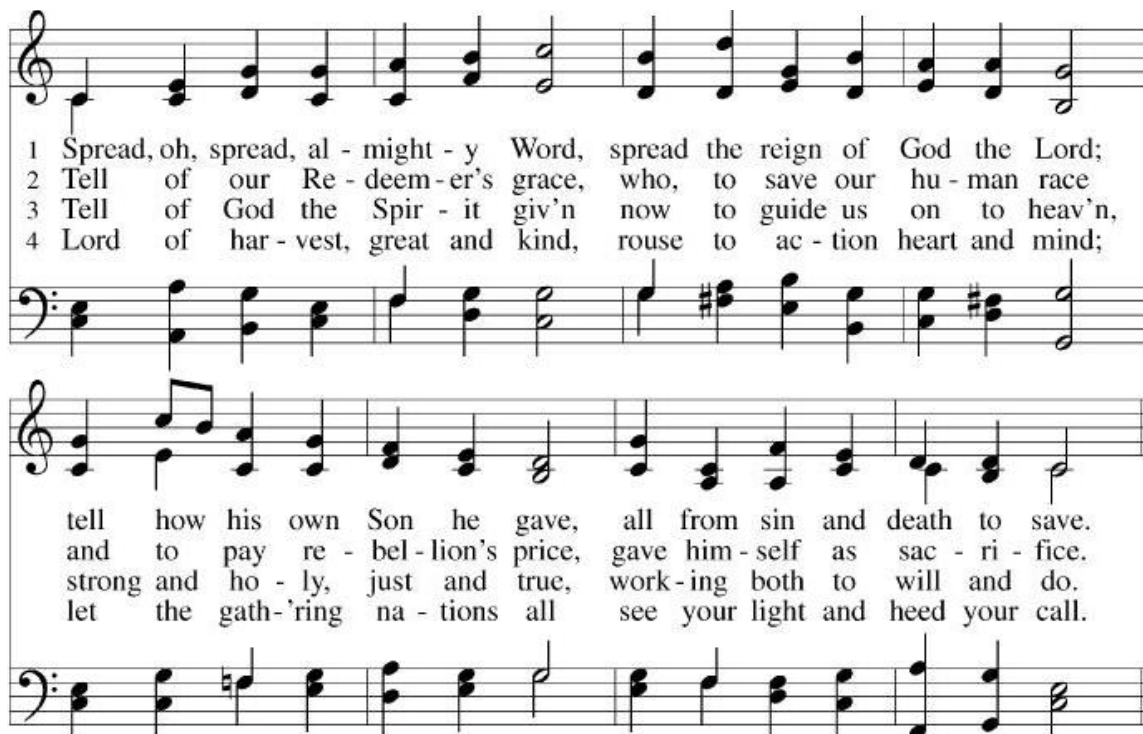
**P:** Continue to walk in Christ Jesus, rooted and built up in Him. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C:** **AMEN.**



## SENDING HYMN

“*Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*” (LBW # 379)



1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord;  
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race  
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,  
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;

tell how his own Son he gave, all from sin and death to save.  
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.  
let the gath - ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978  
Music: GOTTFELD DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesang-Buch*, 1704

## PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit,  
let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we  
have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

## FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.  
Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.  
You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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**JUNE 4, 2023**  
**HOLY TRINITY**

**SERVANTS OF THE LORD**

COVER ART: Bob Buzzard

GREETER: 8:30-Skylre Hahn / 10:45-Irene Graham

SOUND SYSTEM: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Jim Steiner

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

CRUCIFER: 8:30-Adam Barlow / 10:45-*Volunteer needed*

SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook

LITURGIST: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

LECTOR: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Irene Graham

COMMUNION SERVERS: 8:30-Patty Stein, Faith Miller, Josh Miller /  
10:45-Lyn Stryker

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

*(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)*

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