

Holy Cross Lutheran
TRINITY SUNDAY

June 7, 2020 – 9 AM



AS WE GATHER The great fifty days of our Easter celebration have passed for another year, crowned by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Today we celebrate the doctrine of the mystery of the one true God. Our celebration, however, seems to say, "Easter isn't really over." Even though we have rebelled and brought death by our sin, still God's glorious and "very good" creation has become even better in Christ, with eternal life the way God originally intended things to be. This is the great good news we proclaim all our days by which God brings forgiveness and life to all, making disciples in all the nations of the earth. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Psalm 118:24*

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and the † Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

LSB 820: vs 1

P: My soul, now praise your Maker!

C: Let all within me bless His name.

P: Forget Him not whose meekness Still bears with all your sin.

C: Who leaves no suff'rer friendless But rights the wronged at last.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(absolution from LSB 820 vs 2)

P: Let us confess our waywardness and sin in order that we may rise to newness of life by faith, that we may be His own and live under Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

C: O God, our Creator and Redeemer, hear our pleas for mercy. We have turned away from You and rebelled against You by going our own way. Because of our sin, we have discovered it is not good for us to be alone, without You. For the sake of the glory and honor of the salvation won for us in Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive us and restore in us the image of Your own life and love. Amen.

P: "God offers all His treasure of justice, truth, and righteousness, His love beyond all measure. And high as heaven above us, So far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins away."

Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God who brings all things into being and restores all things into the fellowship of Your mercy, help us to grow in the faith and joy of Your salvation, that we may live and proclaim Your righteousness to all the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

† THE LIVING WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

(In the beginning God created everything and it was very good)

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸And 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 heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens 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. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. ⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

(What is impossible for man is possible with God. We Live by faith in the Son of God.)

¹³ The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." ²³But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Isaiah 6:3b

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory! Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16–20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Jesus gives us the Great Commission: "Go and Make Disciples... baptizing... and teaching...")

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make

disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 507

SERMON

“Faith is the Crown of Life – God’s Gift through Christ”

Romans 4:13-25

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ... *using the Lord in your mercy....hear our prayer*

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission.

C: Amen. We will. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE 9:00 am

Lector:	Pam Hunter
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