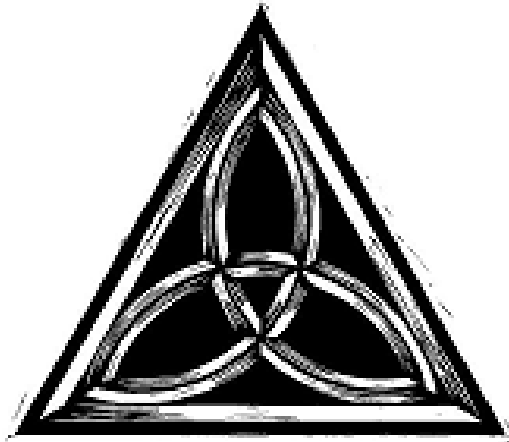


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The Holy Trinity



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

Outdoor Worship

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INTRODUCTION

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Shall We Gather at the River”

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.

Chorus: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden days. Chorus

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down, grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. Chorus

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “Everywhere I Go”

**Chorus: Everywhere I go, On this road, high and low.
Where I go, I go with You. So I won't be afraid.
This is my hope, come what may.
Where I go, I go with You – Where I go, I go with you.**

1. There's a city that calls me by name. There's a city that calls me by name.

Yes, as I run this race, I am cheered by the saints.

There's a city that calls me by name.

Chorus

2. There's a future that runs thru my veins. There's a future that runs thru my veins.
And there's nothing on Earth that can stand in the way.

There's a future that runs thru my veins.

Chorus

3. There's a spirit I cannot contain. There's a spirit I cannot contain.
The same power that raised Jesus up from the grave.
The same spirit I cannot contain.

[Bridge]

Your breath upon these bones, Your fire is in my soul,

Your kingdom is my home and I don't walk alone.

Chorus

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal God our creator,

in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ✠ forgives you all your sins.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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.

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM:

“Lighthouse”

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

This first creation story reached its current form during the crisis of the Babylonian exile of the people of Israel. God, not their captors' god Marduk, was responsible for their existence. God created women and men as rulers over creation, to preserve and protect it. God also rested on the seventh day, hallowing that day forever as the Sabbath.

L-Lector C-Congregation

L- ¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³Then 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.

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

L- ⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky 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. ¹¹Then 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

C- ¹⁴And 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, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon 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.

L- ²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So 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. ²²God 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.

C- ²⁴And 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.

²⁵God 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.

L- ²⁶Then 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.”

²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

C- ²⁸God 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.” ²⁹God 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

L- ^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And 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. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 8

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you 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.

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

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

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

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

⁷**all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,**

⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹**O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, 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. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The 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: Matthew 28:16-20

Glory to you, O Lord

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When 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, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

SERMON: **"Holy Hilarity"** Wally Swenson, Val Benton, Randy Tofteland, Pr. Terry Frovik

Wally: Hey, Congregation, did you know...

Wally: Did you know what kind of car the apostles drove?

Congregation: **No, what kind did they drive?**

Wally: They shared a Honda.

Congregation: **How do you know?**

Wally: The Bible says that they were "all in one Accord."

Terry: Do you know why they couldn't play cards on the Ark?

Congregation: **Nope, why didn't they play cards on the Ark?**

Terry: Because Noah was standing on the deck.

Val: For all you coffee lovers out there, did you know that it's a sin for a woman to brew coffee? Yup, it's right there in the Bible; it says, He-brews.

Randy: Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

Congregation: **Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.**

Wally: If you're so smart tell me this: Besides Adam and Eve, of course, who is the only person in the Bible who had no parents?

Congregation: **That's easy, Joshua, the son of Nun.**

Please Stand for the Hymn of the Day

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Marty Luther"

Anonymous Authors
(group of seminary students)

1. Back in the middle-ages, look in your history pages
Marty Luther lived in Germany
When young he was punk, then became a monk,
And now he lives in our fond memory:

REFRAIN:

**O MARTY LUTHER, O MARTY LUTHER, PLAYED BY THE REFORMATION BAND:
O MARTY LUTHER, O MARTY LUTHER, WE THINK THE FELLOW WAS SO GRAND.**

2. He saw that the confessions, were carnival concessions
That sent a man to heaven or to hell,
So Marty wrote a thesis that blew the Pope to pieces,
And now we think that fellow was so grand. REFRAIN
3. He sought to pick a bone with the fellows down in Rome
When he nailed his ninety-fiver to the door,
Oh, he was quite the fellow; his temper was not mallow,
But we still think the fellow was so fine. REFRAIN
4. He started getting older and needed a soft shoulder
And someone to keep his cassock ironed,
There was this cute young lady, Whose name was Sister Katy,
Now we think this couple was so fine: REFRAIN
5. It's ecumenism, not right to speak of schism,
But it's bath first and then deodorant,
So let's all take good soap, and examine all the dope,
Like good old Mart did way back then. REFRAIN

APOSTLE'S CREED

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 into hell. 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 PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION

Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.

A brief silence.

Holy Mystery, you call us to be your church. Keep calling your people to faithful reform. Give us vision and courage to share your new life with all the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Joyful Creator, you made a wondrous universe and call us to be partners in its care. Inspire delight in the furry, scaly, watery, breezy, sandy stuff you love. Inspire us to bring about creation's healing. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you love our enemies and bless all people. Make our hearts yearn to be joyful and share your generosity. Help leaders and citizens use political power in service of your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Compassionate One, you bring about the fullness of life. When sorrow wounds faith, send wise ones to comfort and encourage those who suffer. Heal your people in body, mind, and spirit (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy Trinity, you call us together to bless your world. Guide all who are preparing for baptism into the joy of new life in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, you bring life out of death at every turn. We give you thanks for all the saints (*especially the apostle Barnabas*) and for dear ones whom we mourn (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Please be seated

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.
Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERTORY HYMN: “I’ll Fly Away”

1. Some bright morning when this life is o’er, I’ll fly away. To that home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away.

CHORUS: I’ll fly away, Oh glory, I’ll fly away. When I die, hallelujah by and by, I’ll fly away.

2. When the shadows of this life have gone, I’ll fly away. Like a bird from these prison walls I’ll fly, I’ll fly away. **CHORUS**

3. Oh, how glad and happy when we meet, I’ll fly away. No more cold iron shackles on my feet, I’ll fly away. **CHORUS**

4. Just a few more weary days and then, I’ll fly away. To a land where joys will never end, I’ll fly away. **CHORUS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God,

you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE LORD’S PRAYER – LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM

BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: “I Shall Walk in the Presence of God”

1. I shall walk in the presence of God; I shall walk.
With the sun and the rain upon me I shall walk.
In the land of the living, living land I shall walk.
With my sisters and brothers around me I shall walk.

2. I shall sing in the presence of God; I shall sing.
With the sun and the rain upon me I shall sing.
In the land of the living, living land I shall sing.
With my sisters and brothers around me I shall sing.

3. I shall breathe in the presence of God; I shall breathe.
With the sun and the rain upon me I shall breathe.
In the land of the living, living land I shall breathe.
With my sisters and brothers around me I shall breathe.

4. I shall dance in the presence of God; I shall dance.
With the sun and the rain upon me I shall dance.
In the land of the living, living land I shall dance.
With my sisters and brothers around me I shall dance.

Repeat #1

Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music:	The Praise Team	
Greeters:	Char Berg, Cheri Johnson	
Ushers:	8:30 – Chuck & Elsa Carlson	10:00 – Marilyn Andrews
Lector:	8:30 am Val Benton	10:00 am Val Benton
Hospitality Hosts:	Jack & Paula Spetz, Denny & Lynne Meidlinger	

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, June 4, 2017: 8:30am 88 10:00am 39

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

June 12 through June 18, 2016

Monday	6/12	1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	6/13	10:00-12:00	Pastor's Text Study
		9:00 am	Quilters
		3:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
Wednesday	6/14	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	6/15	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		10:00 am	Property Meeting
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
Friday	6/16	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	6/18	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS! Today we worship in the great outdoors of our backyard. Our First Lesson, The Creation Story in Genesis, celebrates this amazing, changing, fragile and beautiful world we call home. Enjoy communing with The God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gave us “the world and all who dwell therein!”

FOOT CLINIC Our next Foot Care Clinic will be held on Saturday, July 8th, 2017. Call the church office to make an appointment: 320-684-2123 (M-F 11:00am – 3:00pm).

VEGGIE STAND Our next opening will be July 2nd, then every Saturday until Labor Day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is scheduled for June 19-23. Can you help out? Please look at the bulletin boards in the Narthex or contact Joanne Stueven at 218 678-2778.

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS Judy & Jim Birk’s grandson, James

LAWN MOWING the list is in the Narthex – Please pick a week to mow. Thank you.

NEW WEBSITE – the new website is up and running. You can listen to the gospel and the sermon for each week, preview the Sunday bulletins, find forms for prayer requests, recent events and more! Go check it out today and bookmark this site to your favorites!

<http://www.blcmalmo.org>

FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC sponsored by Isle & Malmo Lions. Wed, June 21st at 5:00 pm for the meal. Lakeside Park in Malmo. Activities will include kid games, informational booths and demonstrations (K9 unit, squad car, fire truck, snowmobile groomer, Mounted Police, etc). Music at 6:00 pm from Bethesda Choir, Bible School Students, Praise Choir and more.

DONATIONS NEEDED for Community Picnic. Instead of the church donating money we will be looking at our members to donate cookies or bars toward the meal. (Any extra will come back to the church for Sunday coffee or be sold with money going to Veggie stand) Have any cookies/bars at the church Tuesday, June 20th and thank you for anyone who can help.

CONGRATULATIONS to graduating senior, Nicole Theresa Berry. Graduation at Isle was on May 26, 2017.

USED TOYS Looking for donations of gently used outdoor toys for our playground. Simply drop off at the Toy House.

THANK YOU – Praise Team and Lay Preachers!