

~Trinity~
Sunday, June 7, 2020

~ Hymn 15 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

1. *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to
Thee; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

2. *Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around
the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee, Which wert and
art and evermore shalt be.*

3. *Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide
Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory
may not see: Only Thou art holy; there is none
beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.*

4. *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth
and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and
mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

~**Invocation** — *Calling upon the Triune God*

(Matt 28:19)

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

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~**Prayer of Confession**

(p. 158 Collect #81)

P: O Lord God, heavenly Father: We poor sinners confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing, and that, left to ourselves, we die and perish in sin, since that which is born of flesh is flesh and cannot see the kingdom of God. But we pray that You would grant us Your grace and mercy, and for the sake of Your Son, Jesus, Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that being regenerate we may firmly believe the forgiveness of sins according to Your promise in baptism, and that we may daily increase in Christian love and in other good works, until we at last obtain eternal salvation; through the same Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

~**Absolution** — *God's declaration of forgiveness*

(ELH p. 43, II; Matt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~Men's Choir "Psalm 8"

(CW p. 67)

Refrain: I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.

*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.*

*When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,*

*what is man that you are mindful of him,
the Son of Man that you care for him?*

Refrain: I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.

*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.*

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

Refrain: I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.

~Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 18:30-32 Therefore, I will judge each one of you according to his ways, O house of Israel, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn away from all your rebellious acts, so that you will not set out a stumbling block that makes you guilty. Throw off from yourselves all your rebellious actions by which you have rebelled, and obtain a new heart and a new spirit for yourselves. Why should you die, O house of Israel? For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies, declares the Lord God. So repent and live!

~Men's Choir "Glory to the Father Give"

(James Montgomery)

*1. Glory to the Father give, God in whom we
move and live, Children's prayers He deigns
to hear, Children's songs delight His ear.*

*2. Glory to the Son we bring, Christ our
Prophet, Priest, and King; Children raise
your sweetest strain To the Lamb, for He
was slain.*

*3. Glory to the Holy Ghost, Who reclaims the
sinners lost; Children's minds may He
inspire, Touch their tongue with holy fire.*

*4. Glory in the highest be To the blessed
Trinity, For the Gospel from above, For the
Word that God is Love.*

~Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-15 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him."

Jesus replied, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." "How can these things be?" asked Nicodemus.

"You are the teacher of Israel," Jesus answered, "and you do not know these things? Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

~Apostles' Creed — Confession of faith

(ELH p. 46)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

~ Hymn 403, vv. 1, 3, 6 *God Loved the World*

*1. God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.*

*3. God would not have the sinner die,
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word doth teach
How man the blessed goal may reach.*

*6. Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!*

~Sermon Text

1 John 4:12-16 No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and his love has been brought to its goal in us. This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We also have come to know and trust the love that God has for us.

God is love. Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

~Sermon Message

The Triune God IS LOVE

~ Hymn 37 We All Believe in One True God

1. *We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever present Help in need,
Praised by all the heav'nly host,
By whose mighty pow'r alone
All is made and wrought and done.*

2. *We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's Son,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won,
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.*

3. *We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both fore'er proceeds,
Who upholds and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blest and Holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!*

~Special Prayers & Petitions

~Collect — *The congregation's prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 45; p. 157 #80)

P: Almighty God, by Your grace alone we are called into Your kingdom, to confess the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the true Unity: We beseech You, that You would keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one true God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 49; Mt 6:9-13)

C: 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.

~Benediction — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 59; Num 6:24-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

~ Hymn 404, vv. 4, 5 *The Lord My God Be Praised*

4. *The Lord, my God, be praised,
My God, who ever liveth,
To whom the heav'nly host
All praise and honor giveth.
The Lord, my God, be praised,
In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Ghost.*

5. *To Him with joyful song
Our praises we are bringing
And with the angel throng
Thrice "Holy" we are singing.
With one united voice
The Church doth Him adore.
The Lord, my God, be praised
Now and forevermore.*

*Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organist: John Baumann*

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$6,524.52 (includes text & on-line giving)
Fiscal Year To Date Deficit (as of 4/30/20): \$54,621.

Romans 8:31-32 What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

Dear Mt. Olive Family & Friends: Due to the concerns for public health during this COVID-19 pandemic, and respecting the advisement of our governmental agencies, we have moved to providing DIGITAL WORSHIP SERVICES. You can find these on our website and on our local TV station, KTV.

Please know that our church leadership is continuing to look for the best possible ways to serve you with Word and Sacrament. Please bear with us in this process. If you are in need of Pastoral Care or would like to receive the Lord's Supper we are here to minister to you and desire to do so.

You may contact our office at (507) 345-4966.

Catch Mt. Olive Worship Services Online at www.mtolivelutheran.org

OR

TV on local cable channels 181 (Spectrum) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.

To give your offering online, go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link "DONATE ONLINE". Or TEXT 833-726-3742 along with the amount you wish to donate. Or Mail your offering to the church office.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

**The flowers on the altar are given to God's glory by Art & Terri Westphal
in loving memory of Linda Loge.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School Open House

New MVL students and their families are invited to an Open House on Wednesday, June 17. Last names A-M can come to campus between 4:30-6:00 PM, and last names N-Z between 6:00-7:30 PM. Applications, course registration, tours, and more will be available. For more information, call the school office at 507.354.6851.

MVL Summer Camp Changes

Changes have been made to the dates of MVL's summer camps. A full list can be found at www.mvl.org/athletics/summer-camps. If you have already registered and wish to cancel, please contact the MVL office at 507-354-6851 or sallee@mvlhs.org.

Vacation Bible School

At its May meeting, the Board for Parish Education and Youth decided to cancel this year's Vacation Bible School due to the concerns and restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 epidemic. God willing, this will be among the many things we look forward to resuming in the next year!

Camp Indianhead Summer '20 Announcement:

Dear family and friends of Camp Indianhead,

We know Covid-19 has presented a number of challenges for our churches and families over the past few months. In light of these challenges, the Camp Indianhead directors have been carefully considering how to proceed this summer. Though we could adapt Indianhead to meet the current CDC and Minnesota health requirements, we feel strongly that such adaptations would alter the unique culture of Camp Indianhead. Because of our great love for Camp Indianhead and in order to preserve what it means to so many campers, we have decided to postpone camp for this Summer, to resume summer 2021.

For our campers who would have been enjoying their last year of camp, we'd like to temporarily amend the upper age limit, so they can join us summer 2021.

Overall, we are overwhelmed with the support from our families, pastors, and congregations; you are the reason Camp Indianhead exists! We pray you all have a blessed summer and we'll look forward to seeing you summer 2021!

Your servants in Christ,

Pastor Shawn Stafford and Pastor Josh Mayer, Camp Indianhead Directors