

The Holy Trinity
Sunday June 4, 2023



And God Saw That It Was Good!



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PRELUDE *Thine the Amen*

by Carl F. Schalk

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

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

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Righteous 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.

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.

GATHERING

***GATHERING HYMN** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

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***GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you
all.

People: *And also with you.*

***Kyrie**

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***Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God...

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***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.

People: *Amen.*

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

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. ⁴**And 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 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 sec-
ond day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered togeth-
er 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 togeth-
er 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.

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.

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.

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.**

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.

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. ³¹**God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.** And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{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.

Reader: Word of God; Word of Life.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm: Psalm 8

Spoken in Unison

¹**O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—**
²**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.**
³**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**
⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**
⁵**Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.**
⁶**You 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,**
⁸**the 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 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.

Reader: Word of God; Word of Life.

People: *Thanks be to God*

***Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

PEOPLE: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Listen, God is Calling*

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***APOSTLES' 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 to the dead.
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.***

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Between each petition the following is said:

Asst. Min.: God, in your mercy,
People: *Hear our prayer.*

Asst. Min.: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name
of Jesus Christ.

People: *Amen.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

This Is My Father's World
TEMC Live Quartet Toronto

arr. Elaine Hagenberg

PREPARING THE TABLE

A note about communion practices at St. Matthew...If you are seeking Christ, you are welcome to receive the sacrament, no matter your faith practice. We serve a wheat wafer and a small cup of wine. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer or juice, please indicate that to your server. If you would like to receive a prayer blessing instead of communion, simply indicate that at the altar rail. God is with you!

OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus** **p. 144b**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Acclamation:** **p. 145**

***LORD'S PRAYER** Spoken in Unison

***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.***

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

***TABLE BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.

***BENEDICTION**

The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed
✝ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Listen, God is Calling*

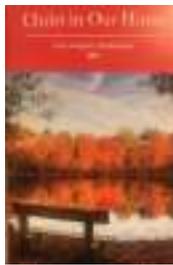
Tanzanian Tune
arr. Austin Lovelace

WEEKLY BRUNCH AT KNIGHT AND DAY DINER!

*The Wednesday Noon Bible study group will not be meeting this summer.
Instead, we will meet for brunch in local restaurants.
10am Wednesdays
June 7, 14, 21, 28
Knight & Day Diner, 3140 Lititz Pike*



Christ in our Home booklets (July, August, Sept.) are now available in the church lobby.



These are free and for anyone to take.

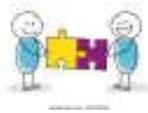
Please take multiple copies and share Jesus in your community.

Take them with you on vacation!

GAME DAY is coming!

***Sunday June 11
from 11 to 2 or 3(?)***

Pizza, puzzles, games, fun!



Weekly Prayer List

Janet Baker, Jack Bitzer, Joseph Coddington,
Jake Collins, Earl Elsen, Leroy Emmerich,
Steve Feldmann, Sheila Leffler, Mary Rynier,
Lunda Shaub, Terry Tice,
Shirley Wertz and Norma Whitmeyer

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Statement of Welcome, Affirmation
and Full Participation**



Welcome to St Matthew, the little church
with a big heart.



We are a Reconciling in Christ (Open and
Affirming)
congregation, so when we say "all are welcome",
we really mean it.

We strive to live that out in our actions as well as our words. We
publicly and humbly commit to do what it takes to truly be a
sanctuary filled with warmth, love, understanding, safety,
respect and care for all who enter here.

*(Please see our Full Statement of Welcome, Affirmation and Full
Participation on our website: www.stmatthewelc.com. Copies of the
Full Statement are also available in the Education and
Resources Stand in the Fellowship Hall.)*

At-Home Monthly Prayer List

Marie Bernlohr, Judy Birunas, Jack Bitzer,
Deb Bosch, Richard Kirchoff, Nancy Kline,
Linda Martin, George Resh,
Jean Schweers and Jack Underkoffler



JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

6/5 Martha Keister
6/6 Bernice Scheetz
6/10 Lois Sheaffer
6/25 Victoria Syvertson
6/29 Benjamin Kendall

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES!

6/9 David & Brenda Ritterpusch
6/18 Ned & Cynthia Longenecker

The Congregation

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Care for June:	Barb Elsen & Kay Gontner
Assisting Minister:	Linda McIntyre
Greeter:	Toni & Sam Sweitzer
Usher:	OPEN
Reader:	Linda McIntyre
Counters:	Brenda Stauffer & Barb Elsen

6/3 Saturday
5:00pm Worship

6/11 Sunday
10:00am Worship
11:15am Game Day

6/4 Sunday
10:00am Worship
11:15am Reception for
Ann Hossler

**Events scheduled for outside groups that use our facility. You are welcome to attend or sign up for all other events on the calendar.*

6/7 Wednesday
10:00am Knight & Day Diner
6:30pm M.T. Democratic
Committee

**Scripture Readings—
June 10-11, 2023**

**Hosea 5:15—6:6
Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

6/10 Saturday
5:00pm Worship