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The Holy Trinity

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Welcome to worship today. Our prayer is that we may meet our Holy God in song, word, activity, and prayer.

Introduction
"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

*[Congregation's responses are printed in **BOLD** type.]*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERED

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

HYMN 413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!


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!
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: 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.

WORD

FIRST READING Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING PSALM 8 *(read responsively)*

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 16:12-15

The Holy Gospel according to John, 16th chapter,
Glory to you, O Lord.

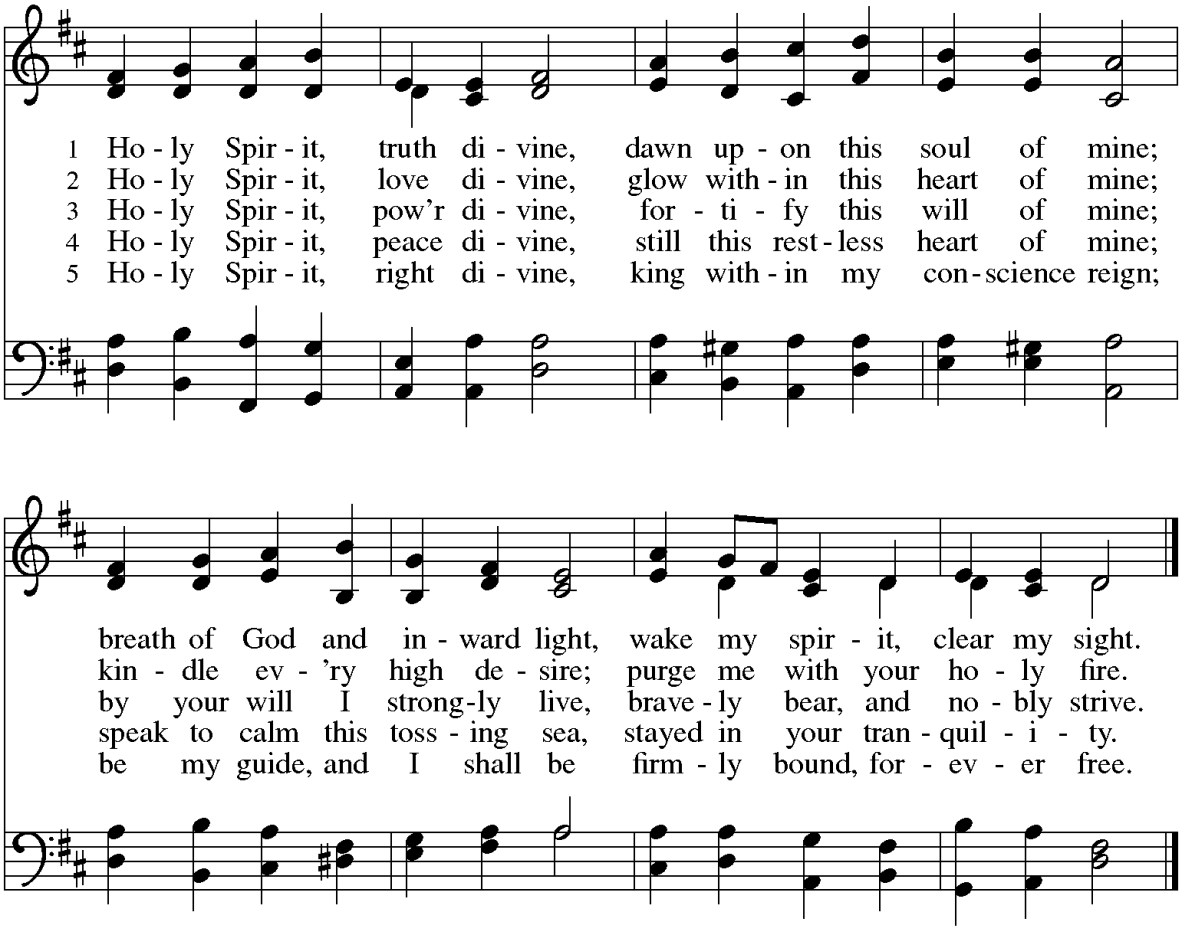
[Jesus said,] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father

has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN 398 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM **Page 234**

We rejoice and welcome new members today:

Abby and Jesus Vesga

Please stay following worship to welcome them and enjoy refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Each prayer petition ends, *God of grace,*
Our response, **hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
You may share the peace of Christ with one another

OFFERING

MEAL

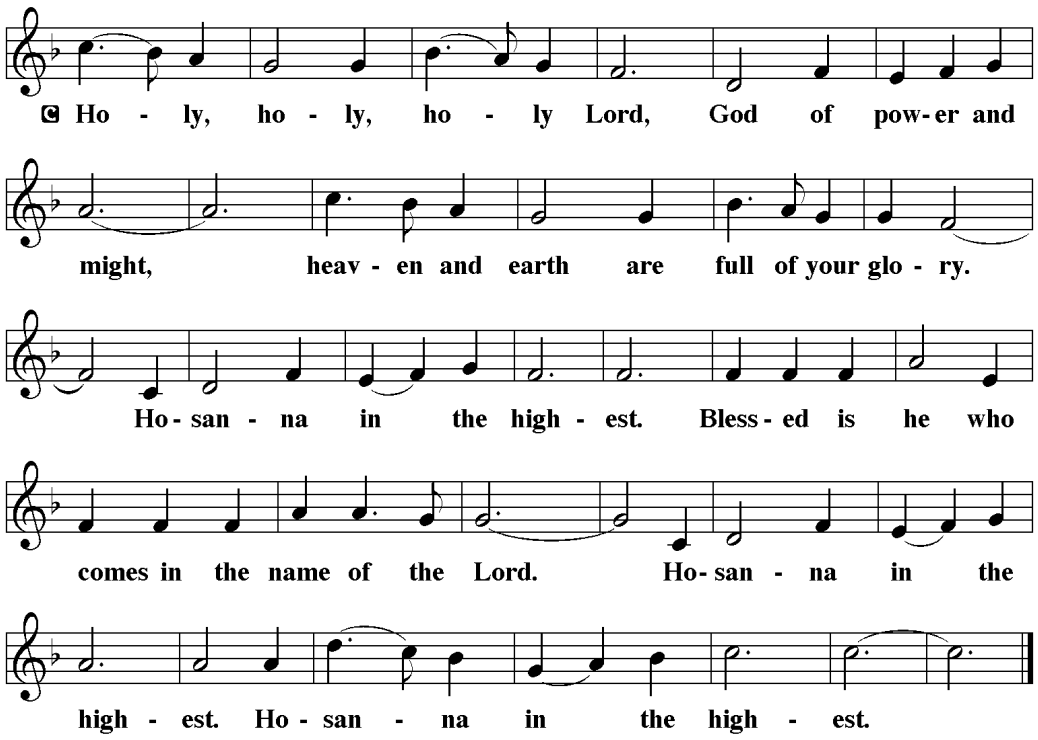
OFFERTORY PRAYER
Let us pray. Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 for the 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.

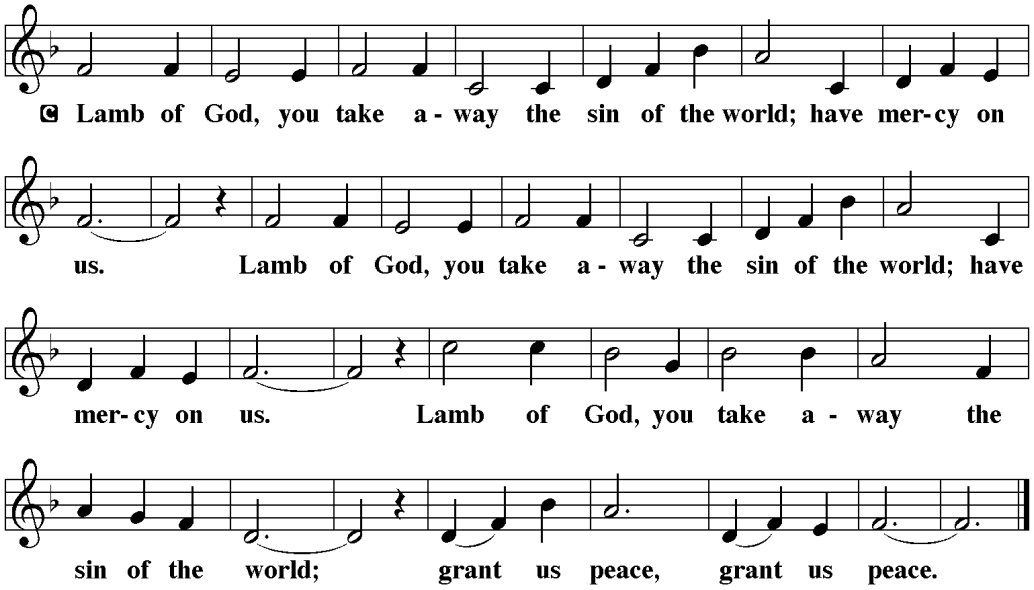
LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Assisting Minister will be communed first so that those on Zoom can partake in the communion before the congregation:

The Body of Christ given for you.
The Blood of Christ shed for you



POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus the Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

HYMN 408 Come, Thou, Almighty King



POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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Texts for **June 22**: Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

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Attendance at last week's service was 20 and 2 Zoom and YouTube.

Calendar for the Week
Tuesday June 17 – Neighborhood Connection Meeting at 7:00pm, they will discuss all the upcoming Summer Events. All are welcome to attend.
Saturday June 21 – Book of the month 10:00am here at church
Saturday June 21 – The Neighborhood Connection Community Ice Cream Social with Bingo at 2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events
Saturday July 12 – The Neighborhood Connection Backpack Stuffing
Saturday July 19 – The Neighborhood Connection Backpack Giveaway Event
Saturday August 16 – The Neighborhood Connection ANNUAL YARD SALE

The ICAN Food Pantry is at Downey Avenue Christian Church, 111 S. Downey Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219. They appreciate all of the food and toiletry donations that are provided to them through Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Their website is www.icanfoodpantry.com. They have an Amazon wish list on their webpage where you can select items on their list, order and pay for them, and they will be mailed directly to Downey Avenue Christian Church. Thank you for any and all donations.

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IK SYNOD DISASTER RESPONSE

TORNADO EVENTS MAY 16TH, 2025

MAY 2025

On May 16th 2025 two tornado events occurred in our synod that destroyed homes and businesses. Also in the path of this storm was Redeemer Lutheran Church in Somerset KY. Bloomington and Linton Indiana along with London and Somerset Kentucky were severely damaged. A historic F4 tornado with winds topping 170mph caused severe destruction in the London and Somerset communities leaving deep scars.

Your undesignated gifts to IK Synod Disaster Response help equip us to respond quickly and generously, whenever and wherever these disasters may occur.

Though we don't know yet the full impact of these events, IK Synod Disaster Response has been supporting these families and communities that will be rebuilding their lives.

We are coordinating with Monroe, Pulaski, and Laurel Counties to assess the needs of those impacted. We are fully committed to working with them to provide for immediate needs and we will continue to be here to assist in recovery efforts in the months and years to come.

YES, I WANT TO HELP

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