

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

*Growing in faith. Growing in community.  
Welcoming all in Jesus' name.*



## HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, June 15, 2025

**10 AM Service of  
Holy Communion**



"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.

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## WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**We believe all people are created in God's image.** Rooted in Jesus' ministry of liberation, unconditional love, and hospitality, we strive to welcome all into our community. This welcome explicitly includes those who have traditionally been marginalized in the church and society due to their sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, racial and ethnic background, physical ability, developmental ability, citizenship/documentation status, and socio-economic status.

We hope that our young people experience God in our gathering together. Families are welcome to use the Playground in the rear corner of the sanctuary if you want more space, and to use the Playground in the narthex if you need a break from the activities in the sanctuary. Most of all, know that the joyful noise of young people in our worship is welcome!

**Hearing assist devices are available in the narthex.  
If you need any other help with worship, please speak  
with an usher at the doors to the sanctuary.**

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Upon entering the sanctuary, the people pray silently or engage in quiet meditation allowing the music to focus their attention on God and God's kingdom.*

### PRELUDE

"Siciliano and Presto"      Handel; arr. McKinney  
from *Organ Concerto No. 4*  
Henry Chisholm and Rich Wallden  
*Piano-Organ Duet*

### WELCOME

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### DIALOG AND INVOCATION

Let us worship the Triune God.

**Let us worship the One  
who spoke in the beginning  
and created something out of nothing.**

Let us worship the Triune God.

**Let us worship the One  
who took on the clothing of humanity  
to set those who were oppressed free.**

Let us worship the Triune God.

**Let us worship the One  
whose Spirit rests continually upon us,  
calling us from sorrow-filled endings  
to bright new beginnings.**

Let us worship in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

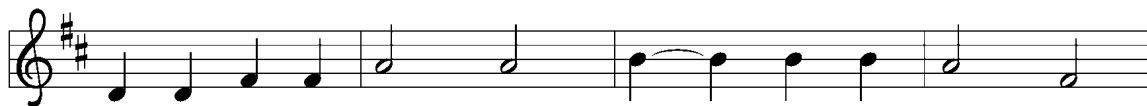
### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**

ELW 413 (harmony)

*Found on p. 3*

# 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!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.**

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace given to us in Jesus Christ, the power of God who calls us with a holy calling, and the help of the Holy Spirit living in us be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

✠ WORD ✠

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING**

**Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

*Wisdom rejoices in the creation*

A reading from Proverbs:

- <sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call  
and understanding raise her voice?  
<sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
<sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
<sup>4</sup> "To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all who live.  
<sup>22</sup> "The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth,  
<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there;  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup> 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,  
<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker,

and I was daily his delight,  
playing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup> playing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

Spirit of wisdom, may the word guide and make holy the church  
**that the whole creation may become what you want it to be.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

## Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup> O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth! —  
<sup>2</sup> **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.  
<sup>3</sup> **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**  
<sup>4</sup> what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?  
<sup>5</sup> **Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.**  
<sup>6</sup> You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:  
<sup>7</sup> **all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,**  
<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.  
<sup>9</sup> O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## SECOND READING

## Romans 5:1-5

*God's love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit*

A reading from Romans:

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our

Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Spirit of wisdom, may the word guide and make holy the church  
**that the whole creation may become what you want it to be.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## ACCLAMATION

## Alleluia

*Creation Setting*  
Marty Haugen

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? \_\_\_\_\_

You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_

## HOLY GOSPEL

## John 16:12-15

*The Spirit will guide you into the truth*

The Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>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 the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

JP & Friends

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW 412



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,





but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with-in their dance.  
when fear con-fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Greg Johnson

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Based on Titus 2:11-15; 3:1-8*

We rejoice to declare our faith  
in the Triune God:

**We believe in God the Father,  
who has revealed his love  
and kindness to us,  
and in his mercy saved us,  
not for any good deed of our own.  
but because he is merciful.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who gave himself up for us  
to free us from our sin,  
and set us apart for himself -  
a people eager to do good.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
whom God poured out on us generously  
through Christ our Savior,  
so that justified by grace**

**we might become heirs  
with the hope of eternal life.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn into the embrace of our triune God, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Abiding God, your love pours into your whole church, creating faith and bestowing hope. Fill all the baptized with these good gifts in our various callings. Gather your church in every place and expression into the unity of your Spirit. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Creating God, your name is majestic in all the earth, and we are filled with awe at your creation. Renew this planet and all its wonders: springs abounding with water, earth and soil, beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race. On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma. Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in authority, work for the life and freedom of others. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick, especially Pastor Janet, Lewis, and Stephen, those on our prayer list, and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts....(a brief silence). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Living God, your glory appears in our shared life. On this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Ever-living God, keep us and our partners in ministry, especially St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wilmington and Grace of God Lutheran Church in Millsboro, steadfast in this faith and defend us in all adversity, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially the Emanuel Nine, martyrs, and Dennis. Hold us in our grief and bring us at last to fullness of life in you.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers.*

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Blessed be Christ, our peace, who breaks down the walls that divide.  
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly exchanges Christ's peace  
in word and gesture, saying,*

**Peace be with you.**

*Be seated.*

## ✙ MEAL ✙

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## GATHERING OF GIFTS

*In response to God's love in Jesus Christ,  
we offer our gifts for service and mission.*

*At this time, please sign the Fellowship Pad (the black folder) found at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor and back again. We ask **visitors** to provide us with contact information so we can thank you for enriching our worship experience. We ask **members** to update any changes to their information so records are maintained.*

**ANTHEM****"Come, Holy Spirit, Come"**  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Kupferschmid

*Please stand, as you are able, and sing as the gifts are presented and the table is set.***OFFERTORY****Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful***Creation Setting*  
Marty Haugen

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**C** Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, —

— and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. —

Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the

hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, — and give us a fore - taste



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, you open your hand, filling our lives with all good things and renewing the face of the earth.

**We offer these gifts in thanksgiving for all that we have received from your bounty. Accept them for the sake of him who offered his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.

You reveal your glory

as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

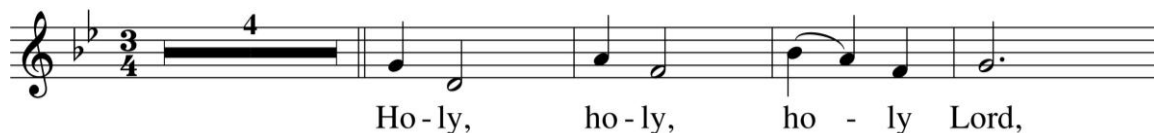
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,  
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

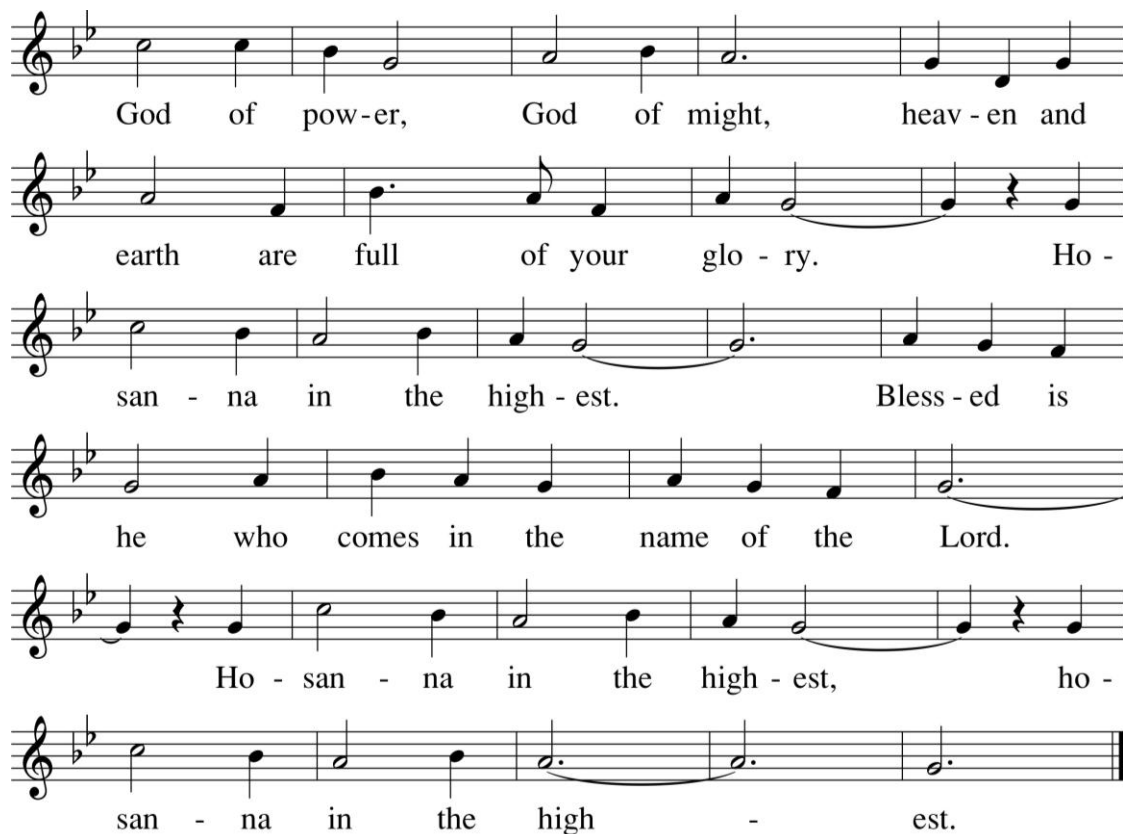
And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Creation Setting*  
Marty Haugen





## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Through the Holy Spirit, God gives us a share in Christ's life and love.

**Fill us at this table with the vision of your glory,  
that we may always serve and praise God.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Creation Setting*  
Marty Haugen

Je - sus, Lamb of God; ——— you take a - way the  
sin of the world, ——— have mer - cy on — us.  
Je - sus, Lamb of God; ——— you  
take a - way the sin of the world:  
grant us your — peace.

*Be seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.*



*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Those who choose not to commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossed arms. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, please notify an usher.*

*Non-alcoholic grape juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

## Now We Join in Celebration

ELW 462 (harmony)



- 1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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## Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

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1 Source and Sov'-reign, Rock and Cloud, For - tress, Foun-tain, Shel - ter, Light,  
2 Word and Wis-dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav - ior, Ser - vant, Lamb,  
3 Storm and Still-ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem - pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,



Judge, De - fend - er, Mer - cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:  
Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:  
Com - fort, Coun-s'lor, Pres - ence, Love, En - er - gies that nev - er tire:

### *Refrain*



May the church at prayer re - call that no sin - gle ho - ly name



but the truth be - hind them all is the God whom we pro-claim.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: ABERYSTWYTH, Joseph Parry, 1841–1903

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*After all have communed and returned to their places, **remain seated.***

## BLESSING AND PRAYER

Strengthened by the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and kept in his grace, we pray.

Nurtured at this table that we may grow to the stature of Jesus Christ, help us, O God, to love you above all else and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, demonstrating that love, in deed and word, toward all your children.

**Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**LIFE OF THE CHURCH – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**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.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

**ELW 414** (harmony)

*Found on p. 20*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

**arr. Lani Smith**

NICA EA

*Piano-Organ Duet*

We thank Rich Wallden and Henry Chisholm  
for subbing in at the organ and piano, respectively,  
while Mike Bareham is away on vacation.



# Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
 and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900

Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774



## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister: Mary Beth Bergstrom  
Lector: Lorraine Fett  
Bread Provider: Linda Brammer  
Altar Guild: Cheri Simons  
Flower Guild: Cheri Simons



' The flowers in the chancel are given to  
the glory and praise of God in  
celebration of Cheri Simons' birthday  
by Troy and Cheri Simons.



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*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
God's glory fills the whole earth.*

Isaiah 6:3

# ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 15, 2025

### HOLY TRINITY

Early Christians began to speak of the one God in three persons in order to fully describe the wonder of salvation. God is above us, beside us, within us. God is our loving Father, our friend Jesus, our companion Spirit. To be baptized in this name is to enter into God's community.

### GRADUATION RECOGNITION

We would like to recognize our graduates in worship on Sunday, June 29. If you have someone in your family graduating from high school, college, or a trade school, please contact the church office ([office@stpaulsnewarkde.org](mailto:office@stpaulsnewarkde.org)) by Wednesday, June 25, so that we can congratulate them and pray over them as they transition into their futures.

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESCHOOL BOARD

St. Paul's Lutheran School Board is excited to announce the hire of Dr. RaeLynn Watts as the new School Director. Dr. Watts brings over a decade of experience in the field of Early Childhood Education, with a strong background in Educational Leadership. As the new School Director, she is deeply committed to fostering a nurturing, faith-based environment where young children can grow, learn, and thrive. Rae is passionate about combining her love for early childhood development with her devotion to Christ. She is looking forward to leading the school into a bright and purposeful future, grounded in love, learning, and spiritual growth. The Board is very excited about Rae's leadership and vision, and invite the Congregation to join us in celebrating Rae with her official installation on Sunday, July 6. We will be holding a celebration to mark the occasion after the service, and look forward to renewed School-Congregation engagement in the year ahead!



## **PASTOR CRIS ON NAVY DUTY**

Pastor Cris has been in South Carolina all this week doing Navy duty with the Marines and recruits at Parris Island and will be back in the office tomorrow. Pastor Greg will preside and preach this morning.

## **BREWING THEOLOGY – LOCATION CHANGE**

Our hosts for the month of June have been changed to Rudy Schock and Anne Sullivan, 152 Mallory Lane, Oxford, Pennsylvania. Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, June 18, at 7 PM. We will be sharing our favorite bible verse. Please RSVP to [rschock324@gmail.com](mailto:rschock324@gmail.com).

## **LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE**

Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD invites you to join us for the tenth anniversary party for our chaplain, Mindy Holland, on Saturday afternoon, June 21. There will be an open house from 1 - 4 PM at the LCM chapel, located at 247 Haines Street in Newark. Parking will be available in the Pearson Lot (Lot 53) at the corner of Haines Street and Lovett Street. No gifts, please, though cards are welcomed, and financial contributions to the ministry are encouraged. RSVP to their office administrator, Victoria, at [office@lcmde.org](mailto:office@lcmde.org) or 302-368-3078 by **Wednesday, June 18**, to help us plan for food and refreshments.

## **BOOKS AND BANTER**

St. Paul's avid readers meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1PM in the Youth Room. If you have a book that you would like to share with the group, please let us know. Please join us for conversation and fellowship.

**June 25** "The Measure" by Nikki Erlich

## **IT'S SUMMERTIME AND THE FISH ARE BITING**

Our student contingent is away for the summer, so we can use your help with the various events this week – first our Food Bank pickup on Thursday, June 19, at 1 PM, then later that day with the box packing at 6:30 PM. On Friday, June 20, you can join our crew for the distribution from 2:30 – 4:00 PM. The latter two activities take place in Fellowship Hall. You can get more information by calling or emailing Keith Bart ([302-345-6107](tel:302-345-6107) / [keith.m.bart@gmail.com](mailto:keith.m.bart@gmail.com)).



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**Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast**

Articles due by Wednesday morning at

10 AM. Late submissions will be shared

the following week. Please send articles to

the church office at [office@stpaulsnewarkde.org](mailto:office@stpaulsnewarkde.org)

**St. Paul's Online Prayer Ministry**

Send prayer requests to:

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