



Trinity by Mark Jennings

The Season after Pentecost

The Sunday of the Holy Trinity

June 7, 2020 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, NC

Welcome to St. John's!

You'll notice that our worship follows a simple pattern that has guided the church's worship since the first century — Gather, Word, Meal, Sending — a pattern designed to nourish and strengthen us for the week ahead. Welcome to worship!



Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God

Call to Worship

Nothing Else

Written by Cody Carnes, Hank Bentley, Jessie Early
Bradley Chestnut, soloist

Prayers of Confession

We make the sign of the cross as a reminder of our baptism.

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

Let us pray. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.**

God's Promise of Forgiveness

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with his light, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

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.**

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

We hear God's word in scripture reading, preaching, and song

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, and the Spirit's partnership.

The apostle 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.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Response

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father From whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit Who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Eaton
Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton was elected as the first woman to become the fourth Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 14, 2013, and was reelected during Church Wide Assembly in 2019. Prior to her election, Eaton served as bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod. She was ordained in 1981 after a call to serve All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington, Ohio and a one-year term as interim pastor at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Youngstown, Ohio. She was serving as pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Ashtabula, Ohio when she was called to become bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod.

Bishop Eaton was present and assisted in worship at St. John's on September 17, 2011 when we hosted a joint Covenant service of worship and celebration with the African Methodist

Episcopal Zion Church which also included then Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson of the ELCA, Bishop Bolick of the NC Synod of the ELCA and Senior Bishop George Walker of the AME Zion Church.

Bishop Eaton's four emphases for the ELCA are: We are church; We are Lutheran; We are church together; We are church for the sake of the world. These four emphases are fundamental to identifying who we are as the church of Christ. As presiding bishop, Eaton travels extensively, representing the ELCA in a variety of capacities. She and her husband, The Rev. T. Conrad Selnick, are parents of two adult children, Rebeckah and Susannah.

Hymn 715

Christ, Be Our Light
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CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Apostle's Creed. Gathered as God's people across time and space, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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.**

Solo

In the Name of Love
Rosemary C. Kinard, soloist

M. Lister

He heard his children weeping; He heard their mournful song,
Their voices raised to heaven crying out, "O Lord, how long?"
And He said "I'll send a Savior to set My people free,
To break their chains of bondage and bring them back to Me."

Refrain

In the name of the Spirit, in the name of the Father,
In the name of peace He comes from heaven above.
In the name of justice, in the name of forgiveness,
He comes today, come to stay in the name of love.

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We hear the cry for justice; we hear the nations sing,
We hear the mystic wonder of praise to Christ, the King.
Then let us join the chorus and let our voices grow
'til all the earth with music and peace shall overflow. **Refrain**

Prayers of Intercession. *Each petition ends: Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

Lords Prayer

**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.**



Sending

Forgiven and nourished, we are now sent into the world to share God's love.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 729

The Church of Christ, In Every Age
(Verses 1—3, 5)
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WAREHAM

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*

Worship Participants

GUEST PREACHER: The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop, ELCA

SONG LEADERS: Rosemary Kinard and Matt Woolly

READER: Roger Alexander

TROMBONE: Aleksandr Witt

SOUND: Mike Agee

VIDEO: Taylor Hutchins, Production Manager

Join Us In Prayer For The Following:

CONDOLENCES— Marilyn Smith and family, on the passing of Dr. Ronald D. Smith on Wednesday, June 3.

David, Dawson, Zachary Carr, and family, on the passing of Julie Carr on Friday, May 29. A private memorial service was held at St. John's on Friday, June 5.

Montye and Hal Furr, Stacy Wilson, Brad Furr, and family, on the passing of Burt Harris on Tuesday, June 2. A graveside service was conducted at Rowan Memorial Park on Friday, June 5.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS — Lorna Reason, Dr. Norman Sloop

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS — Shirley Trexler, Nancy Austin, Rachel Safrit, Henry Kluttz, Jack Connery, John Myers, Bob Melton, Phyllis Edwards, Jane Shuping, Barbara Rufty, Hal Furr, Walter Tatum, Jim Rabon, Matt Stahl, Sonny Lippard, Nancy Parrish, Thomas Livesay, David and Paula Kafitz, Karen Shelton, Gene Myers, Kent Brown

HOMEBOUND — Peggy Taylor, Lois and Paul Carter, Alda Smith, Nan Graeber, Margaret Ketner, Steve Summers, Sonny Allen, Benny Banks, Dottie Bedford, Audrey Bradshaw, Hal Furr, Fran Hoke, Sherry Morgan, Ermine Peeler, Rachel Safrit, Shirley Smith, Peggy Smith, Fran Tannehill

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Senior Pastor.....Rhodes Woolly
Pastor for Youth and Discipleship..... Laura Henrik
Visitation.....Wade Rouzer

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Minister of Worship and the Arts.....Rob Durocher, deacon
Associate Parish MusicianRosemary Kinard
9:27 Worship Leader.....Bradley Chestnut
8:30 Organist.....Deanna Boksleitner
Production Manager.....Taylor Hutchins
Director of Music Emeritus.....Karl Kinard, deacon

Program Ministry

Youth..... Laura Henrik
Children.....Stacey Shafer
Adults.....Danny Hines
Senior AdultsDiane Poole
St. John's Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds)Teresa Stoner

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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!

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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The Church of Christ, in Every Age

Verses 1—3, 5

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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