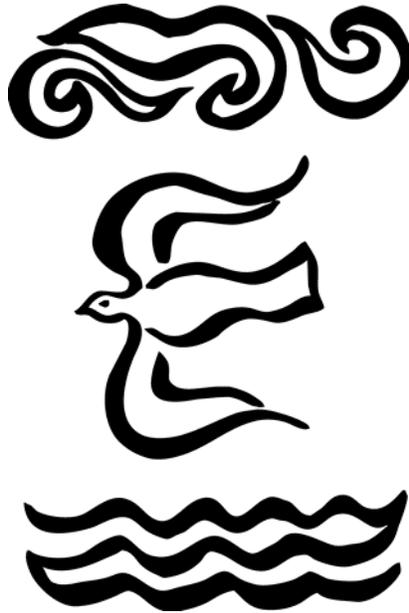


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*Holy Communion Setting Eight  
Second Sunday in Lent  
March 12, 2017—8:30am*

Materials for worship are found in this bulletin or in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Page numbers, such as “p. 172,” refer to the small page numbers in the front of the book. Hymn numbers, marked with a # sign, refer to the large numbers in the back of the book.

At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Believing in the real presence of Christ, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church practices eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to commune here. Receive the bread first, then the common cup or individual glasses containing (red) wine or (white) grape juice. Gluten, yeast, dairy, egg, soy, nut, corn free communion wafers are available in covered glass dishes on stands near the front of each communion station. Place one in the palm of your hand, cover with the other hand (palm down) and your hand will be blessed during distribution of communion. Those desiring not to commune may fold their hands to receive a blessing.

**+GATHERING+**

Welcome

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

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Gathering Hymn

“Loving Spirit”

Hymn #397

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.**

Kyrie

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*All sing the verses together.*

Prayer of the Day

*Please be seated.*

**+WORD+**

Children’s Message

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

*The assembly may respond* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody

#121

*Read responsively.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**Behold, the keeper of Israel**

**will neither slumber nor sleep;**

the LORD watches over you;

the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

**the sun will not strike you by day,**

**nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will preserve you from all evil

and will keep your life.

**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,**

**from this time forth forevermore.**

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*The assembly may respond* **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

"Let Your Steadfast Love"

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Gospel

John 3:1-17

*Announcement:* The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our

testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

*Conclusion:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Ali Tranvik

Hymn of the Day

“This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now”

Hymn #448

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 Intercession

Peace

**+MEAL+**

Offering *Hevenu Shalom Aleichem* Dan R. Edwards  
*Translation: We bring peace to you.*

Setting the Table "Come to the Table" Hymn #481

Prayer after Offering

Great Thanksgiving p. 190

Words of Institution

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.**

Communion

*Music during distribution, as time allows:*

"Lamb of God" p. 191

"Jesus, Remember Me" Hymn #616

"For Everyone Born" (see next page)

*Verse 1: Solo  
Verses 2-5: All*

1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,  
 a shel - ter a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace di - vid - ing the pow - er  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,  
 for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head.  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair.  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long.  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live.  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free.  
 And God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and  
 joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de - light  
 when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

Prayer after Communion

**+SENDING+**

Blessing

Hymn

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

Hymn #808

Announcements

Dismissal

*As a sign of our Lenten fast, no postludes will be played during the season of Lent.*

Hymn Facts

*Many of today’s hymn texts were written by female hymn-writers.*

Loving Spirit, Hymn #397

Shirley Erena Murray, a hymn writer and musician from New Zealand, wrote this hymn in 1986 in response to the Women’s Movement. It explores a multifaceted image of God, the Holy Spirit, using multiple gender depictions in her exploration of the Spirit’s nature. Murray’s hymns are printed in over a hundred hymn collections.

This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now, Hymn #448

Thomas E. Herbranson wrote this hymn text after an exploration of the *Service Book and Hymnal* (the OLD red book!) for his master’s thesis. He wanted to explore a variety of baptismal themes in one hymn, and it fits especially well in the season of Lent with the second stanza’s emphasis on Christ’s death and resurrection preceding our own rebirth through baptism.

For Everyone Born, a Place at the Table

This hymn text is also by Shirley Erena Murray. It was inspired by her involvement with Amnesty International as well as the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She wrote this hymn as a Christian interpretation of that declaration. Many of her hymns aim to give a contemporary connection to the gospel, and she was often inspired to write her hymns to respond to her husband’s sermons.

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song, Hymn #808

This hymn was written by a member of *Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus*, an international contemplative community founded in 1939 by Magdeleine Hutin. Hutin wanted to become a nun, but was rejected for her poor health. She and several others traveled to Algeria in 1939 to create a community in the Sahara Desert which gradually expanded to many parts of the world. Today, the order has 1400 sisters around the globe who live in solidarity with the poor and rejected.

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