

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

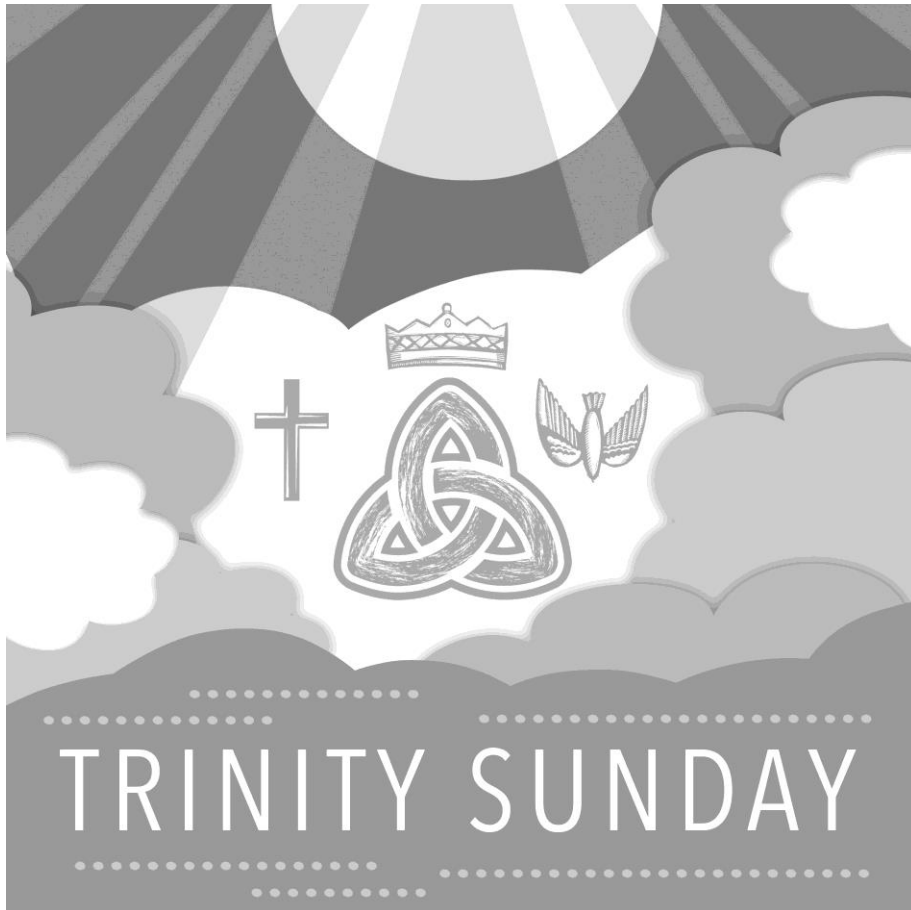
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*The Mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to honor our Lord Jesus Christ through worship and ministering to all God's people equipping them for service to God and to each other.*

### CREATIVE WORSHIP

#### **As We Gather: Calling A Faithful Pastor**

O Gracious Father, You led Your holy apostles to ordain ministers for the proclamation of Your Word and the Faithful administration of the Sacraments of Christ. Grant to this congregation the guidance of the Holy Spirit to choose a suitable pastor according to Your will for the blessing of Your Church in this place; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **PRELUDE**

*Organist*

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Peace Handbell Choir*

*"Holy, Holy Holy" – arr. by Frances L. Callahan*

#### **OPENING HYMN**

*"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940*

- 1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;

Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

3 Lo, the apostles' holy train  
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun  
Through the Church the song goes on.

4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;  
Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed,  
As to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death,  
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

△ 5 Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.

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## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Revelation 4:8b, 11*

P Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

**C Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,**

P for You created all things,

**C and by Your will they existed and were created.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God, we are called to confess You as the God who has no equal;

**C You are three distinct persons, yet one God.**

P You are holy, we are not; You are righteous, we are not.

**C Yet in Your foreknowledge, You knew this would be our state, and You made a distinct and definite plan for a way to redeem us from our sins: the sins of thought, which creep into our minds daily; our words, which deserve death because of the evil that comes from our tongues; and our deeds, which we know go against Your holiness. Forgive us, Lord, for these and all sins, not because we are deserving, but for Your definite plan of mercy and grace shown to us at the cross.**

P I ask you before God, who searches all hearts, and one another, is this your sincere confession? If so, answer yes.

**C Yes, this is my sincere confession before God and before my brothers and sisters in Christ.**

P Hear the good news on this day! God has forgiven you all your sins because of the blood of Jesus shed at the cross. In the stead and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen! Thanks be to God for His mercy and grace!**

P May God, who began this definite plan before He created the world, continue to work in you and bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Thank You, Lord, for loving us, forgiving us, and having a definite plan for us.**

## PSALM

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P Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

P The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.

**C The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

P The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**C He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

P The voice of the LORD  
flashes forth flames of fire.

**C The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

P The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**C The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

P May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## KYRIE

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace from above and for our salvation.  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of  
the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to  
the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For this holy house and for all who offer here their  
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

## COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 6:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up

according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your  
presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
Sit at my right hand,

<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 3:1–17*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly

things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **MESSAGE HYMN** *“Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB 507*

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky  
and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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## MESSAGE

**“God's Definite Plan”  
Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and  
the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LSB 805*

△ 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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.**

## HYMN “We All Believe in One True God” LSB 953

1 We all believe in one true God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present help in need,  
Praised by all the heav'nly host;

All He made His love enfolds,  
All creation He upholds.

2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
    Son of God and Mary's son,  
Who descended from His throne  
    And for us salvation won;  
By whose cross and death are we  
Rescued from all misery.

3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
    Who from both in truth proceeds,  
Who sustains and comforts us  
    In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessèd, holy Trinity,  
Praise forever be to Thee!

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
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### CLOSING PRAYER

P Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour You bore our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, Your servants, with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and through Your grace eternal glory in the life to come, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give ☩ you peace.

**C Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN “O Blessed, Holy Trinity” LSB 876

- 1 O blessèd, holy Trinity,  
    Divine, eternal Unity,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
This day Your name be uppermost.
- 2 My soul and body keep from harm,  
And over all extend Your arm;  
Let Satan cause me no distress  
Nor bring me shame and wretchedness.
- 3 The Father's love shield me this day;  
The Son's pure wisdom cheer my way;  
The Holy Spirit's joy and light  
Drive from my heart the shades of night.
- 4 My Maker, hold me in Your hand;  
O Christ, forgiven let me stand;  
Blest Comforter, do not depart;  
With faith and love enrich my heart.
- 5 Lord, bless and keep me as Your own;  
Lord, look in kindness from Your throne;  
Lord, shine unfailing peace on me  
By grace surrounded; set me free.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

*Organist*