

The Feast of the Holy Trinity

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MS. TIPPETT: There was just a passage in your manuscript where you said there's this question that's raised in the New Testament, which gets raised again and again. It's a question that Jesus asked: Who do you say...

DR. PELIKAN: Who do you say I am? Yeah.

MS. TIPPETT: And that that question is asked again and again in every new tradition in every different culture. That actually is so simple but that really made sense to me, that that's an important question.

DR. PELIKAN: And that's the difference between Jesus and Socrates.

MS. TIPPETT: Say some more.

DR. PELIKAN: I mean, all of us are, in one sense or another, pupils of Socrates. John Stewart Mill said humanity cannot be reminded often enough that there was once a man named Socrates, and that's right. But there are no temples built to Socrates. Nobody ever wrote the "B Minor Mass" in honor of Socrates, because he calls upon people to learn and therefore to be honest with themselves, but he does not call upon them to take up their cross and follow. And both he and Jesus died for what they believed. But Jesus died in the conscious commitment to the salvation of the world. And so wherever the message is preached and brought in whatever language it comes from, the language it comes to and the culture into which it penetrates must, at some stage of its maturation, learn to answer yet again the question: "Who do you say that I am?" Because the "you say" in that question is the culture in which we live. He's not asking, "Who does the fourth century say that I am?" when it was writing in Greek. That's important, because without that we wouldn't be where we are. But, at some point, you have to be who and what you are in the only culture in which you're ever going to live, the only century in which you're going to live and die, and, in that century, you have to answer with whatever linguistic and philosophical equipment you have, you have to answer the question: "Who do you say that I am?"

– **The Need for Creeds**, *On Being Interview with Jaroslav Pelikan* (2003)

Welcome to St. Paul!

We are glad that you are with us today! If you are new to our church, you may not be familiar with Lutheran liturgy. No worries. This bulletin is designed to help guide you through the worship service. We encourage you to participate in as much or as little of the service as you feel comfortable. Thank you for being a part of our worship. We hope that the Lord blesses you through our time together!

Restrooms, Changing Stations, and Nursing Room

Restrooms are located in the lobby (narthex) of the sanctuary. Both the men's and women's rooms have diaper changing tables for the little ones. We also have a nursing room for mothers and babies that is located across the breezeway, straight out of the doors on the east side of the lobby.

Children in the Liturgy

We pray that all children would know that God made them, He loves them, and He goes with them everywhere. We are glad to have little ones with us in the service. We know that they sometimes can squirm, squawk, and squeal. Please don't feel embarrassed by it! All kids are always welcome here at St. Paul. We encourage you to help them follow along and engage with them in the action of the liturgy – observe the movement of the procession, hear the music, sing the songs, smell the fire of the candles, respond with a loud *Amen*, make the sign of the cross, touch the water in the baptismal font, and wonder at the images and symbols that are all around. What Jesus does here is sure to engage us all.

A Note on Holy Communion

In this service we celebrate a sacred ritual of the Christian Church called the Eucharist, or the Lord's Supper. In this rite we recall the last meal that Jesus had with his disciples. In this blessed meal we have our eyes opened and we recognize Him in the breaking of the bread. Though our faith is grounded in history, this liturgy is not merely a nostalgic looking back at the past – it is a celebration and a deep recognition that in this meal our Lord Jesus Christ is truly and really present with us in the bread and the wine. We cling to the hope of resurrection that will be ours when all things will be fully redeemed and restored in Him. All baptized Christians who have a sincere sorrow for their sin and see in this holy mystery the true body and blood of Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Service Notes for the Feast of the Holy Trinity

Today we celebrate the revelation of God as Holy Trinity—Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is the first of many Sundays of ordinary time that follows Pentecost and eventually up back to Advent. We celebrate the holiness of the triune God and seek to know how that holiness should take shape among the people of God. We give thanks that God has called us into His community of divine love here on earth in His Holy Church. And we give special thanks for His grace upon grace today as we celebrate the Holy Baptism of Mia Grace! We rejoice in God's love and forgiveness poured out on her with the water and the Word!

Greeting and Welcome

The congregation stands and faces the back of the sanctuary. We begin with a procession with the cross leading the way, representing our life in Christ-our journey from death to life. Some bow as the cross passes, honoring the mystery of salvation.

Holy, Holy, Holy (507)

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!

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.

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.

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!

Invocation

En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.

All Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us

All But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.

All Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.

Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.

All Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.

Señor, ten piedad de nosotros

All Señor, ten piedad de nosotros

Silence is Kept

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

All Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Let us Pray:

All Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture Readings

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice?
At the highest point along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud: "To you, O people, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind...The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be. When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water; before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, before he made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth. I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing

always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Acts 2:14, 22-36

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: 'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, 'The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.' "Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

All Glory to You, O Lord.

John 8:48-59

The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?" "I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death." At this they exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?" Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad." "You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Holy Baptism of Mia Grace

Mia Grace is the daughter of Jesus and Lori Alvarez. Mark & Beth Gonzales and Emmanuel & Ivonne Vasquez have agreed to serve as godparents. May the Lord enable Mia's growth as child of God and guide the ministry of her parents and all who surround her with the love of Jesus.

The Creed

All 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

Sentences of Welcome

Mia Grace, Child of God, Christ has set you free and given you life. Live in Him.

All Mia Grace, Child of God, we welcome you into the family of family of Christ!

Ancient Words

Holy words...long preserved for our walk...in this world
They resound with God's own heart; oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life...words of hope give us strength...help us cope
In this world where e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts; oh, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words...of our faith, handed down...to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice. Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words...long preserved for our walk...in this world
They resound with God's own heart; oh, let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts; oh, let the ancient words impart.

Sermon

The Prayer of the Church

After the pastor says Lord in Your Mercy, all respond with **Hear our Prayer.**

**Thanksgiving for God's love to us as Trinity – Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
Thanksgiving for Mia Grace coming to the font to receive gift of Baptism
For blessing in our outreach; CDC; LINC, Presa Community Center.
Pastors Philip, Roy, Naresh, Matt and all church planters.
For peace, for the well-being of the Church, and for the unity of all.
For U.S. Leaders: President Joe, Governor Greg, Mayor Ron.
Church Leaders; LCMS President Matt, District President Mike.
For those in Military: Jarred, Alissa, Mark, Tom, Thomas, Ricky, Julian.
For the strength and divine energy to turn toward our enemies in love.**

For Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

The people of Ukraine

The people of Uvalde

For all who travel

Family of Michael Dean (nephew of Melissa and Jim - died last week)

Bruce Simon

Tillie Cropper

Sue Burgdorfer

Diane Beasley

Teresa Medellin (neighbor of Alicia Guerrero)

Rosa Figueroa (friend of Alva-Alicia)

Jo Ann Mallow

Mildred Westphal

Joyce Bauer

Daniel Stubbs

Robert Farris (brother-in-law of Susan Pennington)

Earline Willeford

Albert Pedroza (neighbor of Thomas Robledo)

Norma Ann (sister of Patricia Perez)

Rev. Bill Johnson

Beatrice (sister of America Alderete)

Michael Dean (nephew of Melissa and Jim Hild)

Cayley (granddaughter of Robert and Linda Chetwood)

Delia Flores

Everett and Keith Mason

Yesenia (daughter of Anna Marquez)

Vicky Dean (sister of Melissa Hild)

Austin Hernden

Robin Beasley Jr

The Offering

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (805)

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

The Service of the Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For with your only begotten Son and the Holy Spirit you are one God, one Lord. All that you reveal of your glory, the same we believe of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality. We, your holy Church, acclaim you, Father of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. Three Persons we adore, one in being and equal in majesty. And so, with angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim, we forever proclaim your glory:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and dearth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us to faithfully eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to in His own testament. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate, with all the faithful, the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever.

All Amen!

The Consecration

The Acclamation and The Invitation

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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

Behold the Lamb of God, behold Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

La paz del Señor sea con ustedes.

All Y también contigo

Sharing of the Peace

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying 'Peace be with you' as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for reception of the Holy Supper.

The Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

Eucharistic Dismissal

Thank The Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; Tell everyone what He has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord, Rejoice, and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises, and leads His people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Prayer

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You, that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God's Own Child I Gladly Say It (594)

God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me, since my baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, all your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

Serving Today @ St. Paul

Music	Jim Wollmann, Judy Foerster, Ronnie Biediger	
Duty Elders	George Fernandez, Rick Garza, Paul Mallow	
Altar Server	Juan Munoz Jr.	
Lector	Eva Garcia	
Preacher/Celebrant	Rev. Dave Murillo	(davem@stpaulsa.org)
CDC Director	Deborah Stephenson	(deborahs@stpaulsa.org)
Deaconess	Claire Jackson	

Announcements

Bible Study Opportunities This Week

We have ongoing online zoom classes throughout the week – all are invited!
(Meeting ID #2105327341 No Password required)

Monday @ 6:30 (Deaconess Claire – Women's Bible Study)

Tuesday @ 6:30 (Pastor Dave – Exodus Bible Study)

Thursday @ 6:30 (Pastor Carlos – Acts Bible Study)

Church Planning Council

The church planning council will meet tomorrow, Monday, June 13th @ 6:30.

Child Development Center Board

The Child Development Center board will meet Thursday, June 16th @ 6:30.

Outdoor Worship and Block party Special Thanks

Huge shout out and special thanks to all who helped with our Pentecost outdoor worship and block party last week. It was hot day, but it was great opportunity to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit! Thanks to everyone!

Uvalde Support

The Texas District has a created a website for those who want to make donations to the victims in Uvalde. The website is **txlcms.org/help-for-uvalde**. This link has information on how to donate as well as information on our sister church there, Trinity Lutheran. The QR code below can also be used to get to the website – turn on your smartphone camera and hover over the image to be directed to the website.

