

WELCOMING WORD *When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;

C: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

L: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

C: the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

L: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;

C: the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

OPENING HYMN #165 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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 made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
Only thou are 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.

BAPTISM OF EMMELYNN SUE SKIBBA

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God, our provider

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty Creator and ever-living God:

C: **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.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8 ¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.”

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

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:12-17 ¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17 ¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus 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?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The 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.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“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.

¹⁷“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.”

MESSAGE - Pastor John Twiton

HYMN #522 Come thou Almighty King

Come, thou almighty King, Help us thy name to sing;
Help us to praise; Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, ancient of days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success,
And let thy righteousness on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty, may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore

CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER - Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. We pray especially for (*nations currently experiencing war or turmoil may be named*). . Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD or any other mental health concerns. Comfort all in need (especially) Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We pray for this worshiping community (*congregation/community may be named*), that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith (*especially*). We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war. Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: Amen.

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. 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.

BENEDICTION *May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN: #527 All Creatures of Our God and King (vs 1, 4, 7)

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam

And silver moon with softer gleam:

REFRAIN: Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds rich blessings on our way,

Oh, praise him! Alleluia! The fruits and flow'rs that verdant grow,

Let them his praise abundant show. **REFRAIN**

Let all things their Creator bless and worship God in humbleness.

OH, praise him! Alleluia! Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in one. **REFRAIN**



PLEASE WELCOME EMMELYN SUE SKIBBA into our church family. Emmelynn will be baptized this morning. Emmelynn is the daughter of Briana & Matt Skibba and sister of Eisleigh. Her sponsors are Tyler & Jenny Skibba.



Kristin Swedlund-Twiton, Connie Peterson, Bonnie Bender, Ginger Quaderer (Diane Mueller's cousin), Norbert Haag (brother of Virgil Haag), Richard Schuhler (friend of Ron & Bonny Kellogg), Agnes Robertson (friend of Holly Thompson), Delores Bryant, Makenzee Smith, Shirley Thompson, Brock Howe, Dianne Haskins (friend of Char Smith), Brian Marshall

(friend of Kim Kelliher), Jeannie U'Ren, Ruth Ann Nemet, Mike Olson (Wendy Rasmussen's brother), Sally Gaard (friend of Margie Kahl), Irene Brufat, Connie Fausett (sister of Diane Twiton & Jean Bower), Bill Steinhauer, Harlan Oimoen, Peter Toniazzo, Grace Aavang, Helen Martinson, Carol Johnson

Our partner congregation IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA LUTERANA DIVINO SALVADOR (Divine Savior Lutheran Church) in Cataño, P.R

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 30, 2021

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding

Monday, Luke 1:29-57, The birth of Jesus foretold

Tuesday, 1 Corinthians 2:1-10, Proclaiming Christ Crucified

Wednesday, Numbers 6:22-27, The Priestly Benediction

Thursday, Psalm 130, Waiting for God's Redemption

Friday, 2 Corinthians 5:1-5, We Walk by Faith

Saturday, Genesis 2:4b-14, The Creation of Adam

TALK: Consider some of these ideas: Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." John 3:3 *Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.*

- Do you ever hesitate to ask questions of faith, like Nicodemus coming at night?
- How do you understand God's description as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- Luther said John 3:16 is the gospel in miniature. What could you add to complete its message? Is it complete without verse 17?

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.

BLESS: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELC 'COFFEE TIME' RESUMES Coffee Time will resume on Wednesdays at 10 am AND we will meet 'in person'. Please meet at ELC for time to gather and catch up with our church family.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet at the Aztlan Mexican Grill on June 15 at 6:30pm.

YOUTH NEWS

2021 ELC SUMMER FUN - (Save the dates)

VBS/DAY CAMP 2021 - JULY 12 - 15th 9:30 - 11:30 am (Youth ages 3 - 5th grade)

ONLINE SIGN UP LINK: <https://forms.gle/3FCz1yfrYqQEKxph6> A time to be together outside in God's creation.

EXPLORER DAY AT SUGAR CREEK - July 26th, 9 am - 3 pm

(Children entering 1st - 5th grade in fall 2021) Email Brenda to sign up.

CONFIRMATION CAMP AT SUGAR CREEK - July 25 - 30th,

(7th & 8th) Register online at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

GIVE/LOVE/SERVE (Service days) - New for 2021 - Middle - High school youth may join us on **Thursdays**, throughout the summer, to help in various local service opportunities. This provides us with helping our neighbors all summer, and allowing flexibility for our youth with their summer schedules. **REGISTER online:** (Link can be emailed as well) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea929a5ffc70-giveloveservice>

SUGAR CREEK "BACK IN THE SADDLE" - Online Registrations are now available for Sugar Creek Bible Camp Summer programs. They have a variety of programs (new & favorites) listed on their website, <http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org>, for youth and families. Come and see in 2021!

FROLIC BRAT STAND AT ELC: June 13th, 10 am - 1:30 pm Come & enjoy a brat/hot dog, while watching the parade at ELC. Funds will support our youth summer trips in 2022.

PARADE WALKERS Everyone is welcome to join us to walk in the Frolic Parade and represent our ELC family. Parade begins at 12:00 pm on June 13. Meet us at 11:45 am on Lincoln St (by Middle School), where the parade begins. Questions, contact Pastor John or Brenda.

COLLEGE GRADUATES We would like to recognize our young adults who have graduated this year from college in our July newsletter. Please email brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org with their name, degree, and any future plans by mid June.



VETERANS' MINISTRY During the month of May, we are providing some note cards in the narthex to be signed and write notes to our deployed ELC members in the military. We will also have sheets of paper with their addresses on. Take a few cards home, or write them in church and drop in the offering plate. The church can mail them. Help us thank the fine people who help keep us safe here at home. Thank you so much! ELC Inreach/Outreach Ministry/Veterans Ministry.

Grant Schult- Currently lives at home with his parents. He goes to Green Bay one week-end a month for his training. In May, he will go to Texas for 2 weeks. I informed his mother Teresa that we will deliver a box to them by May 1st, so he can take it with him.

Lcpl Jacob Slaney-
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Jacob is currently at a six week assignment, and will return to this address mid- May. Jacob is the son of Elizabeth Field and grandson of Don and Cathie Field

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Kaleb is a helicopter mechanic. Kaleb's parents are Adam and Brianne Stapleman

Jacob Werner
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He is the grandson of Janice and Delbert Werner.

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Jack is the grandson of Polly Field.