

St. John's Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Our tithes and offerings are an important part of our faith journey. Electronic offerings may be given through GIVELIFY.

You may also go to our website: www.stjohnswalhalla.org and access the secure giving button.



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Walhalla, South Carolina

9am Lakeside Worship



Holy Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023

Biggerstaff Christian Retreat Center

Welcome to Our Lakeside Worship

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

PRE-GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG "Come, All You People"

Uyaimose—Carla does this 1st Time in Swahili

Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come now and worship the Lord.

Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

People: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection

Our Extended Family and Friends

Jane Finkenstadt, healing
Family of Gladys Martin (died on 5/14, family to Nowell's)
Joan Kramer, healing (friend of Scot and Linda Williams)
Kevin Hathcock, viral meningitis, improving (Safrit's family)
Evelyn Miller (Micky Ward's mother)
Frank Guldner, healing
Brad Eaton, Fredi Hallman's son in law—healing from heart issues
Dan Huber, improving (Safrits)
George Combes, healing and care (twin brother of Grace Lichtenwald)
Peggy Hall, advanced melanoma of the lung (sister of Libby McLean)
Don Rivers, COPD complications (brother-in-law of Ann Brackett)
Mark Vassey, failure of transplanted kidney (friend of Ann Brackett)
Ken Burnside, chemo/radiation (cousin of Barbara and Paul Wilson)
Lauren Bowman, Lyme disease (daughter of Gary and Barb Bowman)
Sara Pike, breast cancer/treatment (daughter of Dean and Anne Fogel)
Volanté Roberts, breast cancer (friend of David and Cathy Plowden)
Debra Turk, treatment of breast cancer (daughter of Delores Kreuger)
Perry Shearouse, treatment of cancer (cousin of Delores Kreuger)
Barbara Vigneault, healing from lymphoma (friend of Williams)
Chris Dodson, healing from surgery (Daniels)
Diane Rivers, treatment for cancer (sister of Bill Brackett)
Tara Nolan, cancer (friend of Anne Fogel)
Jacquelyn Moore, healing/MS (niece of Kathy Scherter)
Bennie Smith, health (nephew of Wards)
Jaime Henry, heart issues (son of Annie Henry)
Bryce Easton, cancer (family of Fredi Hallman)
Kay Davis, cancer (friend of the Daniels)
Betty Watkins (friend of Betty Sosebee)
John Heasley, diabetes (son-in-law of Johnsons)
Dohnvan (grandson of Kathy Scherter)
Tom Tyree, cancer (friend of Sears)
Harold Smith, heart (friend of Tina Barrett)
Dolorico Perez (father of Josie Perez)
Eve Mills, cancer (niece of Francoise Fussell)
Gina Daly, health (daughter of Bob Johnson)



*Please let the church office know of
any updates to our prayer list.*



Our Church Family

Lynne Williams, healing
Jan Day, healing
Eddie Harper, colon cancer/healing
Tiffany Chapman, healing
Bob Beck, healing back injury
Frieda Cobb, healing
Robert Campbell, healing
Judy Nelson, healing from sickness
Lois Cooley, healing/comfort
Annie Henry, recovery from hip surgery
Baby Liam Plowden, continued growth

Those grieving

Joan Lewis and family, loss of husband, Dave

Our Elders at Home or Assisted Living

Dottie Brandt, Lila Doyle, well-being
Jenine Baldus, hospice/home care
Ann Biemann, home
Brenda Cantrell, home
Linda Humphries, home, rehab Lila Doyle
Doug Deane, hospice at home
Betty Sosebee, Residence at Park Place
Jeanne Welch, Rehab
Jack Campbell, home
Peg Turner, The Oaks
Julie Corbett, home care
Marie Palmatier, home
Betty Wallace, Belvedere

Other Prayer Concerns

For our country and for those grieving from recent mass shootings.
For Syria and Turkey following the devastating earthquake.
All military Personnel
All those affected by Tornados and storms.
Bishop Ginny Aebischer and our Synod Staff and all voting members of the SC Synod as they gather in Columbia for assembly June 8-10.
Voting members attending from St. John's are:
Greg Harris
Cathy Plowden
Jan Long
Vicar Emily Whitlow
Pastor Rachel Connelly

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: 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. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **People: Amen.**

OPENING SONG: "*Father, I Adore You*"

Father, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.
Father lift me up, alleluia, holy is your name. 2x

Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.
Jesus lift me up, alleluia, holy is your name. 2x

Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.
Spirit lift me up, alleluia, holy is your name. 2x

Holy, Holy, Holy is your name. Holy, Holy, Holy is your name.

Text: Terry Coelho Music: Marantaha., Terry Coelho

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

People: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **People: Amen.**



THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

The Bell Tower—Ministry News



Today we have our **Congregational Meeting to vote on the offer on the mobile home at Biggerstaff. The meeting is at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall.** A quorum is needed to go forward with the vote. Also an update on Strategic Planning progress will be shared.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am at Biggerstaff Christian Retreat Center
10:00 am Sunday School at St. John's Lutheran Church
11:00am at St. John's Lutheran Church



June 10th--Saturday, 9:15-10:30 a.m., St John's WELCA Meeting--We need all women to help assemble 50 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. All women of St. John's are members of the **Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.** Questions? text: Barbara Wilson--864-723-3376.



St. John's is hosting Lutheroad Day Camp at Biggerstaff Christian Retreat Center
July 10-14, 2023

Camp runs 9am—4pm Monday—Thursday
9am—12 pm on Friday

For children completing K—5th grade
Cost is only \$140 (\$125 Early Bird Special) for the week and scholarships are available.



Registration forms are available in the church office or on the church website <https://www.stjohnswalhalla.org/event-1/>

Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	The Rev. Dr. Rachel Connelly
Lay Assistant:	Vicar Emily Whitlow
Lector:	Cathy Plowden
Greeter/Usher:	Sharon Hamilton
Musicians:	Carla Padgett, Tom Ward, Ray Burroughs, Dave Devoe

THE PASTORAL BLESSING

THE LORD'S 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.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Pastor: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✚ bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

SENDING SONG: *"How Majestic is Your Name" (sing 2x)*

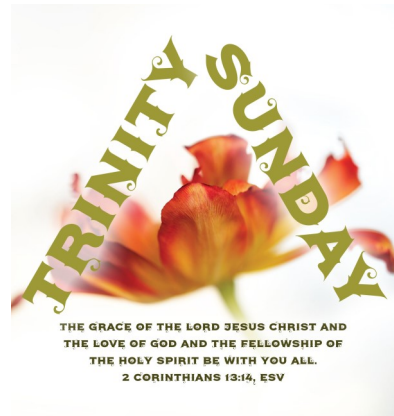
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name,
Prince of Peace, mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

People: Thanks be to God.



²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalm: 8 — **Read Responsively**

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

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 MESSAGE

The Reverend Dr. Rachel Connelly

SONG OF RESPONSE:

"Holy, Holy"



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
2 Gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther,
3 Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus,
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it,
5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y;
we're so blest be your chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther;
we're so glad you've re - deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus;
come and fill hearts a - new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah;



and we lift our hearts be-fore you as a to - ken of our love,
and we lift our heads be-fore you as a to - ken of our love,
and we lift our hands be-fore you as a to - ken of our love,
and we lift our voice be-fore you as a to - ken of our love,
and we lift our hearts be-fore you as a to - ken of our love,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.
pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Jimmy Owens, b. 1930
Music: HOLY, HOLY, Jimmy Owens, b. 1930

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 and 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 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition— God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

THE MEAL

Entering worship today you were given a communion/fellowship cup. As the pastor shares the Words of Institution and consecrates the elements, you are invited to open the seal and share the communion meal.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: "Bread of Life from Heaven"

Refrain

Bread of Life from heaven, your blood and body given,
We eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.

- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round. Eat, all of you, and be satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound.
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass away; set your hearts on the food that endures. Come, learn the true and the living way, that the fullness of life may be yours.
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave himself for the life of the world. Come to the one who is food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more.
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your home in the life-giving Word. Know only Christ, Holy One of God, and believe in the truth you have heard.