

*Our Tree of Life*



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**The Holy Trinity – First Sunday after Pentecost**

**ELW SETTING FOUR**



9:00 am

June 4, 2023

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### PREPARATION

Prelude

Bells

Welcome & Announcements

### GATHERING

#### **Greeting & Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Confession and Forgiveness** P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **C: Amen.**

P: Merciful God, **C: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P: Righteous God, **C: we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P: God is a cup of cold water...in the name of † Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn                    *'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty'*                    #413

**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 sinfulness 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!**

Greeting

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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.**

Hymn of Praise

'This is the Feast'

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**1 This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**2 Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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Prayer of the Day: P: God of heaven and earth, **C: before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

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Psalm 8

ELW Psalm 8

L: <sup>1</sup> O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

**C: <sup>2</sup> 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.**

L: <sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**C: <sup>4</sup> what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

L: <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

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

L: <sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

**C: <sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

L: <sup>9</sup> O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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Children's Message

Pastor Denise Fossen

Brass Duet

'Amazing Grace' Randy Risch & Ellie Helgeson  
Words by John Newton & anonymous

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia. Lord to whom.....'

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia.**

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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P: The Holy Gospel according to... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Denise Fossen

Hymn of the Day

'Listen, God is Calling'

#513

**Refrain: Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy. Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

**1 Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news that he came to save us and set us free. Refrain**

**2 Let none be forgotten throughout the world. In the triune name of God go and baptize. Refrain**

**3 Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast, walking in your precepts, led by your Word. Refrain**

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Apostle's Creed

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**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 for the People of God

P: ... God, in your mercy. **C: hear our prayer.**

## **MEAL**

### **Offering Collection and Presentation**

Offertory Hymn

'How Great Thou Art'

#856

**1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

**(Refrain): Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!**

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)**

**3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)**

**4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" (Refrain)**

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Offertory Prayer

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING THE MEAL**

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

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P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

'Holy, Holy, Holy'

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of pow'r 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. Hosanna in the highest.**

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Distribution Hymn:

'Lamb of God'

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**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, grant us peace.**

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Distribution Hymn:

'When Peace Like a River'

#785

**1 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Refrain: It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain**

**3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain**

**4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. Refrain**

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888, Music: Villa Du Havre, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876.

Distribution Hymn:

'Lord, You Give the Great Commission'

#579

**1 Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:**

**Refrain: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.**

**2 Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: *Refrain***

**3 Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty: *Refrain***

**4 Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society: *Refrain***

**5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: **Refrain****

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Eucharistic Blessing  
Post Communion Prayer

## **SENDING**

Benediction

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest. **C: We Will! Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn                    *'Come, Join the Dance of the Trinity'*                    #412

**1     Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun— the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son. The universe of space and time did not arise by chance, but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.**

**2     Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem; then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem. The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone; when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.**

**3     Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name. We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!**

## 4 Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun, we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son. Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free, to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

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Bells

Postlude

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*Revelations 22- Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.*

If you have pastoral needs, please call Pastor Denise anytime at 763-516-2026.

**Welcome to all visitors and guests!** May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle. Please join us downstairs following worship for coffee and fellowship.

**KDIO Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by your gifts to the endowment fund. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

**OFFERING UPDATE:** Here are the expenses for May: \$21,040. Here is what we received: \$19,746. We deficit spent \$1,294. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net). 


**DIVE RIGHT IN!** **Don't be afraid to try something new**

Setting up an automatic contribution plan allows you to effectively budget your church giving even during the busy summer months when you are not able to attend church. Please visit our website at <https://firstenglish.net/wp/donations/> to find out how safe and easy it is to set up.




**We wish Happy Birthday** to Pastor Denise this week. Her birthday is on June 7<sup>th</sup>! **The MN Twins game outing was cancelled** due to lack of interest. We needed a certain number of people interested to get it going. Although there were some interested in the game, sadly we did not reach the level of interest needed in order to go. So, we had to cancel the outing.

**A Micah Tyler concert & supper** is being presented by West Central Area Charities. All proceeds from the evening will be going towards their goal to pack over 270,000 meals during their annual Feed My Starving Children MobilePack! The fundraising event will be June 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-10:00 pm at Morris Elementary Concert Hall. Supper is at 5 & the concert starts at 7:00 pm. Tickets start at \$30.

**We are looking for volunteers** to prepare and serve coffee on Sundays going forward. Please contact the office or Kristi Ehrenberg if you are willing to help. 

**Kristi Ehrenberg will be stepping down** as temporary coordinator of coffee volunteers at the end of June. We are seeking someone willing to serve as the coordinator. Contact Kristi for further details about the duties or the church Secretary if you feel led to serve our congregation in this role. We may need to suspend coffee & snack service for the summer months unless we have someone assume this role who desires to continue it through the summer and beyond. You are welcome to bring in your own coffee or other beverage to drink during the church service if it is in container with a lid to avoid spills.

**We are seeking to fill** the FELC Youth Leader position. It will start at approx. 20-hours per week during school year, less in the summer. Limited evenings and weekend hours for youth ministry activities and chaperoning youth events and trips. There is potential for future growth in hours with program growth. If you, or someone you know is interested, please drop off resume and references at the church office or e-mail them to the pastor at pastor@firstenglish.net.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** for Ricky Anderson Jr., Carol Barrett; Glenn Berdan; Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Brandi Tweeter; Paul Erdman; Beckett Foster; Baby Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; Baby McCoy Jipson; Zane Kilde; Brian Pribyl; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; Jerry Stotesbery; and Terry Ward. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Swede & Janet Anderson; Arvilla Bergseth; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; & Eleanor Nickolauson. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. *If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.* 



### This Week's Ministry Assistants — June 4<sup>th</sup>

**Organist:** Kathy Haukos

**Lector:** Becky Parker

**Tech Desk:** Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson

**Acolytes:** James & Mikaela

**Ushers:** Brent Zahrbock, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & Dave Ellingson

**Greeters:** Liz Ketz & Becky Parker

**Coffee Servers:** Nornes

**Lay Assistants:** Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg

**FWV:** Ranet & Jim Schmeichel

### Next Week's Ministry Assistants— June 11<sup>th</sup>

**Organist:** Lisa Berdan

**Lay Assistants:** Liz Ketz & Marilee Haukos

**Tech Desk:** Matt Karels & Marina Thomson

**Acolytes:** Meadow & Jaclyn

**FWV:** Ann & Sara Mattison

**Lector:** Marge Dragseth

**Ushers:** Eldon Knutson, Darin Ehrenberg, Harley Helgeson, & Liz Ketz

**Greeters:** Brent Zahrbock & Clara Zeek

**Coffee Servers:** Nornes

**REMINDER:** Calendar and other important information is on our website at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net) and on the bulletin board (kiosk) in the narthex. The church office number is (320)839-2527.

## Weekly Calendar

### **Sun – 6/4 Holy Trinity**

9:00 am Worship – Communion – KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

10:30 am Fairway View Worship LIVE

### **Mon – 6/5** 10:00 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Council Meeting

### **Tues – 6/6** 8:30 am Day of Love

4:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at Fairway View

### **Wed – 6/7** 9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast

5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast

### **Thurs – 6/8** Pastor leaves in afternoon for Synod Assembly (in St. Peter)

### **Fri – 6/9** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

11:00 am Synod Assembly (at Gustavus Adolphus College)

### **Sat – 6/10** Afternoon: Synod Assembly ends

### **Sun – 6/11** 9:00 am Worship – Communion – KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

10:30 am Fairway View Worship Pre-Recorded



June 4, 2023, Trinity Sunday/

First Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 28:16-20

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**God of all nations, you send us out to share the good news of your redemption and grace with all the world. Make us examples of your all-embracing love through our actions toward peace and justice for all people, without exception. Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Jesus sent his disciples into the world to share the incredible love of God with all they would meet, and invite everyone into God's family.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**Who are the people within your community that are viewed as less-than? How can you work to welcome them into God's kingdom?**

**If God changed your name as a sign that you have been set apart to serve God, what name would you want God to choose? Why?**

**For the littles: What is the longest trip you've ever taken? What did you do there? Jesus invites us to share our stories with people all over the world.**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God send you out and walk with you. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Pin, Tweet, or Like something from Amnesty International on behalf of someone who suffers from a lack of human rights.**



**Go Deeper:** Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 29; Job 38:39-39:12; 1 Corinthians 12:1-3

Tuesday, Psalm 29; Job 39:13-25; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Wednesday, Psalm 29; Job 39:26-40:5; John 14:25-26

Thursday, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 3:1-6

Friday, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:1-9; Acts 7:35-43

Saturday, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:10-52; Mark 7:1-13