## May 26, 2024; 9:00 am Holy Trinity Sunday

## We Gather Together

**Welcome** to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Copies of the Glory to God hymnal and Common English Bibles are available at the back of the sanctuary for your use during worship.

## **Prelude:**

"America the Beautiful" "The Church's One Foundation" by Samuel A. Ward, Arranged by Cindy Berry by Samuel S. Wesley, Arranged by Cindy Berry

#### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Eddie H.

## Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

### \* Call to Worship

God of the past, who has created and nurtured us, we are here to give you thanks and praise. God of the future, who is always ahead of us, we are here to give you thanks and praise. God of the present, who is here in the midst of us, we are here to give you thanks and praise. God of life, who is beyond us and within us, we are here to rejoice in your glory and love!

### \* Opening Prayer

God of majesty and power, how awesome you are to us! The mountains tremble, the seas roar at the sound of your name! Yet you have chosen to come to us in love and tenderness. You have called us to be people who will act in ways of peace and justice in your world. Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to hear your word, and having heard, to act in ministries of hope and peace for all your earth. These things we pray in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

\* **Opening Hymn:** GTG 338 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" *Carol W., Cantor* 

#### \* Call to Confession (based on Ps. 139:23-24)

In writing these words, the psalmist David has shown us how to be honest with God and with one another: "Search my heart, probe me, God! Test and judge my thoughts. Look! Do I follow the crooked paths? Lead me along your ancient way." We can express our love for God and our longing to be reconciled with God and with one another as we make our honest confession, remembering God's assurance of love and forgiveness.

#### \* Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have called us together to worship you—to remember that in your world resurrection leads to reign, and to remember that in your love we know and are known by the reigning Lord of all—our savior, Jesus Christ. We gladly gather to sing and pray; admiring your power and might, proclaiming your love and faithfulness, thanking you for freeing us from the death-grip of sin and from our individual desires, addictions, and weakness. But as we praise you, we realize we have failed to follow you. We confess that our worship and our witness do not always agree.

> Silent Confession (In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

In your mercy, loving God, **empower us this morning and throughout this coming week to worship you by following you, to proclaim you by loving your world, and to rejoice, again and again and again, that our savior is ascended and reigning, our redeemer and our king!** 

#### \* Assurance of Pardon (based on 1 John 2:1-2)

Hear the good news of the gospel: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. **In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.** 

#### Eddie H.

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## \* Sharing God's Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you! And also, with you!

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)

\* Sung Response: PH 577 "Glory be to the Father" arr. Richard K. Avery & Donald S. Marsh

# **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

## Psalm Reading: Psalm 29 (Common English Bible)

(page 504 in the pew Bible, page 684 Common English Bible)

You, divine beings! Give to the Lord give to the Lord glory and power! Give to the Lord the glory due his name! Bow down to the Lord in holy splendor! The Lord's voice is over the waters: the glorious God thunders; the Lord is over the mighty waters. The Lord's voice is strong; the Lord's voice is majestic. The Lord's voice breaks cedar trees yes, the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon jump around like a young bull, makes Sirion jump around like a young wild ox. The Lord's voice unleashes fiery flames; the Lord's voice shakes the wildernessves, the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The Lord's voice convulses the oaks, strips the forests bare, but in his temple everyone shouts, "Glory!" The Lord sits enthroned over the floodwaters: the Lord sits enthroned—king forever! Let the Lord give strength to his people! Let the Lord bless his people with peace!

## Scripture Reading: Roman 8:12-17 (Common English Bible)

(page 158 in the pew Bible, page 1376 Common English Bible)

So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

## Children's Time

Jolene Schry

Special Music "Forever and Always" (piano solo played by Norah Zeitler)

Sermon: "We Have an Obligation"

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Sung response: "Father, I Adore You"

# We Respond to God's Word

## The Practice of Gratitude

In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.

Offering Music: "Canoeing" (piano solo played by Ella Zeitler)

\* **Offertory**: PH 593 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (*TUNE: Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)

\* Offertory Prayer

## **Prayers of the People**

#### **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. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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. Amen.

\* Closing Hymn: GTG 339 "My Country 'Tis of Thee"

#### \* Charge and Benediction

**Postlude:** "All Creatures of Our God and King" By Geistliche Kirchengesange, Arranged by Jan Sanborn

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The names with an asterisk (\*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer. If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact a Deacon or the church staff.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

# LOOKING AHEAD

June 6 June 9	3:30pm 9:00am	Baccalaureate Service Worship
June 12	5:30pm	Worship Women in Faith
June 13	12:15pm	Beginning June 13 – Summer Organ Recital Series
		(Held at various churches in the area.) A complete schedule is
		available on our <u>website</u> .
June 16	9:00am	Worship / Father's Day
June 23	9:00am	Worship
June 23	10:00am	Congregational Meeting - to elect officers.
		(Immediately Following Worship.)
June 23	3:00pm	Pastor Craig's Installation Service
June 30	9:00am	Worship

## This Week at Church

Sunday	May 26 Memorial Weekend
9:00-10:00am	Worship
10:15-11:15am	Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections
• Adults	of NAMI Co-Response Team Presentation
• No Growing •	Connections for Children & Youth
Monday	<b>May 27 Memorial Day</b> Church Office will be closed.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 29</b>
8:00-9:00am	Men's Breakfast (Pump 'n Pantry)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 30</b>
10:00-11:00am	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
June 1	Information @ Church is published.
Sunday 9:00-10:00am 10:15-11:15am 10:15-11:15am • Adults • 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grad • 4 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> Grad • Preschool - 3	

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