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The Festival of the Holy Trinity
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*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community.
The altar flowers are dedicated to God's glory at the birth of Elowyn Grace Rueb with love from her grandparents Eric and Pat Rueb and great-grandmother Evelyn Schroeder.*

Serving in God's house

Presiding Minister: Rev. George Kirkup
Reader: Lenox Debra
Organist: Doreen Leonard

Stand

Glory Be to God the Father

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- 1 Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory while eternal ages run!
- 2 Glory be to Him who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory to the Lamb that once was slain!
- 3 Glory to the King of angels, glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory to the King of glory sing!
- 4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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- [P]** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
[C] **Amen.**
[P] Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
[P] Our help is in the name of the Lord,
[C] **who made heaven and earth.**
[P] I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
[C] **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
[P] O almighty God, merciful Father,
[C] **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
[P] Upon this your confession, I... forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
[C] **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 15

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**

You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

[A] The Old Testament Reading for the Festival of the Holy Trinity is from Proverbs, chapter eight.

Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;

beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

“To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. . .

“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,

before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.

When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 8

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

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?**

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

**You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,**

all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

**the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

A The Second Reading is from Acts, chapter two.

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.'

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

HOLY GOSPEL

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John 8:48–59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing.

It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

LSB 498:1–6

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid and fill the hearts which You have made.
- 2 To You, the Counselor, we cry, to You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love, the soul's anointing from above.
- 3 In You, with graces sevenfold, we God's almighty hand behold
While You with tongues of fire proclaim to all the world His holy name.
- 4 Your light to ev'ry thought impart, and shed Your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate.
- 5 Drive far away our wily foe, and Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide, no evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, and You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless and in our lives the truth confess.

SERMON

“Fathers and the Son”

Stand

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT TO RECEIVE THE WORD

BENEDICTION

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

Father Most Holy

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- 1 Father most holy, merciful, and tender; Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender, light never waning;
- 2 Trinity blessèd, unity unshaken, goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,
Light of the angels, joy of those forsaken, hope of all living,
- 3 Maker of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee; all for Thy worship were and are created;
Now, as we also worship Thee devoutly, hear Thou our voices.
- △4 Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory, one in three persons, over all exalted!
Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee, now and forever.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen

In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true body and blood. In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant will examine himself and come to the Lord's Table seeking forgiveness of sins. As the catechism says, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" Therefore, we expect all communicants to have been baptized, instructed, and confirmed in the Christian faith, repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus here offers His true body and blood for their forgiveness.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet right and salutary ... evermore praising God and saying:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

AGNUS DEI

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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