



## Trinity Sunday

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**Sunday, May 30, 2021**

**Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver**

**Organist: Polly Jeanty**

### Bethlehem Safe Indoor Worship Guidelines

- Everyone 5 years and older will wear a mask (even if you are fully vaccinated)
- Remain 6 feet apart from members outside of your family
- Ushers will guide you to your seat
- The congregation will refrain from singing (Humming is permitted)
- An offering plate will be available in a central location
- For those who wish to congregate, you are asked to do so outside
- Please stay home if you or a member of your family is not feeling well.
- Scrip will be available for purchase on the first and third Sundays. We ask that when purchasing scrip cards that only one person be at the scrip table at a time.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy are you, Source and Creator of all things;

**All: We bring you our praise for your gift of life.**

One: Holy are you, Son and Redeemer of all things;

**All: We bring you our thanks for your gift of new life.**

One: Holy are you, Spirit and Sustainer of all things;

**All: We come to bear witness to your truth  
and worship your holy name, Ever Three and Ever One.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**God of Mystery and Mercy, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we meet you in wonder as the Blessed Trinity. You are the Ancient of Days, eternal and unchanging; yet you are the Source of each new day, renewing all things.**

**In Christ, you encounter us in whatever each day brings with a heart that beats in love for us.**

**Through the Spirit, you breathe life into what is growing older, energizing us to serve you in good times and hard times.**

**In the mystery of the Trinity, you are always with us and so we bring you our worship and praise to join in your dance of life and love, Holy One and Holy Three, now and ever more. Amen**

SONG #243

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (no singing, please)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and Healing God, slow to anger and swift to forgive, you have shown us the depth of your love day by day, yet we are reluctant to love others even a little.**

**You have shown us compassion and forgiveness, yet we turn away from one another for even small slights.**

**We save our concern for those most like us.**

**Forgive us.**

**Create in us clean hearts and a desire to begin again with you and with one another. Give us the courage to forgive each other and know your healing grace.**

(Silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Remember these words from St. Paul:

From now on we regard no one from a human point of view.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

Everything old has passed away. See, everything has become new!

**Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start through God’s gift of forgiveness and peace! Amen**

\*RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri” (no singing, please)

## READING OF SCRIPTURE

### Isaiah 6:1-8

In 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. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs 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. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> The pivots<sup>[a]</sup> on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And 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!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph<sup>[b]</sup> touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup> Then 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!”

### John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> 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.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus 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?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You<sup>[d]</sup> must be born from above.’<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>8</sup> The wind<sup>[f]</sup> 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.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you<sup>[g]</sup> do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>[h]</sup> <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.<sup>[i]</sup>

<sup>16</sup> “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. <sup>17</sup> “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

SONG #541                      “Here I am, Lord” (no singing, please)

PASTORAL ... LORD’S PRAYER (Each Petition ends with “Let us pray to the Lord..  
The congregation responds “**Lord, have mercy**”

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Together, we catch a glimpse of God’s glory. Scattered, we carry that vision into the world.

**We need courage to live what we have seen. We need confidence to pass on the joy.**

God offers strength for our journey. God blesses us with peace amid the world’s tensions.

**We are people of the Spirit, released from slavery. We are children of God, bearing witness every day.**

God asks, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? Who will tell of my love for the world”

**God has touched our lips and our hearts. We dare to say, “Hear I am; send me!”**

All: **Amen**

## POSTLUDE

### **Those in our thoughts and prayers:**

**Joys:** Returning to church!

### **Families who have lost loved ones:**

Carol Meiselwitz

### **Those struggling with health issues:**

Mother of Dawn Wirtz

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Mike Mathes

Tom Brickbauer

Macullen Schnell

Father of Alicia Braun (former member)

Jane Markelz

Dale Horneck

Olivia Marie

Jessica Horneck

### **Those unable to worship with us:**

Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer

### **Other concerns:**

The people of India

Violence in the Middle East

Division in the U.S.

Racial Justice and equality in our country

Health Care workers

Those whose businesses are struggling

Those who are out of work

People who live where violence and injustice prevails.

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## BETHLEHEM ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Calling all Graduates!!!

Each Spring, Bethlehem likes to acknowledge our high school and college graduates. Please send the names of graduates and schools they are graduating from to Randy by May 31. A list will be published soon after. We will also honor them at a June worship service. Email or text ([randynmel5@gmail.com](mailto:randynmel5@gmail.com) or 920-286-2531)

**Plan a visit to our homebound members!** Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer are at Field of Dreams in Kiel (286-6189) Call to arrange a visit.

### **This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Today, Sunday 5/30:** 9:30a In-person worship (please adhere to the guidelines that were sent in a recent letter) *Happy Birthday Stefanie Nenahlo!*

**Monday 5/31:** *Happy Birthday Lloyd Rumpff!*

**Tuesday 6/1:** *Happy Anniversary Tim & Judy Mueller!*

**Wednesday 6/2:**

**Thursday 6/3:** *Happy Birthday Dylan Dessart, Brenna Koppenhaver, Brian Radder and Kylie Brockway !*

**Friday 6/4:** *Happy Birthday Brooke Muehlbauer!*

**Saturday 6/5:**

**Sunday 6/6:** 9:30a In-person worship (please adhere to the guidelines that were sent in a recent letter) *Happy Birthday Gene Radder and Keatyn Suttner! Happy Anniversary Jesse & Jenna Rumpff*

**Pantry item: Tube of Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant or Lotion**