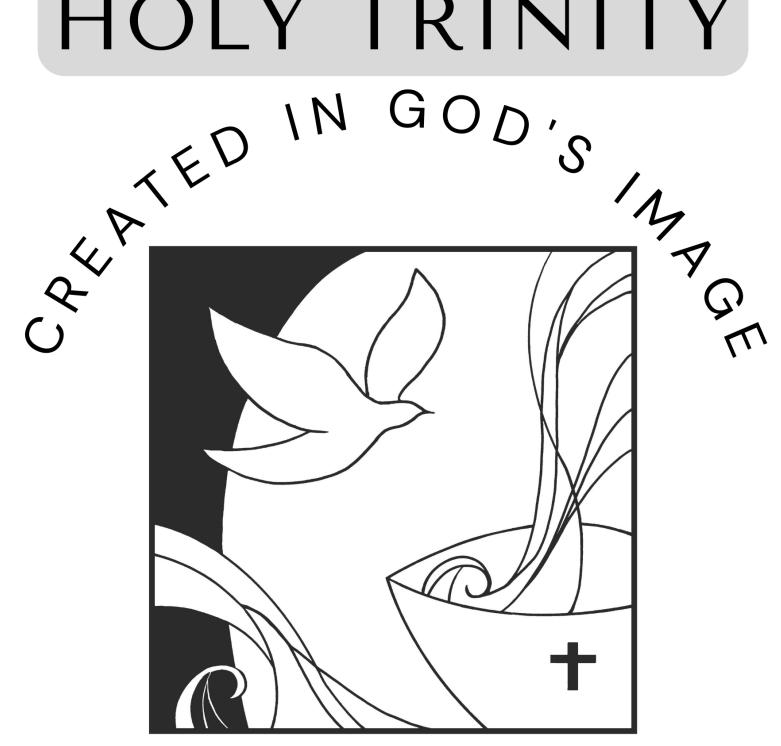
## HOLY TRINITY



## St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

June 4, 2023

# The Holy Trinity / Diaconal Sunday / 2SLGBTQIA+ Sunday Sunday, June 4, 2023

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Prelude "All Glory Be to God on High"

A. Leupold

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Hymn 413 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

\*Greeting

\*Prayer of the Day

Anthem "O Trinity, O Unity" (from I Saw the Lord)

J. Stainer

#### Word

Reading with Refrain (see pg. 4)

Genesis 1:1-2: 4a

\*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

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\*Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day (see pg. 5)

"Quirky, Queer and Wonderful"

#### Healing

Introduction

**Prayers of Intercession** 

A: hear us, O God.

Laying on of Hands

Hymns during Laying on of Hands 220, 726

- \*Blessing
- \*Peace

#### Meal

\*Offering Hymn 410 "All Glory Be to God on High"

\*Offering Prayer

\*Great Thanksgiving p. 206

\*Holy, Holy, Holy p. 207

Thanksgiving at the Table (by Michael Coffey)

A.: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

\*Lord's Prayer in Paraphrase (see page 6)

Lamb of God p. 208

Communion Hymns 712, 735

**Table Blessing** 

**Prayer after Communion** 

**Sending** 

**General Announcements** 

\*Blessing

\*Hymn (see pg. 7) "Go to the World"

\*Dismissal A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Fugue in G minor" BWV 578 J. S. Bach

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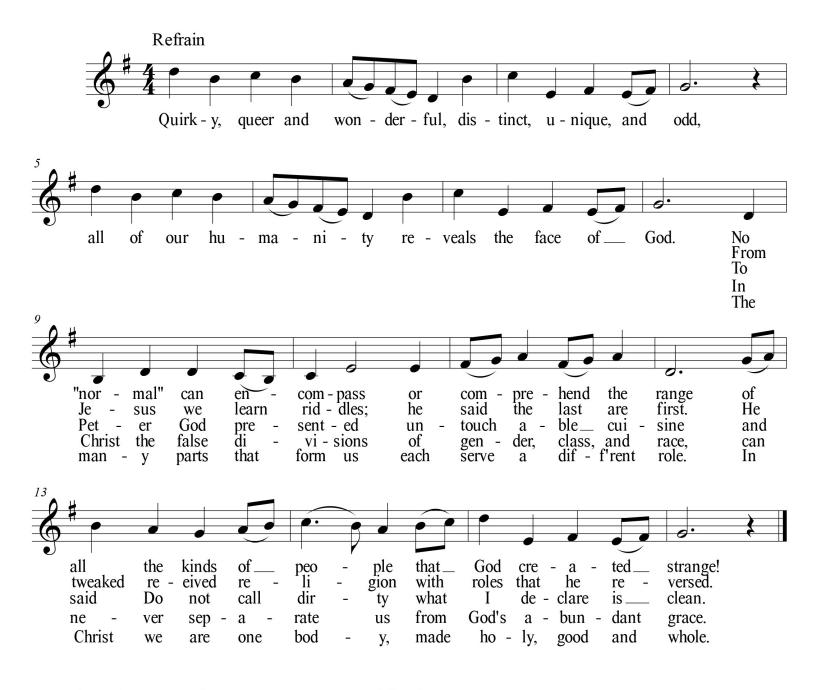
This Sunday, unusually, we celebrate a "Trinity" of festival Sundays! The Holy Trinity, Diaconal Sunday, and 2SLGBTQIA+ Sunday! The Sunday after Pentecost Sunday in the church year is "The Holy Trinity" where we ponder the mystery of Three Persons, One God. Normally, Diaconal Sunday is held in the ELCIC on the last Sunday of February, but this year, we celebrated our church's anniversary on that date, so another Sunday needed to be found. June is Pride month, so Deacon Scott thought to combine a 2SLGBTQIA + focus with a Diaconal focus in his sermon. Furthermore, we will have our monthly order of Healing (which ties into the theme of servanthood and God's embodied presence). All are welcome to this special service highlighting the diversity of relationship and identity in both God and humankind, while acknowledging the important role Deacons play in our church with their ministry of Word and Service!

### And God Saw that it was Good

Scott Knarr



## Quirky, Queer and Wonderful



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#### Lord's Prayer in Paraphrase

by Parker J. Palmer

Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother

Holy and blessed is your true name.

We pray for your reign of peace to come. We pray that your good will be done.

Let heaven and earth become one.

Give us this day the bread we need.

Give it to those who have none.

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us

From each one to each one to each one.

Lead us to holy innocence

Beyond the evil of our days:

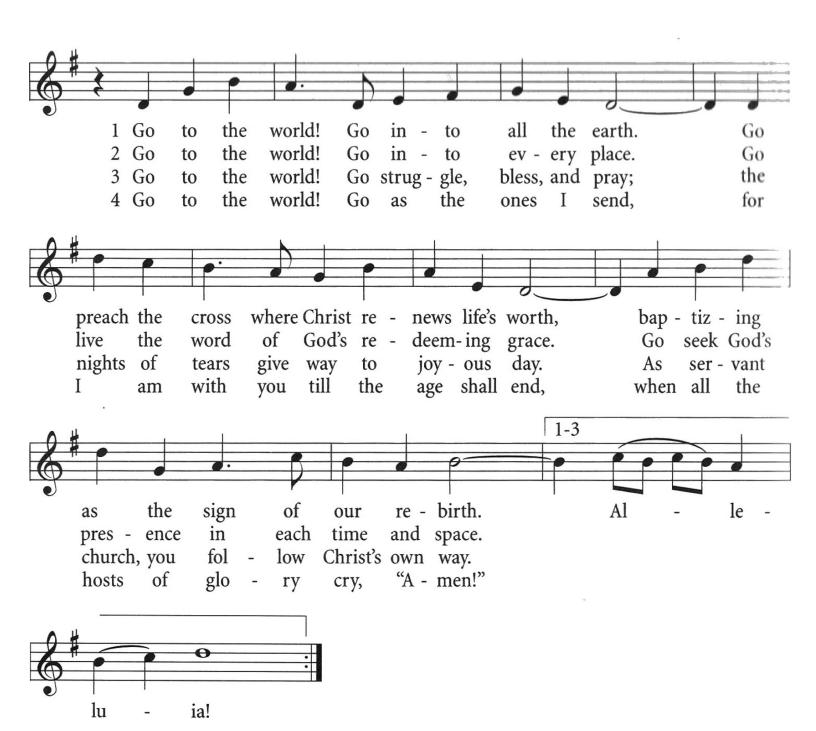
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.

For yours is the power

And the mercy, and the glory.

Forever your name is all one. Amen

#### Go to the World



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#### **Leading Worship Today**

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music & Preacher: Deacon Scott Knarr

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann,

Grace Mason Soucie

**Broadcast:** Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

#### **Worship Notes**

In our prayers Henry, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Bernice and John.

All are welcome at the meal where Jesus is present loving you and forgiving you. The pastor will distribute communion wafers using tongs. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please indicate this request to the Pastor. You may then take a pre-poured wine cup from the larger tray or a juice cup from the smaller tray. If you would (also) like to receive a blessing, please approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your chest. If you'd like to receive Communion in your pew, the pastor will come to you. Please let an usher or the pastor know before worship if possible.

#### Rite of Healing/ Anointing/ Laying on of Hands

During today's worship service, an option will be offered for the congregation to participate in a rite of healing and anointing. We intend to offer this option on a monthly basis for the time being.

"The order for healing is an expression in worship of the church's ministry of healing. Here all who would sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one may also receive a physical gesture of heal-

ing; the laying on of hands, which may be accompanied by anointing with oil. These signs, first given to us in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world." –excerpt from Evangelical Lutheran Worship p. 276.

#### Important Information for today's worship

- Self-Screening: Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- Masks: We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- Offering: Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- The Peace: We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the post-lude.
- Ministers will be greeting worshippers after the postlude in the Narthex.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Fellowship Hall! Use the door nearest to the piano, and follow the signs.

Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.

#### **General Announcements**

West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the ongoing construction planning, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

**Fire Exits:** All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

**Church Fire Plan** For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

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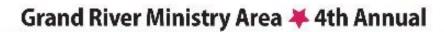








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# CHURCH PICNIC



Gathering Time at 10:00 am

Worship Service at 10:30 am

(including Holy Communion)



The Worship will
feature leadership by
Local Pastors, Deacons
and Lay People and
live music with the
Worship Band 'The Rocks'



SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, 2023



St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 317 Franklin Street North, Kitchener

## Games, Music, Activities for adults and children

Lunch will be served after the Worship Service Bring a lawn chair or blanket and an umbrella for the sun Seating will include paved parking lot and grassed areas



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