

HOLY TRINITY

CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

June 4, 2023

The Holy Trinity / Diaconal Sunday /
2SLGBTQIA+ Sunday
Sunday, June 4, 2023
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

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!" p. 205

*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)	<i>"Go to the World"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Fugue in G minor" BWV 578</i> 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

Soprano

And God saw that it was good, it was

Alto

And she saw that it was

Baritone

And he saw _____ it was good, that it was

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S

good. They saw that it was good.

A

good. They saw that it was good.

B

good. They saw that it was good.

Quirky, Queer and Wonderful

Refrain

Quirk - y, queer and won - der - ful, dis - tinct, u - nique, and odd,

5

all of our hu - ma - ni - ty re - veals the face of God. No From To In The

9

"nor - mal" can en - com - pass or com - pre - hend the range of
 Je - sus we learn rid - dles; he said the last are first. He
 Pet - er God pre - sent - ed un - touch a - ble_ cui - sine and
 Christ the false di - vi - sions of gen - der, class, and race, can
 man - y parts that form us each serve a dif - f'rent role. In

13

all the kinds of_ peo - ple that_ God cre - a - ted_ strange!
 tweaked re - eived re - li - gion with roles that he re - versed.
 said Do not call dir - ty what I de - clare is_ clean.
 ne - ver sep - a - rate us from God's a - bun - dant grace.
 Christ we are one bod - y, made ho - ly, good and whole.

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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



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place. Go
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray; the
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for



preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth, bap - tiz - ing
live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace. Go seek God's
nights of tears give way to joy - ous day. As ser - vant
I am with you till the age shall end, when all the



as the sign of our re - birth. Al - le -
pres - ence in each time and space.
church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
hosts of glo - ry cry, "A - men!"



lu - ia!

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 postlude.
- **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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**SENT OUT TO BE HEALED,
AND TO BE HEALERS OF OTHERS**

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

For more information, please contact **Rev. Heike Toeller** – pastor.heike@gmail.com



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