

# HOLY TRINITY

CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE

## **St. Matthews Church**

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

May 26, 2024

**The Holy Trinity**  
**Sunday, May 26, 2024**  
*(\* indicates the assembly stands)*

**Gathering**

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Confession and Forgiveness (see page 4)

\*Hymn 412

*"Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"*

\*Greeting

\*Hymn of Praise

*"Glory be to God"*

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\*Prayer of the Day

Anthem

*"Amazing Grace"*

arr. R. Loebasck

Children's Message

**Word**

First Reading

Isaiah 6:18

Psalms 29 (see page 5)

*(sung responsively by whole verse)*

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

\*Gospel Acclamation

*"Alleluia"*

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\*Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day 410

*"All Glory be to God on High"*

Athanasian Creed (see page 6)

\*Prayers of Intercession

**A: receive our prayer**

\*Peace

## Meal

*Offering Hymn 184		<i>"Let the Vineyards"</i>	
*Offering Prayer			
*Great Thanksgiving			p. 206
*Holy, Holy, Holy			p. 207
*Thanksgiving at the Table VII			p. 67
*Lord's Prayer ( <i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i> )			p. 208
Lamb of God			p. 208
Special Music	<i>"Sheltered in the Arms of God"</i>		D. Rambo & J. Davis
Communion Hymn 413		<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"</i>	
Table Blessing			
Prayer after Communion			

## Sending

General Announcements			
Presentation by Bonnie Kropf, Fund Developer of OneRoof Youth Services			
*Blessing			
*Hymn 414		<i>"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"</i>	
*Dismissal			<b>A: Thanks be to God</b>
Postlude			

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## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed ...

God, our provider,

A.: help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

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### Leading Worship Today

**Minister:** Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Assisting Minister:** Linda McLellan

**Guest Musician:** Bob Loeb sack

**Communion Server:** Lynda Karn

**Choral Scholars:** Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Dylan Siebert, John Waterfield

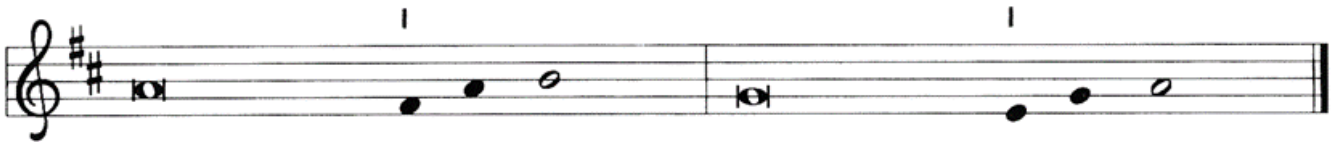
**Broadcast:** Gary Pootz

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## Psalm 29

### Tone 1



<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the <sup>|</sup> LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- <sup>|</sup> ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory <sup>|</sup> due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- <sup>|</sup> ty of holiness.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of <sup>|</sup> glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the <sup>|</sup> mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a pow- <sup>|</sup> erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a <sup>|</sup> voice of splendor.

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the <sup>|</sup> cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- <sup>|</sup> dars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip <sup>|</sup> like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a <sup>|</sup> young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup>The voice <sup>|</sup> of the LORD  
bursts forth in <sup>|</sup> lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD <sup>|</sup> shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- <sup>|</sup> ness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the <sup>l</sup> forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are <sup>l</sup> crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned a- <sup>l</sup>bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- <sup>l</sup>evermore.

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength <sup>l</sup> to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- <sup>l</sup>ings of peace.

### Athanasian Creed

...We worship one God in trinity  
and the Trinity in unity,  
neither confusing the persons  
nor dividing the divine being.

For the Father is one person,  
the Son is another,  
and the Spirit is still another.

But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
is one, equal in glory,  
coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is,  
the Son is,  
and so is the Holy Spirit.

Uncreated is the Father;  
uncreated is the Son;  
uncreated is the Spirit.

The Father is infinite;  
the Son is infinite;  
the Holy Spirit is infinite.

Eternal is the Father;

eternal is the Son;

eternal is the Spirit:

And yet there are not three eternal beings,

but one who is eternal;

as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings,

but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

Almighty is the Father;

almighty is the Son;

almighty is the Spirit:

And yet there are not three almighty beings,

but one who is almighty.

Thus the Father is God;

the Son is God;

the Holy Spirit is God:

And yet there are not three gods,

but one God.

Thus the Father is Lord;

the Son is Lord;

the Holy Spirit is Lord:

And yet there are not three lords,

but one Lord.

As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge

each distinct person as God and Lord,

so catholic religion forbids us

to say that there are three gods or lords.

The Father was neither made

nor created nor begotten;

the Son was neither made nor created,

but was alone begotten of the Father;

the Spirit was neither made nor created,

but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;

one Son, not three sons;

one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after,

greater or less than the other;

but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;

and so we must worship the Trinity in unity

and the one God in three persons.

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe

that our Lord Jesus became flesh.

For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:

That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,

is both God and man.

He is God, begotten before all worlds

from the being of the Father,

and he is man, born in the world

from the being of his mother—

existing fully as God,

and fully as man

with a rational soul and a human body;

equal to the Father in divinity,

subordinate to the Father in humanity.

Although he is God and man,

he is not divided,

but is one Christ.

He is united because God

has taken humanity into himself;

he does not transform deity into humanity.



He is completely one in the unity of his person,  
without confusing his natures.

For as the rational soul and body are one person,  
so the one Christ is God and man.

He suffered death for our salvation.

He descended into hell  
and rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people shall rise bodily  
to give an account of their own deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life,  
those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith...

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**When we say God is the triune God**, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

**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. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.

## Worship Notes

In our prayers Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Grace, Maureen and John.

On Sunday June 2, 2024 there will be a congregational Town Hall meeting, following the morning Worship Service, where the Board of Directors and the Property Redevelopment Task Force will present an information session on the opportunity for housing redevelopment on the site of the parking lot at 54 Benton Street.

The Property Redevelopment Task Force has spent over the last year, through a Letter Agreement with Kindred Works, exploring, discerning and analyzing the impacts of redevelopment. This is an important Town Hall session for learning, information gathering and an opportunity to ask questions related to the presentation. There will not be a congregational vote at this Town Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.



## Sweet Singing

**Hymn Sing and Dessert Pot Luck**

**Join Us @ St. Stephen**

**Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> from 2-4pm**

**Rain or Shine**

**248 Highland Rd W. Kitchener**

Local Lutheran churches are gathering at St. Stephen to sing and to share desserts. We will gather in the green space at the corner of Highland Road and Stirling Ave. which hosts their new labyrinth, spending the first hour singing with the band, and the second hour sharing a dessert potluck.

## Important Information for today's worship

- **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.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

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