

THE HOLY TRINITY

Morning Prayer
June 15, 2025
10:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader; **bold text** indicates a congregational response.

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

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Our worship today is a service of Morning Prayer, a liturgy with roots in the early Church (and ultimately in Jewish practice). The principal theme of Morning Prayer is the resurrection, shown by the rising sun and light of the new day. The spirit of Morning Prayer is praise for the new life which emerges from the darkness of night. The liturgy is one of both contemplation and praise, with multiple opportunities for devotional reflection on psalms and other readings.

Welcome
Prayer Requests

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

arr. Piet Post

We stand as we are able.

Dialogue

L Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,

C that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**C Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Alleluia.**

Standing is the posture of the resurrection. We stand when we sing hymns and for other parts of the service as an expression of resurrection joy. It is a way of proclaiming that Jesus is powerfully alive! Colossians 3:14-18

Morning Prayer begins with selections from the Psalms. Psalm 95 is traditionally the first psalm of the morning, and is sometimes known as the Venite, from the first word of the psalm in Latin.

THE PSALMODY

Venite (Psalm 95:1-7a)

Come, Let Us Sing to God

1. Come, let us sing to God on high, The Rock of
 2. For God is Lord a - bove all gods, The heights and
 3. Let us bow down and wor - ship him Who is our

our sal - va - tion praise; Come with thank - giv - ing to his
 depths are in his hand; He made the sea and it is his
 mak - er and our Lord; We are his peo - ple and his

courts his, And joy - ful psalms be - fore him raise.
 his, His hands have mold - ed the dry land.
 sheep; To - day, then, hear - ken to his Word.

We are seated.

Psalm 67 is another ancient morning psalm.

Psalm 67

We chant the psalm in unison.

- ¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- ²Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁴Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth.
- ⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

In Morning Prayer, each psalm is followed by a time of devotional reflection and then a psalm prayer.

Psalm 8 is the psalm appointed for Trinity Sunday.

⁶The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.

⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

Psalm Prayer

L God of all,
may your lavish grace and saving power be known by all people in all places,
so that the world may resound with your praise as all nations bow before your loving rule
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Psalm 8

O Lord Our God

We chant the psalm in unison.

¹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:

⁷all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

⁹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

Psalm Prayer

L Creator God, heavenly Father,
you alone know why you love your people, and in you alone we can love one another.
By your Spirit, help us to find our true worth, not in other created things, but in you.
Keep us faithful in our care for your world and in our compassion for your people.
We pray this in the name of Jesus, creation's Redeemer.

C Amen

The Office
Hymn concludes
the psalmody
and serves to
emphasize the
themes of the
day.

We stand as we are able.

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. 1 Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.

The first lesson is normally from the Old Testament.

We are seated.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

L A reading from Proverbs.

- ¹Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
²On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴“To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
- ²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world’s first bits of soil.
²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹when 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,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church.

The final lesson is from the Gospels. In morning prayer, the gospel lesson is not given the same prominence as in the Eucharistic service.

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-15

L A reading from Romans

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: John 16:12-15

L A reading from the Gospel of John.

[Jesus said,] ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Time for Reflection



Dialogue

L In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

We stand as we are able to sing the Gospel Canticle on the following page.

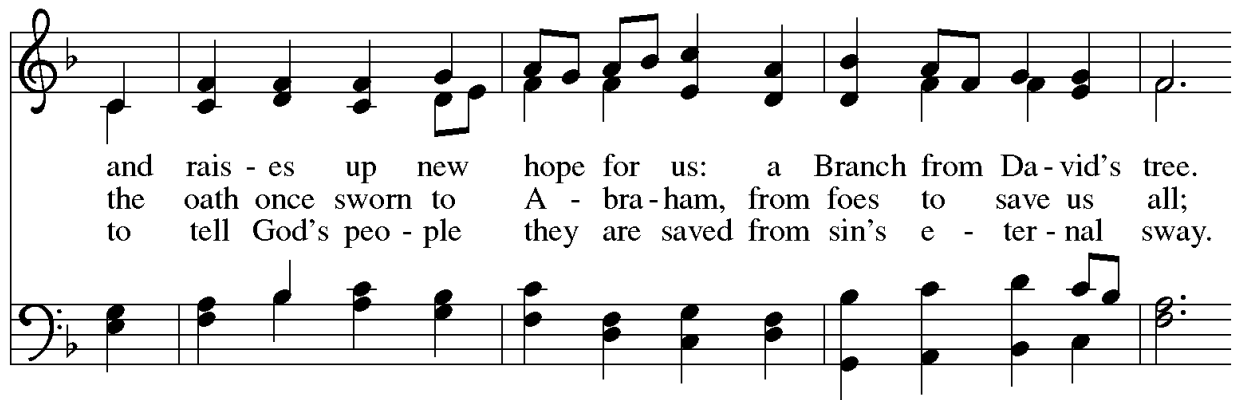
The Gospel Canticle (Luke 1:68-79) is one of the fixed parts of Morning Prayer. It is sometimes called the Benedictus, which means "blessed" in Latin.

Gospel Canticle (Luke 1:68-79)

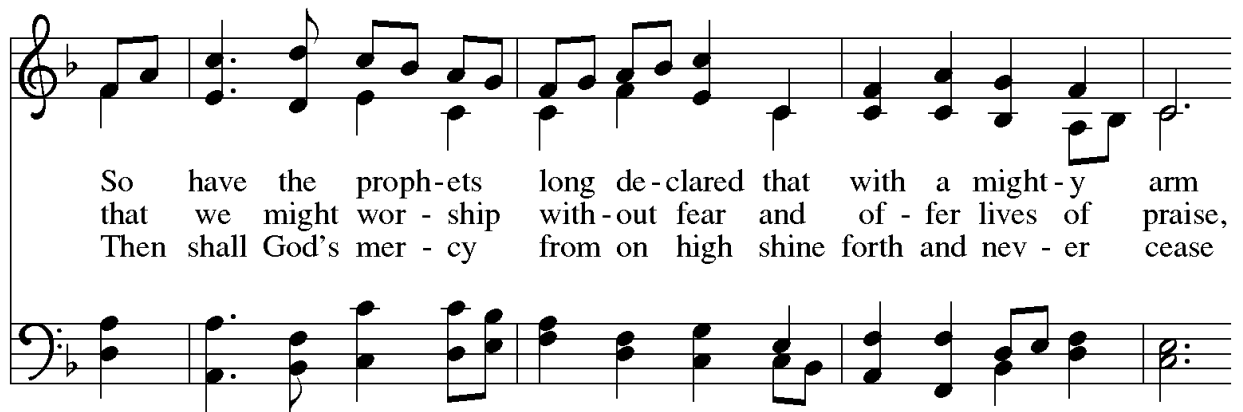
Blessed Be the God of Israel



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm
 that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

The Prayer of the Day is tied to the overall theme of the scripture lessons or, sometimes, to the theme of day if it is a special occasion in the church calendar.

We join our hearts in prayer as we pray for the Church, for the well-being of creation, for peace and justice, for those in need. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

The prayers concluded with the Lord's Prayer. Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15

THE PRAYERS

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Prayers of Intercession

L Abiding God, your love pours into your whole church, creating faith and bestowing hope. Fill all the baptized with these good gifts in our various callings. Gather your church in every place and expression into the unity of your Spirit. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L Creating God, your name is majestic in all the earth, and we are filled with awe at your creation. Renew this planet and all its wonders: springs abounding with water, earth and soil, beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race. On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma. Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in authority, work for the life and freedom of others. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick (*especially*). God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L Living God, your glory appears in our shared life. On this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially the Emanuel Nine, martyrs. Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day; preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

The Lord's Prayer

L Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen

We are seated.

We are seated for stanzas 1 through 3; we stand as we are able and sing stanza 4 together.

1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our
 2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en; good - ness un -
 3 Mak - er of all things, all thy crea - tures praise thee; all for thy

We stand as we are able for the final stanza.

4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to thee be glo - ry, one in three

Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,
 bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, light of the an - gels,
 wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; now, as we al - so
 per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,

ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, light nev - er wan - ing.
 joy of those for - sak - en, hope of all liv - ing.
 wor - ship thee de - vout - ly, hear thou our voic - es.
 praise thee and a - dore thee, now and for - ev - er.

We are seated.

*Morning Prayer
concludes with
the Paschal
Blessing, a re-
minder of our
baptism into
Christ's death
and resurrec-
tion.*

The Collect

L Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

We stand as we are able.

Paschal Blessing

L As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

C **Alleluia.**

L On the first day of the week at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."



The Te Deum laudamus ("You, God, we praise"), concludes the Paschal Blessing and Morning Prayer. The canticle dates to before AD 500.

Te Deum

We Praise You and Acknowledge You



1. We praise you and ac - know - ledge you, O God, to be the Lord,
 2. The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing your praise;
 3. You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
 4. You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,

the Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
 the fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death - less voic - es raise.
 yet you, with bound - less love sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
 up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es you com - mand.

To you all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
 The mar - tyrs of your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,
 you laid a - side your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
 We know that you will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,

the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to you bring:
 sing with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song:
 were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
 so help your ser - vants you have re - deemed by blood, we pray;

"O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 "O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, your true and on - ly Son,
 then by your res - ur - rec - tion you won for us re - prieve—
 may we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,

your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"
 and Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - for - ter— for - ev - er Three in One!"
 you o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
 in glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

L O God, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with Christ forever; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and unto the ages of ages.

C Amen

L Almighty God bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in peace.

C Amen

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

arr. Piet Post

As we depart, we may offer each other a greeting of peace.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Sunday, June 15	10AM	Morning Prayer
Monday, June 16	5PM—7PM	The Lion's Share open
Tuesday, June 17		
Wednesday, June 18		
Thursday, June 19		
Friday, June 20	10AM—noon	The Lion's Share open
	6:30PM	NA meeting (Library)
Saturday, June 21	8PM	NA meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, June 22	10AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Greeter	Judy & Alex Adkins	Laura Bolton
Lector	Cheryl Gordon	Jennifer Armentrout
Communion Assistant	—	
Coffee Hour		Mary & Lawrence Brewer

Attendance Last Sunday	40
Offering Received (Pledges/Loose)	\$2504.00
Budget (Pledges/Loose)	\$3173.00



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