

Worship Lifeline

In Scripture Today

Introduction

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

According to Christian doctrine, God is and has always been triune. The church has seen in the ancient Genesis cosmogony the everlasting Trinity at work in creation: God speaks the Word and breathes the divine Spirit over creation.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Many Christians over the centuries use this passage from 2 Corinthians as an opening invocation or a closing benediction. Especially beloved is Paul's description of the attributes of the triune God as grace, love, and communion.

Matthew 28:16-20

Called the Great Commission, the church proclaims this text on Trinity Sunday, affirming that even after the observance of the Ascension, the triune God is always present in the church. The conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew includes the trinitarian words that most Christians use at baptism: "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

In Worship Today

Celebrating Our God beyond Understanding

The festival of the Holy Trinity celebrates the wonder of relationship with God while leaving us distinctly dissatisfied with our limited understanding of what God is. While guarding against the idolatry of language, we survey our scripture, doctrine, creeds, and symbols of our heritage. Equally important, we pray for God to inspire fresh, innovative ideas of God in the present moment.

Today's gospel contains one of the few biblical references to the trinitarian formula. As the eleven are commissioned to make disciples, baptize, and teach, we are invited to consider our calling to influence the world with the good news of God's love. The text from Second Corinthians also includes a kind of naming of the Holy Trinity in an affectionate sign-off of a personal letter. With the psalm praising God the creator and sustainer of all creation, Genesis 1 relates the first of two creation stories, this one an ancient liturgy celebrating God as a divine plural.

That God that is beyond our understanding may be both troubling and comforting. The temptation may be to attempt to apprehend the idea of God with our intellect, offering the worshiping assembly a showcase of various models for God. The result is usually disappointing and feeds our bias toward intellectualism. Another possibility is to celebrate God's presence in all its glory and colorful wonder and our belonging to this wonder-full God.

Ministry This Week

Zoomday, June 7, The Holy Trinity

10:00 AM—S ASLC Zoom
8:00 PM—F ?AA?

Monday, June 8

7:30 PM—Z OA

Tuesday, June 9

9:30 AM—F Sandwich MeetUp*
7:00 PM—Z Church Council
7:45 PM—F ?NA?

Wednesday, June 10

7:45 PM—F ?AA?

Thursday, June 11

6:00 PM—F ?Cub Scouts?
8:00 PM—F ?NA?

Friday, June 12

9:00 AM Cleaning Services

Saturday, June 13

9:00 AM—Z OA

Zoomday, June 14, Pentecost 2

10:00 AM—S ASLC Zoom

Z=Zoom; F=Fellowship; OC=Out of Church; OO=Outer Office
GR=Gray Room; LL=Lower Level; CL1=Lower Level Open Room 1;
CL2=Lower Level Open Room 2; N=Narthex; S=Sanctuary; UR=Upper
Room; A=Away from All Saints

* Calendar Note: The Sandwich MeetUp limits participation to 4 individuals at this time. Sandwiches are shared with Rock of Ages in their ongoing shepherding with homeless/street people.

Readings for June 14

Exodus 19:2-8a

The covenant with Israel at Sinai

Psalms 100

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (Ps. 100:3)

Romans 5:1-8

While we were sinners, Christ died for us

Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]

The sending of the Twelve

Russ' Reminders

All known ASLC birthdays and anniversaries are listed in your Church Directory. We can print you a copy or you can view the directory on your PC or Smartphone. It's all pretty easy once you move through the learning curve, which is more like a speed bump. **Contact Rica Kelly** with changes and updates to all directory information. It's easy: go to www.allsaintslilburn.org, click on "Member Directory Link", and log in.

Anniversaries

JUNE

- 7 Dave & Sharon Anyan
- 12 Jim & Karen Kraus
- 22 Bruce & Kelly Kraus
- 27 Larry & Lennie Cauble
- 29 Rick & Sandra Robinson

JULY

- 23 Kevin and Joanne Swanson

Birthdays

JUNE

- 6 Alex Sanderlin
- 11 Sam Underwood
- 16 Marie Zagaglia
- 17 Herb McCaulla
- 18 Lisa Mitchell
- 24 Glenn Branscomb
Vivian McCann
- 28 Bennett Krynski

JULY

- 14 Susan (Sue) Silver
- 27 Laura Trittin

Worship Assistants

Today, June 7

Altar Guild:	Susan Holbrook
Lector:	Bruce Kraus
Worship Assistant:	Julie Boyer
Communion Assistants:	Mac & Miriam McCann
Ushers:	Herb M & Susan H
Greeter:	Martha Wooden
Projectionist:	N/A
Children's Sermon:	Lisa Mitchell
Counters:	Tom & Lorraine H

June 14 C

Altar Guild:	Joann Roselle
Lector:	Kelly Kraus
Worship Assistant:	Miriam McCann
Communion Assistants:	Herb M & Joann R
Ushers:	Bruce & Kelly Kraus
Greeter:	Sandy Staven
Projectionist:	Kelly Kraus
Children's Sermon:	Kevin Swanson
Counters:	Tom & Angie S

June 21 T

Altar Guild:	Julie Boyer
Lector:	Mary Yale
Worship Assistant:	Barb Litke
Communion Assistants:	Tom & Sheila Wagner
Ushers:	Cindy M & Lisa M
Greeter:	Pat Barnes
Projectionist:	N/A
Children's Sermon:	Lisa Mitchell
Counters:	Tom & Lorraine H

June 28 C

Altar Guild:	Lennie Cauble
Lector:	Tom Wagner
Worship Assistant:	Kelly Kraus
Communion Assistants:	Susan H & Cindy M
Ushers:	John & Joyce H
Greeter:	Sue Silver
Projectionist:	Mac McCann
Children's Sermon:	Lisa Mitchell
Counters:	Lorraine & Angie

July 5 T

Altar Guild:	Amy Cauble
Lector:	Jackie Szalkowski
Worship Assistant:	Kevin Swanson
Communion Assistants:	Jacki S & Joanne S
Ushers:	Al & Mary Kay Kates
Greeter:	Bev Patterson
Projectionist:	N/A
Children's Sermon:	Kevin Swanson
Counters:	Barb L & Angie S

This Week's Commemorations

Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.

Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

Barnabas, Apostle

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.