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10:00AM

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. The prophet describes an everlasting realm that contrasts with earthly nations, one marked by peace, humility, and freedom. Jesus associates with those excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with selfish desires; we lament flawed systems; and we seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather around word, water, and meal by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Here we find rest for our souls and hope for life in beloved community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
source of hope in every nation,
rest for the weary,
glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

Amen.

Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of all mercy,
**we have sinned against you,
our neighbors, and your creation.
Within ourselves and our communities,
our desire to do what is good
is at war with the evil that dwells in us.
We lament the evil that holds us captive.
We repent of the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us
for lives of compassion and courage
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

All-merciful, Almighty God
forgive you all your sins
through the grace of + Jesus Christ,
and by the Spirit's power
strengthen you in doing what is good.
Amen.

*** THE GATHERING SONG:** #742
What a Friend We Have In Jesus

*** THE GREETING**

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*** THE HYMN OF PRAISE** pg. 149

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia
**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain whose blood set
us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and
strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. This is the feast
of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and
glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This
is the feast of victory for our God. For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us
for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant
that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve
you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE WORD

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter
Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious
is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a
donkey. ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war
horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he
shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from
sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you
also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your
prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold,
O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you
double.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm: 145: 8-14

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion
endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all
your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want,
but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I

agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Sung page 151a)

C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 11th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

#608

* **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

* **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

**THE OFFERING
SPECIAL MUSIC**

*** THE OFFERTORY: Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful #184**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

THE MEAL

*** THE OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God,
for waves of grain and harvesters,
fruitful vines and winepresses,
for our labor and our rest,
for the gifts of your hand in this land.
Transform us and what we offer
into the banquet of your compassion,
serving your love without limits
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** **pg. 152**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*** THE PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

pg. 153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*** THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER** **pg. 154**

**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.**

*** THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven:
Taste and know that God is good to all.

*** THE LAMB OF GOD** **pg. 154**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

* THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, God of heaven and earth,
that you fill our deepest need
with the very gift of Jesus Christ,
broken and poured out for us.
Pour us out into a broken world.
Channel our common life
toward the common good,
following the way our Savior leads us
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

The Author of life,
the Word of salvation,
the Breath of new birth,
One ✝ God, bless you
and equip you for living and serving,
today and every day.
Amen.

* THE SENDING SONG:

#891

God Bless Our Native Land

* THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Serving Today: July 5, 2026

Communion Assistant : Amber Johnson

Acolyte: Scarlett Johnson

Lector: Laura Poethke

Ushers: Lynn Haab & Steve Anderson

Musician: Danny Allen

Sound System: Amber Johnson

Serving Next Week: July 12, 2026

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Bonnie Mazza

Usher: Steve Anderson & Bonnie Mazza

Musician: Danny Allen

Sound System: Bonnie Mazza

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized. Due to privacy laws, hospitals do not notify the church when a member is admitted. Your call to the office alerts Pastor Haab, and will ensure that the patient is in our prayers.

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.

SUNDAY MORNING SUMMER WORSHIP: Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. 4th Sunday of each month our contemporary band Voices That Reign leading us in song.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Dish soap, cereal, pancake syrup, rice, ketchup, mayo, mustard (any kind), tuna fish, oil, Frozen breakfast food, hot dogs, Ramen noodles, canned potatoes, canned carrots, spaghetti O's, Ravioli, pasta, baby wipes, Diapers size 5, paper towels, toilet paper and tampons. The next food pantry will be on July 19.



If you have any questions or concerns please contact Karin Schmalz at 215-962-7532 or Karin5680@aol.com

Jesus Is Holy

One Day Vacation Bible School

**Saturday: August 15, 2026
Time: 10am-2pm**

**Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1308 Mt Holly Road, Burlington, NJ**

**Bible Story, Games
Crafts, New Friends
Water Fun**

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THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today: 10:00am Worship w/Communion
Mon-Fri 12noon– 4pm Burlington Theater Group
Wednesday 5:00-7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety
Friday: 7:00- 10:00PM AA
Next Sunday: 10:00am Worship

Summer Worship

10am every Sunday

Rain or Shine
We are here all Summer long.

Make the church your Summer vacation destination!

**No better place to rejuvenate, refresh and
replenish your heart, mind and soul!**