

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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## *The Holy Trinity*

*May 26, 2024 at 9:30 am*



### GATHERING

**Handbells**

How Firm a Foundation  
Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

Anne Krentz Organ

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Litany for Trinity Sunday**

- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: **Glory to you forever!**
- Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life: **Glory to you forever!**
- Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River: **Glory to you forever!**
- Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, Life-Giving Womb: **Glory to you forever!**
- Sun, Light, and Burning Ray: **Glory to you forever!**
- Giver, Gift, and Giving: **Glory to you forever!**
- Lover, Beloved, and Love itself: **Glory to you forever!**
- Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple: **Glory to you forever!**
- Consuming Fire, Dividing Sword, Overpowering Storm: **Glory to you forever!**
- Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace: **Glory to you forever!**
- God who was, God who is, God who is to come: **Glory to you forever!**

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. ~ *Water is poured into the font.* ~

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn 413

## 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!

## Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise: *All Glory Be to God on High*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,  
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.  
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - - - men.

## Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

# WORD

## **First Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from Isaiah. <sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

### *Choir sings Martin Luther's hymn:*

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*Isaiah in a vision did of old the Lord of hosts enthroned on high behold,  
whose splendid train was wide outspread until its streaming glory did the temple fill.  
Above God's throne the shining seraphim with sixfold wings did reverence unto him.  
With two each seraph hid his glorious face, and two about his feet did interlace,  
and with the other two he soared on high, and one unto another thus did cry:  
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts! His glory filleth all the earth!"  
The beams and lintels at their crying shook,  
and all the house was filled with billowing smoke.*

<sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 29**

Using tune: EBENEZER

**All on earth and all in heaven,  
raise to God a song on high;  
strength unmeasured, love unbounded,  
God alone we glorify.  
At God's voice the clouds assemble,  
thunder roars and torrents fall;  
Earth shall quake before God's presence,  
mountains tremble at God's call.**

**Trees shall bow in awe and wonder,  
bend their branches to the ground;  
from God's lips one word in anger  
wreaks destruction all around.  
But the Word which sets in motion  
such travails can make them cease;  
that same voice which tumult beckons  
on a gentler breath speaks peace.**

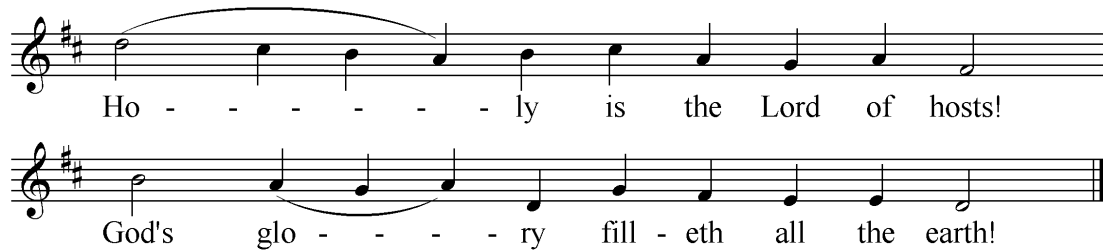
## Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

A reading from Romans. <sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

sung by the choir, then by all



## Gospel: John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
 when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953  
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

## Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition:* Lord, in your mercy, **make us a new creation.**

**Peace** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## MEAL

### Setting the Table + Presentation of Gifts

**Choir**

Jesus, My Lord and God

John Ferguson

*In this dark world he is the light. Jesus, my Lord and God.  
His love and grace make all things bright. Jesus, my Lord and God.  
The way, the truth, and the life is he, Jesus, my Lord and God.  
He died for you and he died for me. Jesus, my Lord and God.*

*For hungry ones he is the bread. Jesus, my Lord and God.  
By him our souls are richly fed. Jesus, my Lord and God.  
Come now and praise him as your king. Jesus, my Lord and God.  
Lift up your hearts and with us sing. Jesus, my Lord and God.*

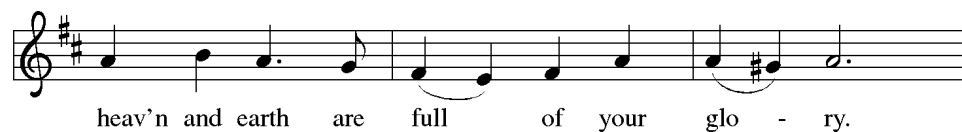
### Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! Before all that is, you were God. Outside all we know, you are God. After all is finished, you will be God. Archangels sound the trumpets, angels teach us their song, saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song:



## **Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! You beyond the galaxies, you under the oceans, you inside the leaves, you pouring down rain, you opening the flowers, you feeding the insects, you giving us your image, you carrying us through the waters, you holding us in the night; your smile on Sarah and Abraham, your hand with Moses and Miriam, your words through Deborah and Isaiah; you lived as Jesus among us, healing, teaching, dying, rising, inviting us all to your feast.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy God, we remember your Son, his life with the humble, his death among the wretched, his resurrection for us all: Your wisdom our guide, your justice our strength, your grace our path to rebirth.

And so we cry, Mercy: **Mercy!**

And so we cry, Glory: **Glory!**

And so we cry, Blessing: **Blessing!**

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit: Enliven this bread, awaken this body, pour us out for each other. Transfigure our minds, ignite your church, nourish the life of the earth. Make us, while many, united, make us, though broken, whole, make us, despite death, alive.

And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three, our Life, our Mercy, our Might, our Table, our Food, our Server, our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove, our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine, our Light, our Treasure, our Tree, our Way, our Truth, our Life. You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever.

And so we cry, Amen, amen: **Amen, amen!**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

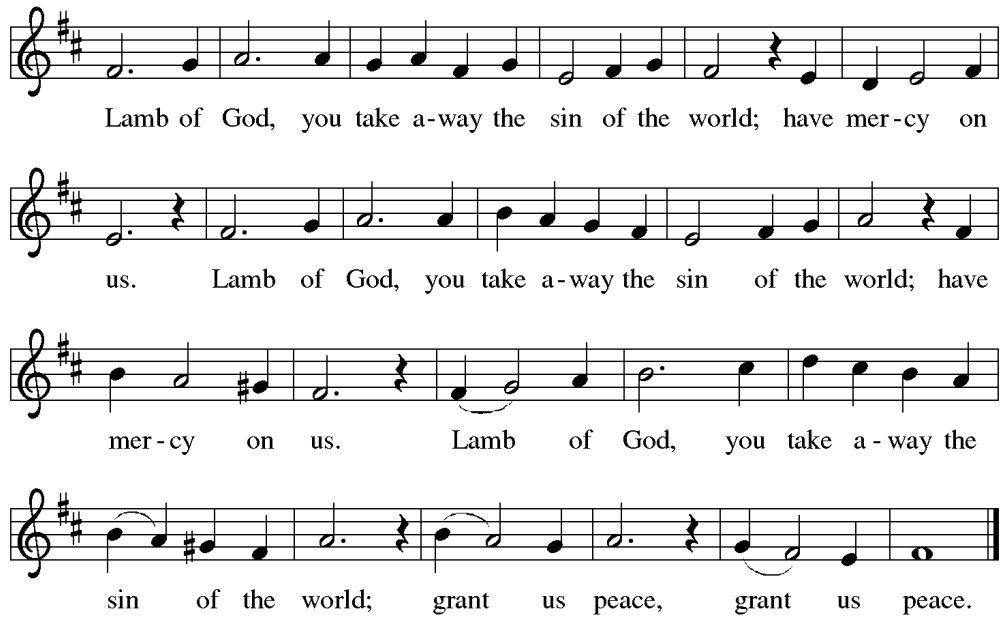
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*Gluten-free wafers are available. Please ask your server.  
Grape juice is in the inner-most ring of glasses in each tray.*



## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn 450

## I Bind unto Myself Today



1 I bind un-to my-self to-day the strong name  
of the Trin-i-ty by in-vo-ca-tion  
of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.  
2 I bind this day to me for-ev-er, by pow'r of  
3 I bind un-to my-self to-day . . . the vir-tues  
faith, Christ's in-car-na-tion, his bap-tism in the  
of the star-lit heav-en, the glo-rious sun's life -  
Jor-dan Riv-er, his cross of death for my sal-va-tion, his  
giv-ing ray, . . . the white-ness of the moon at e-ven, the  
burst-ing from the spic-ed tomb, his rid-ing  
flash-ing of the light-ning free, the whirl-ing  
up the heav'n-ly way, his com-ing at the  
wind's tem-pes-tuous shocks, the sta-ble earth, the  
day of doom, I bind un-to my-self to-day.  
deep salt sea, a-round the old e-ter-nal rocks.

4 Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,  
Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,

Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and strang-er.

5 I bind un-to my-self the name, the strong name of the  
Trin-i-ty by in-vo-ca-tion of the same, the  
Three in One and One in Three, of whom all na-ture has cre-  
a-tion, e-ter-nal Fa-ther, Spir-it, Word. Praise to the  
Lord of my sal-va-tion; sal-va-tion is of Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. Patrick, 372-466; para. Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895  
Music: ST. PATRICK'S BREAFASTPLATE, sts. 1-3, 5: Irish melody. DEIRDRE, st. 4: Irish melody

## Table Blessing and Communion Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

A: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

# SENDING

## Blessing

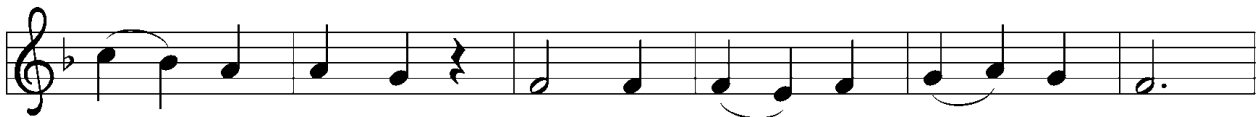
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn 414

## Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900  
Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

**Dismissal** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**

All Glory Be to God on High

Timothy Albrecht

*Everyone is invited to enjoy light refreshments and conversation  
in the fellowship hall following worship.*

The comic strip *Agnus Day* is a lectionary-based comic strip. Each week, Rick (the one with the dark nose) and Ted discuss one of the assigned readings from the Common Lectionary. Their conversation drives at a point and sometimes sparks a laugh. *Agnus Day* is the creation of Pastor James Wetzstein, a Lutheran pastor who serves as one of the campus pastors at Valparaiso University. *Agnus Day* appears with the permission of [www.agnusday.org](http://www.agnusday.org).



## How Can These Things Be?

Given the many heated encounters between Jesus and Pharisees, the term *Pharisee* has become, for some, another word for “enemy of truth” or “opponent of God’s promises for the world.” In communities where divisions over what is true and false, good and bad, have become iron-clad, often rankling relationships, it may seem familiar—even honorable—to hiss at Pharisees. But that wasn’t Jesus’ way.

Think first about people like the Samaritan woman at the well, or a centurion in Rome’s brutal occupying army, or a scandalous prostitute, or an executioner driving nails into Jesus’ flesh—people that might have been easily discarded. Yet Jesus related to them in compassion and mercy, not exclusion.

Then think of Nicodemus, meeting Jesus at night, calling him “a teacher who has come from God.” Nicodemus is a Pharisee but he is hardly an enemy of truth opposing God’s way in the world. Moreover, with one word, “we,” he includes other Pharisees like himself who wish to accompany Jesus in God’s kingdom.

The perplexing nighttime conversation that leaves Nicodemus in a state of wonderment—“How can these things be?”—leads to Jesus’ climactic revelation: “God so loved the world . . .” In the gospel’s original Greek, “world” (*kosmos*) indicates that literally every bit of the universe receives God’s mercy and compassion, saving us all from perishing into iron-clad division between who is in and who it out.

How can these things be? On this Sunday that celebrates the wonder of the Trinity, the answer comes from God the Creator, saying that creation is good; from God the Redeemer, teaching us to love the world as God loves it; and from God the Spirit, continuing to draw us into wonderment. That’s how this can be.

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*Niurys Rivera Machado* is a Cuban painter who has done an interesting take on Rublev's (circa 1360s-1430s) famous painting "Trinity." It is based on the story of Abraham and Sarah whose hospitality welcomed three unknown guests (Genesis 18:1-8). Christians first claimed the unknown guests are 'angels unawares' (Hebrews 13:2 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.") In medieval times, Rublev invited Christians to see the three guests as the blessed Trinity. The message is this: When we are hospitable and welcoming of the stranger in our midst, we welcome the Triune God." Niurys Rivera Machado shows the co-equal sharing of the Trinity (look at what each person is holding). Also notice where they are sitting. They are seated at the end of the banquet table so that there is plenty of room for us to join them in the feast of the universe.

