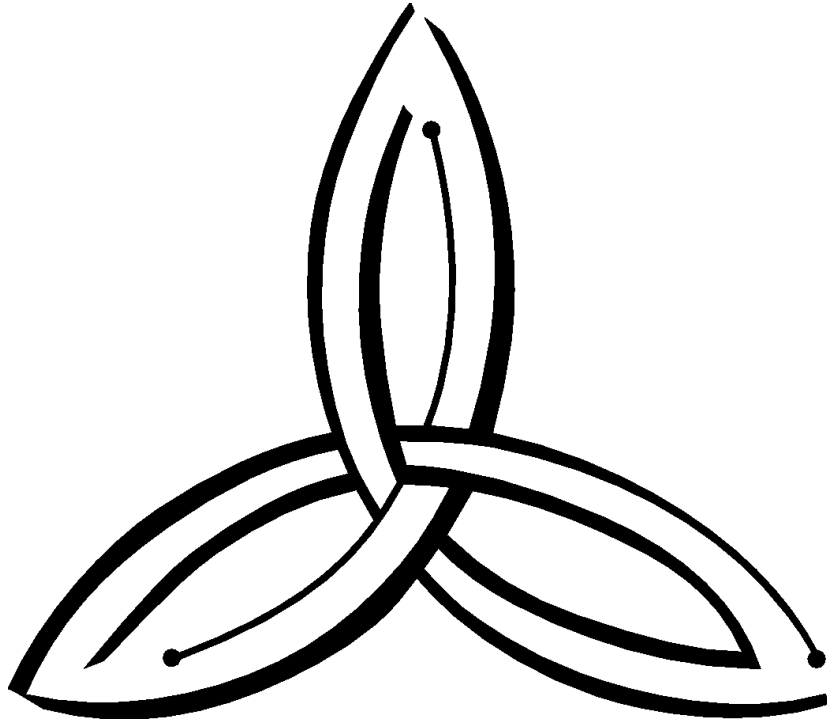


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Flower Dedications

In loving memory of our father, Robert M. Goodchild, by their daughters, Louise & Ellen Goodchild & Robin Stab

John 13: 34-5 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

St. John's Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. At St. John's Lutheran Church, we welcome all because God welcomes all. We welcome all without regard to race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to economic circumstances, physical or mental ability, age or legal status. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, we welcome you. We at St. John's believe that all people have infinite worth and embrace our differences as children of God. As a community of faith, we are called to be facilitators of peace, harmony and reconciliation in our broken world. We welcome you to join us.

Please make sure your cell phones are silenced. Thank you!

INTRODUCTION

“O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God’s love and hope to our neighbors.

PRELUDE All Glory Be to God on High Johann Gottfried Walther

WELCOME

Welcome to worship this morning in person and via Zoom! We’re glad you have joined us today! You are invited to participate in the service as you feel called and comfortable.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

***GATHERING 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!

***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.

***PRAISE FOR THE TRINITY**

This text is loosely based on the themes and language of St. Patrick's Breastplate, an ancient Irish prayer to the Trinity.

We arise today through the power of the Trinity:

We name you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We bind the protection of the Trinity to our hearts:

We name you Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

We shelter in the Trinity's shade:

We name you Lover, Beloved, and Love.

We are swept into the Trinity's cosmic dance:

We name you Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver.

**We wonder at the threefold nature of the Holy, which no words can express:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

***FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

A reading from Proverbs

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
“To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world’s first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,

when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when 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,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***PSALM: Psalm 8**

O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!--
**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

all flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5**

A reading from Romans.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL: John 16:12-15**

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When 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. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

***SERMON Rev. Felicia Swartz**

***HYMN OF THE DAY** **All Glory Be to God on High** **410**



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
 source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.
 on us all have mer - cy.
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - men.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of 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.**

Mission Statement

*Following the way of Jesus, St. John's gathers as a caring community to
serve our neighbors and share God's love.*

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

One God, giver of life, you established peace through your Son and gave your church the hope of sharing in your glory. Enliven us by your Spirit to speak and act in love for the sake of the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creator of all, you rejoice in creation and have given humankind responsibility for the works of your hands. Instill in everyone your Spirit of care for the earth, especially in areas threatened by ecological devastation.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving Redeemer, you delight in the human race. Move the hearts of world leaders to seek wisdom, speak truth, and care for all endangered by poverty, prejudice, or violence. Further the work of international collaboration and peacemaking especially for the people of Ukraine. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Abiding Comforter, you call out to all who live. Restore severed relationships and protect children who lack trustworthy caregivers. Grant hope to those who are experiencing fear, pain, or grief. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Holy Three, you are community and you create community. Build up ministries that support those who are isolated or lonely. Give endurance as we nurture vital relationships in our congregation and beyond. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, we remember your saints for their strong faith and witness, even unto death. Console grieving families. Stir up in us the resolve to end the sin of white supremacy and pursue the courageous path of justice. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen**

***OFFERTORY Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Paul Manz**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
Strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us now 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. 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always. **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN Holy God, We Praise Your Name 414



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.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE We All Believe in One True God BWV 680 J. S. Bach**

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Office hours (please note that hours are subject to change as emergencies arise):

Wednesday: 10:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

We pray for Patricia, (Marcia Boraas), Sarah Likly, Anne Betz, Jamie McCarthy, Debbie McCusker, Kate Saunders (Steve Brown & Sue Kershner), Dottie Malloy (friend of Norajean Flanagan), Jaclyn Kirchhoff , Joan Englebert, Wendy Beatty-Burg, Bridget Diamond McHugh, John & Joann Ducshl, Susan Hanes Stillman (friends of Rosemary & Bruce Hanes), Christopher Rocklyn, Robert Rocklyn, Ron and Ryan Turner, Brittany Nentwig, Bette Wenrich (Louis Ley), Fran Pinnel, Louise Goodchild, Jack Saarela, friends and family of AJ, James Rasmussen, Susan Collins and all who are in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit.

We pray for our homebound members Louise Goodchild, Fran & Roger Pinnel, Evelyn Reutemann, and Marianne Adshead.

Giving Thanks for caregivers treating all affected by Covid19 and its variants.

Finally, we pray for those suffering from Covid-19 and its variants, those experiencing hunger, homelessness, those struggling with addiction, and those who are serving the church as missionaries.

Fran Pinnel is in the Cheltenham Nursing Home, 600 W. Cheltenham Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, 19126 for visits/cards.



Social Ministry Summer Drive: During June, the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting donations to help support cats and dogs at the Montgomery County SPCA. **We would appreciate donations of cat food, dog food, cat and dog treats, non-clumping kitty litter, puppy pads, clean towels and blankets.**

Please call the church office at 215-635-3465 to arrange a drop off of the items or bring to worship on any given Sunday.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity

Announcements for Our Life Together

Pride Month Reconciling in Christ Special Donation: As a Reconciling in Christ congregation we are committed to supporting our LGBTQIA+ siblings in the church and the world. Since June is designated as Pride Month we are taking up a special offering that will be sent to Reconciling Works, the organization that works with churches desiring to become a RIC congregation. Part of our obligations as a member of this group is to donate each year. So, if you would like to make a special donation either mark it on your envelope or your check that it is designated for Reconciling Works.

Wednesday Night Prayer: We will be continuing our new practice of live prayer time together on Wednesday's at 7pm on the church's Instagram page.

Weekly Instagram Live Sermon- Every Wednesday following our Nightly Prayer everyone is welcome to join us on our St. John's Instagram page for a live retelling of the week's sermon. If you missed worship on Sunday and would like to hear the message for the week, this is a great opportunity. Or if you want to share the message with others you know who cannot be with us on Sundays, feel free.

Book Club: Book Club is now reading *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison. Date for our discussion meeting will be determined.

Summer Outdoor Worship: Join us this summer for multiple services in the great outdoors. We will gather at our normal time on every third Sunday from June to September-- June 19, (next Sunday with Communion), July 17, August 21, and September 18 outside in our parking lot.

Breakfast Bags: The last Sunday of every month this summer we will be taking time following worship to pack breakfast bags for The Breathing Room. June's date will be Sunday, June 26.

Summer Church Picnic: Join us on Sunday, August 21 after our outdoor worship for a church picnic. This will be a potluck, so please bring a dish to share. Also, it would be helpful to bring along your own chair for the meal.

Directory: St. John's spring 2022 Directory is available in the back of the Sanctuary. If you would like to receive the Directory by mail, please let Linda know.

Summer Coffee Hour Trivia Hour- Have you ever wondered what your fellow parishioner's favorite color is? Maybe you want to know whether everyone likes pie better than cake? If you have ever wanted to know more about your neighbor in worship join us for a time of fellowship and fun as we gather during the summer for some trivia together. Every 2nd Sunday of the month following worship we will gather for a friendly game of trivia where we will answer some fun questions to help us get to know one another even better.

Worship & Coffee Hour Update: Based upon information from the CDC and Montgomery County, and with advice from the Synod, St. John's is strongly urging all who attend in-person worship to wear a facial covering whether you are vaccinated or not. We will also resume normal coffee hour following worship.

Offering Envelopes: *Please continue to send in your weekly offering envelopes.* You can mail checks directly to the office or place envelopes with cash/check through the mail slot on the handicapped door. **Linda will**

acknowledge receipt of your donation. Thank you for your continued support of St. John's.

Social Ministry – Food Cupboard needs food: URGENT! Thanks to all of you who have dropped off food donations at St. John's. Deliveries are ongoing, primarily to the Interfaith Food Cupboard at Salem Baptist in Roslyn. Hours are Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday 10-1. If you can get food to St. John's, we can promptly get it to those who are in need. Please contact Linda to arrange a food drop off at St. John's, or you may always donate directly to one of our designated food cupboard partners. Please, no glass can be accepted. Thank you for continuing this important ministry!

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: Now that we have a full-time pastor we are looking for donations to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This fund is an important part of the church's outreach to those in need. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund can be used to help people in need with utility bills, grocery assistance, rent, gas funds, etc. Please consider donating to this important outreach effort.

Our next Communion Sunday—Sunday, June 19, 2022. On Communion Sundays, individual 'self-serve' wine/wafer or grape juice/wafer combinations will be available in the back of the sanctuary at the start of worship for those attending in person. **They can also be picked up in advance at the church office by those who wish to participate, but will be attending via Zoom.** If you plan to share in Communion from home, please call Linda in the church office to arrange a time for pick-up during the week prior to each Communion Sunday.



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