



The Nicene Creed: The Holy Spirit and the Church

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Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Solemn Variations*

Donald E. Callender

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Aurelia*

Samuel S. Wesley/arr. Paul Bunjes

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

L: 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.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

C: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

L: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

L: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

C: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
By schisms... rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
4. Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

L: 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.**

Glory to You, God

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1. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
Yours is the promise, the blessing the birth.
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame;
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
2. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
Yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed;
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.

- Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
3. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
Yours the anointing, the radiant worth.
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day...

C: God of heaven and earth, your Son Jesus Christ has revealed you as our Father, and promised us the gift of the Holy Spirit: grant to your Church to overcome the scandal of our divisions, so that we may bear witness to your life of communion, in the unity of our profession of faith and in the love of mutual service. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:2-4

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading from Psalm 133

L: How good and how pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

C: It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

L: It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

C: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading: Acts 1:6-9

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW #650

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
3. Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Nicene Creed

**C: 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, 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; and was incarnate of
the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made human. For our sake he was
crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. On the third
day he rose from the dead in accordance with the scriptures.**

**He ascended to 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. 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 confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We
look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Prayers of the People (each petition ends... “Hear us O God... **your mercy is great.**”)
Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God’s love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through a church-wide commitment to speaking the truth, welcoming the stranger, and loving the sojourner. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God’s people and God’s world!)

Offertory: Psalm 23 Gordon Young/ arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Offering Response: Create in Me

ELW #186

Offertory Prayer: **C: Abiding God, under the cover of winter’s darkness, you bring forth life. Nourish us with earth’s bounty, that we may freely share the gifts you have first given us, through the one who gives his life for the world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Lord’s Prayer

P: In the night [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught:

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.

Invitation to Communion

Be Known to Us

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Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
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Alleluia.

Hymn during Communion: Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

ELW #657

1. Rise, O Sun of righteousness; with your might creation bless.
Shine upon your church today, showing all your gentle way.

Refrain: Have mercy, Lord.

2. Rouse our hearts from slumber deep; may your word within us leap.
Give us voices to proclaim praises to your holy name. (refrain)

3. Gather in your scattered flock; give us water from the rock.
Bless the unity we share in our shepherd's loving care. (refrain)

4. Burst the bars of stubborn pride; make the heav'nly pathway wide.
Raise us up from sin and death with your Spirit's living breath. (refrain)

5. Honor, praise, and glory be to the holy Trinity!
May your gracious will be done: make us one, as you are one. (refrain)

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us,
and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and
your minds in (+) Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: We All Are One in Mission

ELW #576

1. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
2. We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
3. Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

L: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Gigue*

Gordon Young/arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Rob Wilbur Acolyte:

Reader: Donna Winters

Communion Asst: Ron Coons

Fellowship:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of February 16:

- TODAY: Executive Team meets following worship
- Mon. 2/17: Worship & Music team meeting 1:00 pm at the church
- Wed. 2/19: WOW! children's ministry meets from 6-7 pm in the Social Hall
Adult study considers spiritual practices - 7 pm in the Library
- Thu. 2/20: R.O.M.E.O. men's lunch group meets at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room
GF Community Band rehearses at 7 pm in the Fireside Room

THANKS... to all who came out for Valentine's Bingo!

February Special Offering benefits Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp scholarships.

Keeping in Prayer... Peggy, Bob, Carol, Bud & Linda; Susan; Jane; Barbara & Jerry; Sumner; Carrie; Sue; Dee; Rebecca; Danny; Triston; MaryAnn; Carl & Harley; Ann; Arvin; Beth; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Sandy; Noah; Dorothy; Toni; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta; Elaine.

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