

The Holy Trinity
Sunday, June 12, 2022
Pastor - Rev. Michael Brecke
Organist - Lori Free

Organ Prelude and Pastor's Greeting

Opening Hymn: **#413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**

Order of Worship: pages 94-96, 147-150

Prayer of the Day - Celebrate

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm: Psalm 8

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **#408 Come, Thou Almighty King**

Apostle's Creed: page 105 (see inside back cover of hymnal)

Prayers of Intercession - Celebrate

Offertory: Hymn 186 in Service Music - "Create in me..."

Words of Institution and Communion

Lord's Prayer (see inside back cover of hymnal)

Communion Hymn: **#515 Break Now the Bread of Life**

Sending Song: **#414 Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

Dismissal

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS
CELEBRATING OUR 140th YEAR
IN HIS SERVICE
1882 - 2022

Michael Brecke was born in Ashland, Wisconsin, in 1946. He grew up in Mellen, Wisconsin, graduated from high school in 1964. Received his B.S. degree from Wisconsin State University River Falls (1968), a Master's of Divinity from Yale University Divinity School (1971), a Master's of Sacred Theology from Concordia Seminary (1972), St. Louis and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago (1993).

His education also included the jobs he held at: Penokee Veneer Mill, Allis Chalmers Foundry, Mellen Weekly Record, Mellen Country Club (where he dug ditches), and numerous other jobs to make enough money to support his habit of education.

He has served churches in Georgia, Kansas, and Wisconsin. Over the years he has written for newspapers and a variety of local and regional publications.

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today. If you spend time in Door County please consider becoming a member of our special ministry. Contact any member for information.

All baptized Christians who celebrate the Real Presence in the Sacrament of Communion are invited to the Lord's Table.

Restrooms are located in the Pioneer School

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The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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 (areas may be named). 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. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

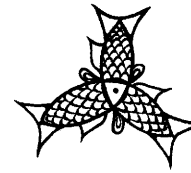
Abiding Comforter, you call out to all who live. Restore severed relationships and protect children who lack trustworthy caregivers. Grant hope to those who are experiencing fear, pain, or grief (especially). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, we remember your saints for their strong faith and witness, even unto death (especially the Emanuel Nine, whom we commemorate this week). 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.**



Celebrate

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"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.

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

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise
her voice?

²On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her
stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she
cries out:

⁴"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

²²"The LORD created me at the
beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of
the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was
brought forth,
when there were no springs
abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been
shaped,

before the hills, I was brought
forth—

²⁶when he had not yet made earth and
fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷When he established the heavens,
I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face
of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains
of the deep,

²⁹when 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,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a
master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race."

Preparing for Next Week

Monday Psalm 124. **Tuesday** (commemoration of Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, c. 389; Macrina, teacher, c. 379) Ephesians 5:15-20. **Wednesday** Daniel 1:1-21. **Thursday** Psalm 22:19-28. **Friday** (commemoration of the Emanuel Nine, martyrs, 2015) Galatians 3:15-22. **Saturday** Isaiah 59:1-8. **2nd Sunday after Pentecost** Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39.

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- O¹ LORD our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in¹ all the earth!—
²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
 out of the mouths of in-¹ fants and children;
 you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
 to silence the foe¹ and avenger. R**
³When I consider your heavens, the work¹ of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars you have set¹ in their courses,
⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind-¹ ful of them,
 human beings that you should¹ care for them? R**
⁵Yet you have made them little less¹ than divine;
 with glory and hon-¹ or you crown them.
⁶**You have made them rule over the works¹ of your hands;
 you have put all things un-¹ der their feet:**
⁷all¹ flocks and cattle,
 even the wild beasts¹ of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish¹ of the sea,
 and whatever passes along the paths¹ of the sea.**
⁹O¹ LORD our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in¹ all the earth! R

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² 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.³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suf-

fering produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ 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.

Gospel

John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

[Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.¹³ 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.¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."