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The Holy Trinity

June 4, 2023

Divine Service, Setting One

As We Gather

"All good things come in three." That proverb has existed through many ages, languages, and cultures. On Holy Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church celebrates the doctrine of the Trinity, which expresses the divine truth that God is Three in One and One in Three. How best do we celebrate that amazing doctrine? A hymn written by Scottish cleric Gilbert Rorison in the middle of the nineteenth century offers a guiding prayer:

Three in One and One in Three Ruler of the earth and sea, Hear us, while we lift to Thee Holy chant and psalm.

Our worship becomes celebration as we express our faith in and love for the Holy Trinity—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

907 God Himself Is Present



Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 8:1-2a, 3-5; antiphon: Liturgical Text

- P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.* Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.
- C O LORD, our Lord,*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

- You have set your glory above the | heavens.*

 Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have es- | tablished strength.
- When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,* the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,
- what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,* and the son of man that you | care for him?
- Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings* and crowned him with glory and | honor.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

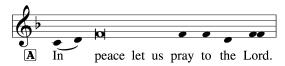
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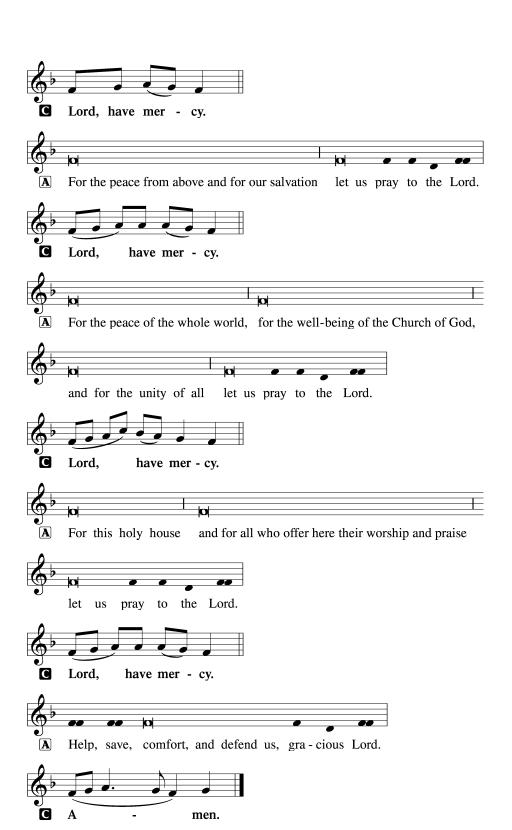
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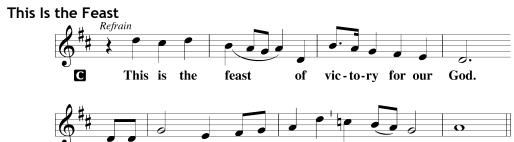
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Kyrie



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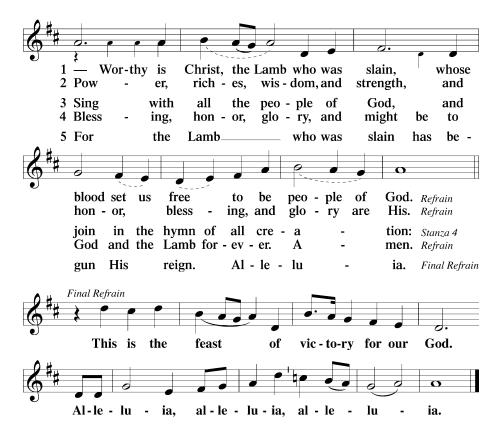




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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-7

R The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 6.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 11:33–36

R The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 11.

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

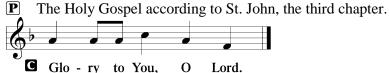
- ³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"
 ³⁵"Or who has given a gift to him
- ³⁵"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"
- ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.
- **R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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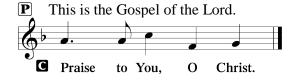


Holy Gospel John 3:1–15

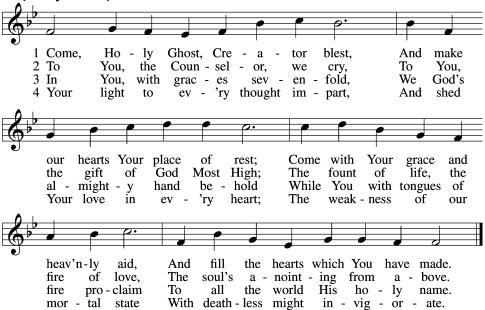


P ¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ¹Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ³The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."







- Drive far away our wily foe,
 And Your abiding peace bestow;
 With You as our protecting guide,
 No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.
- △ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One, And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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Sermon

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Athanasian Creed

- P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic* faith.
- **C**: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- **P**: And the catholic faith is this,
- **C**: That we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- **P**: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- **G**: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- **P**: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

- **C**: The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- **P**: The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- **C**: The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- **P**: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- **G**: Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- **P**: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- **G**: And yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- **P**: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- **G**: And yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- **P**: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- **C**: And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- **P**: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,
- **C**: So also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- **P**: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

Men: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

<u>Women:</u> The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

P: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

Men: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

<u>Women:</u> But the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

- **C**: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- **P**: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **C**: Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

Men: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;

Women: And He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

- **C**: Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- **P**: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Men: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

<u>Women:</u> One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

- **C**: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- **P**: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- **G**: Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- P: Ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- **C**: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- P: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- **C**: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

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Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- P For an ever-growing understanding of the depths of God's riches, wisdom and knowledge through His Word, that we may glorify Him forever, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the missionaries of our Church as they go to the ends of the earth with the Gospel, that many may hear of God's love in Christ Jesus and be saved through faith in Him, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For faith to believe that, since the Lord has given us new birth through Holy Baptism, we truly are His children and will not be abandoned to hades, but will see eternal life in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For Joseph, Greg and all who represent us, that the Lord, enthroned as king forever, would bless them with wisdom and understanding, that truth and justice may prevail in our land and lawlessness may be kept at bay, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For [<u>and</u>] all who suffer in our midst, that the Lord of hosts would uphold them in the truth that, since He is at their right hand, they cannot be shaken; and that He would gladden their hearts, cause their tongues to rejoice and make their flesh dwell in hope, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- That since there is no gift by which our Lord might be repaid, God would accept our humble offerings, brought in thanksgiving for His benefits, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who commune, that by Christ's cleansing body and blood on our lips, our guilt may be taken away and our sin atoned for, that we would not be lost but abide in His holy presence forever, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

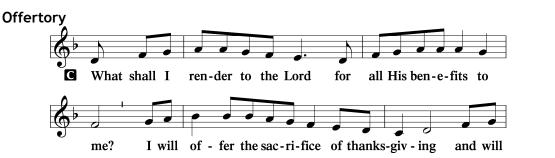
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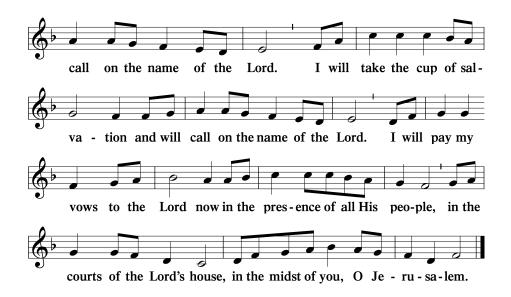
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Welcome to our Visitors

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; and 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.

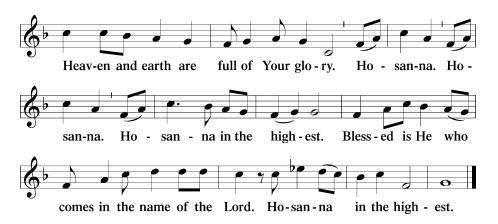
Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160

- **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 Him thanks and praise.
- Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 161





Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 163

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

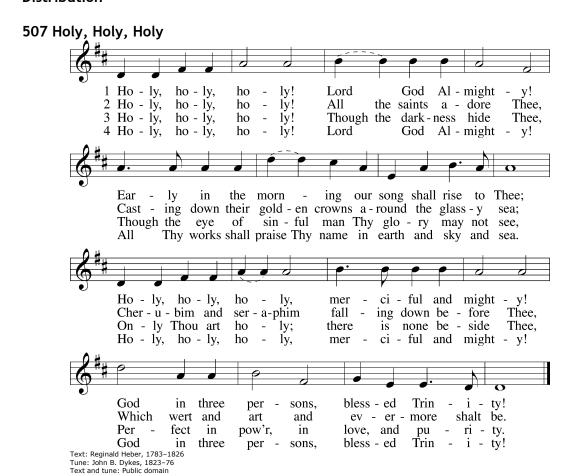
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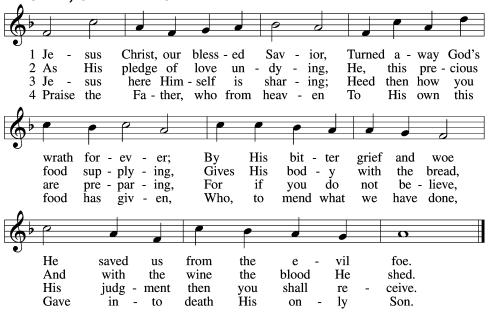


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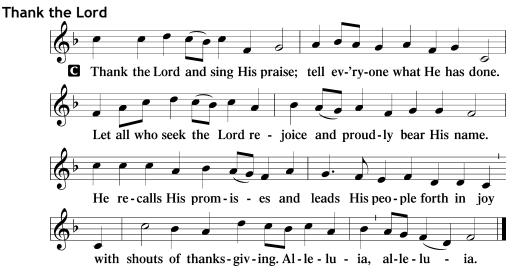
- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken By the sick who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- Agony and bitter labor 6 Were the cost of God's high favor; Do not come if you suppose You need not Him who died and rose.
- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor: Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill.

- 8 "For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying? And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses, You will be your Savior's guest, Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish And your neighbor learn from you How much God's wondrous love can do.

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Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your onlybegotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

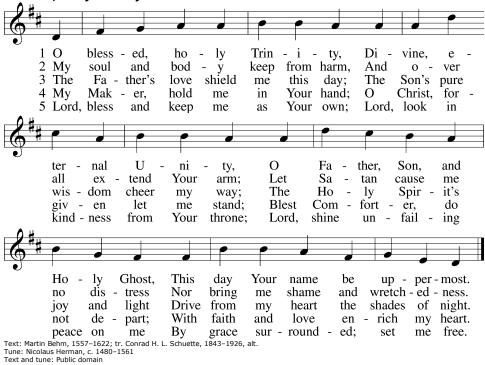
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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 \mathbf{C} Amen.

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Announcements

Adult Sunday School is studying Exodus at 9am on Sunday mornings.

The **Flowers** that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory for David & Hope Huston's anniversary.

The Ladies Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10am. They are studying the book of Judges.

Church Council next meeting is June 11 at 8am.

The Voters' Assembly will meet after service on June 11 with elections for President, Financial Secretary, and Member at Large. Let Charlie Padon or Dan Boland know if you are interested in these positions.

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