

Holy Trinity Sunday - June 4, 2023  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Conway Arkansas  
Abbreviated Bulletin to Accompany the Sermon

Hymn: 979 God, Whose Almighty Word

sts. 1-3



1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and  
2 Lord, who once came to bring, On Your re -  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,  
dark - ness heard And took their flight: Hear us, we  
deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight, Health to the  
ho - ly dove, Speed forth Your flight; Move on the  
hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day  
sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:  
wa - ter's face, Bear - ing the lamp of grace,  
Sheds not its glo - rious ray, Let there be light!  
Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!  
And in earth's dark - est place Let there be light!

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Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716-96  
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Sermon Part One (based on the following Old Testament Reading):

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-5; 1:26-2:4a (*The Triune God creates mankind.*)

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup>And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations  
of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

## Hymn: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

sts. 1, 3–4



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Text (sts. 1, 3): Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903  
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## Sermon Part Two (based on the following New Testament reading):

### Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22–36 (The continuation of Peter's Pentecost sermon)

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

<sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

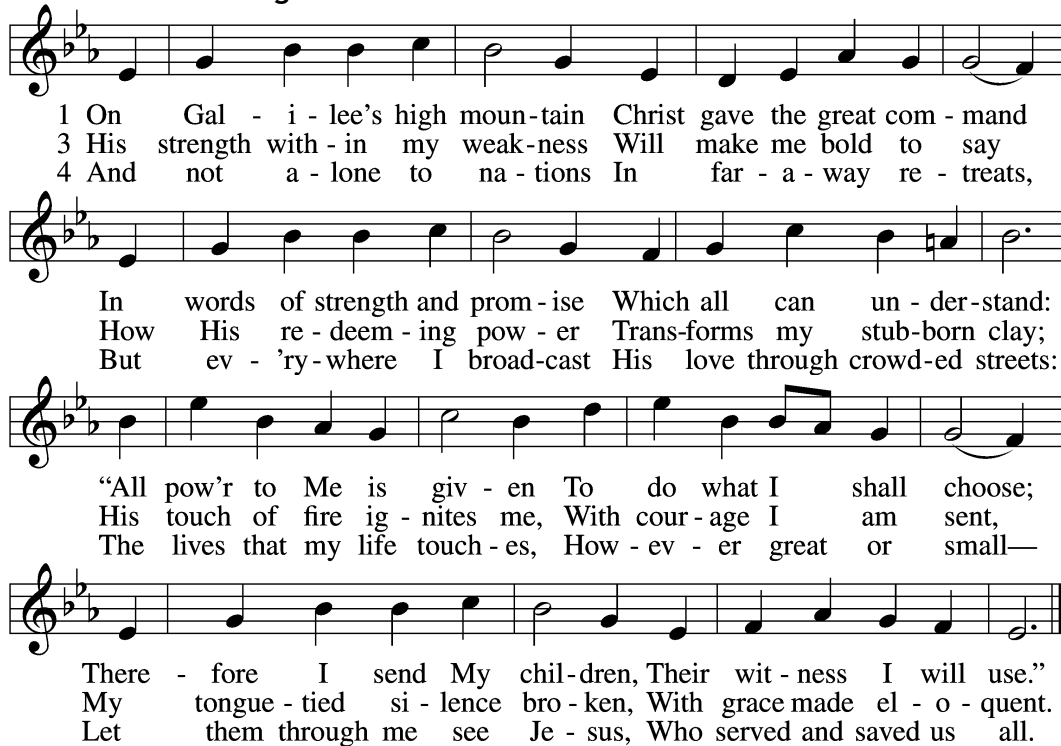
“The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand,

<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

## Hymn: 835 On Galilee's High Mountain

sts. 1, 3-4



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun-tain Christ gave the great com - mand  
3 His strength with - in my weak-ness Will make me bold to say  
4 And not a - lone to na - tions In far - a - way re - treats,  
In words of strength and prom - ise Which all can un - der-stand:  
How His re - deem - ing pow - er Trans-forms my stub-born clay;  
But ev - 'ry - where I broad-cast His love through crowd-ed streets:  
"All pow'r to Me is giv - en To do what I shall choose;  
His touch of fire ig - nites me, With cour - age I am sent,  
The lives that my life touch - es, How - ev - er great or small—  
There - fore I send My chil-dren, Their wit - ness I will use."  
My tongue - tied si - lence bro - ken, With grace made el - o - quent.  
Let them through me see Je - sus, Who served and saved us all.

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### Sermon Part Three (based on the following Gospel reading):

#### Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 (*Baptize in God's Triune Name.*)

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**A Parting Word:** *The Trinity is a complex truth for us to understand, yet we see that even Jesus' first disciples still had their doubts (Matthew 28:17). However, despite His disciples' doubts, Jesus still sent them out on His mission to make disciples. Though we often don't understand God and His ways, and we sometimes have our doubts, He still sends us to live as His disciples. But we are not alone! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit are with us as we follow Him by faith ...*

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