



# THE HOLY TRINITY

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Opening Hymn      *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

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**Invocation, Confession and Absolution**

*LSB 151*

*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.

C **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.

C **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.**

### **Declaration of Grace**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

### **Service of the Word**

+ **INTROIT** +

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

**Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.**

**Cong.: Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.**

**Pastor: O LORD, our Lord,**

**Cong.: how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**Pastor:** You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Cong.:** Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength.

**Pastor:** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

**Cong.:** the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**Pastor:** what is man that you are mindful of him

**Cong.: and the son of man that you care for him?**

**Pastor:** Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

**Cong.: and crowned him with glory and honor. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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### **Kyrie**

*LSB 152*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE** +

*“Gloria in Excelsis”*

*LSB 154*

**Pastor:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**Cong:** **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

+ **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** +

**Pastor:** The LORD be with you.

**Cong.:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** 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.

**Cong.:** **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 6:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>In 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. <sup>2</sup>Above 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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” <sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And 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!”<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” This is the Word of the LORD.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

*Romans 11:33–36*

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! <sup>34</sup>“*For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?*” <sup>35</sup>“*Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?*” <sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

**+ALLELUIA & VERSE+ (sung)**

*LSB 157*

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

**+ THE HOLY GOSPEL +**

*John 3: 1-17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This 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.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus 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?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The 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.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, 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. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that

whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” This is the Gospel of the LORD.

**Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON HYMN: “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

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**SERMON**

*The Athanasian Creed*  
*The Church’s Confession of the Holy Trinity*

*LSB 319*

Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

**Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

And the catholic faith is this,

**that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

**But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit.

**the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

**the Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal.**

And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

**just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

**and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.**

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

**The Father is not made nor created, nor begotten by anyone.**

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

**The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**

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

**And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than a another;** 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.

**Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.**

He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

**perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

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

one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

**one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

**who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

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.

**At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**

And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

**This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

**Prayer of the Church**

*LSB 159*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)**

*LSB 162*

**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.**

**Collect**

**P** Lord God, we humbly confess to You that we deserve Your fatherly chastisement for our sins; yet we earnestly implore You, for Your name's sake, to spare us in this time of disaster. Restrain all harmful powers and help Your suffering people that Your Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk in safety and peace according to Your holy commandments; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Benediction**

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

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