

THE HOLY TRINITY
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OPENING HYMN *“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”* **LSB 499**

+ INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION + **LSB 151**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,.

Cong.: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Cong.: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gather to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

Cong.: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life. Amen

+ INTROIT + **Ps. 16:8-11 antiphon: Liturgical Text**

Pastor: Blessed e the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

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

Pastor: I have set the Lord always before me;

Cong.: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

Cong.: my flesh also dwells secure.

Pastor: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

Cong.: or let your holy one see corruption.

Pastor: You make known to me the path of life;

Cong.: in your presence there is fullness of you; at your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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

+ **KYRIE** +

LSB 152

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the LORD.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious LORD.

Cong.: 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 6:1-8

6 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train^[a] of his robe filled the temple. **2** 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. **3** And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”^[b] **4** And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. **5** 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!” **6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. **7** And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” **8** And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.’

22 “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— **23** this Jesus,^[a] delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. **24** God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. **25** 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; **26** therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. **27** For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. **28** You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ **29** “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. **30** 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, **31** he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ 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. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.” ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God!

+ALLELUIA & VERSE+
LSB 156

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

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL +

John 3:1-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 3rd chapter.

Cong.: Glory to You, O Lord.

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus^[a] 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.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again^[b] he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ 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?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.^[c] ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You^[d] must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind^[e] 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.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you^[f] do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.^[g] ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.^[h]

¹⁶“For God so loved the world,^[1] that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

LSB 507

The Athanasian Creed

The Church’s Confession of the Holy Trinity

Early in the fourth century, a new teaching appeared which claimed that Jesus was not true God. Arius, the north African priest who first proposed this theory, was extremely persuasive, and soon the controversy was so widespread that a church council was called to settle the matter. Out of that meeting in A.D. 325 came the Nicene Creed, which clearly confesses Jesus to be true God. That creed, which was expanded in A.D. 381 in order to defend the divinity of the Holy Spirit, is still widely used today as a confession of the triune faith. Despite the clarity of the Nicene Creed, the controversy continued for some time. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that marveled at the mystery of the Trinity in a way that no creed had ever done. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate. The Athanasian Creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord’s incarnation are the catholic faith. In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than 15 centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given himself for our salvation.

L: 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.

L: 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.

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

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

L: 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;

L: The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C: The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

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

C: Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

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

C: And yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.

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

C: And yet there are not three Gods, but one God. (continued on back)

***universal, Christian**

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.

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

L: 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;

Women: 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.

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

L: 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:

All: Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

L: 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:

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

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

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

C: Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

L: 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.

L: 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.

SERMON

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LSB 159

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy.

Cong.: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: ...through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

CREATE IN ME

LSB 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit**

from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and up-hold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER +

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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen

+THE BENEDICTION+

LSB 166

Cong.: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

LSB 761

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.



Rev. Patrick Pooch
Organist: Lillian Boettcher

Happy Birthday

Theodore Lundgren 26th

Carol Priest 30th

John Niemi 31st

Renee Kaczmarek 1st

Happy Anniversary

Ken & Sandra Piper 26th (28 yrs)

Louis & Janet Courtney 27th (64 yrs)

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, May 26th

8:00 am Divine Service

9:15 am Bible Study

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Divine Service

11:30 am Coffee Bites

Monday, May 27th

May 27th Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 29th

3:30 pm Bible Study

5:00 pm Divine Service

6:30 pm Bible Study

Looking Ahead

June 4th Elder Meeting 9:15 am

Wednesday, June 5th No Bible Study

Wednesday, June 12th No Bible Study