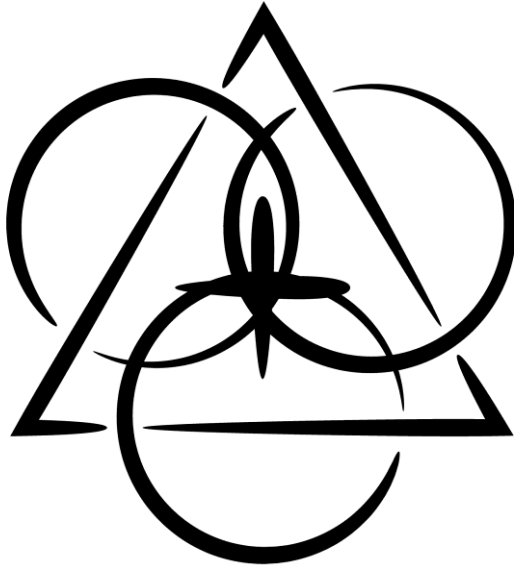


The Holy Trinity

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Sunday, June 11, 2017

AS WE GATHER

Today the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday. It is a day to bask in the wonder of knowing the triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – who has been revealed to us in the Scriptures. While we often think about the three persons of the Trinity having their own areas of expertise (the Father creates, the Son redeems, the Spirit sanctifies), the Readings for today focus on how the three persons of the Trinity work together in every task. In the Old Testament Reading from Genesis, we see all three persons are present and active in the creation of the world. In our Reading from Acts, we see all three persons active in the salvation of the world. And in the Holy Gospel from Matthew, we see that all three persons are active in the new life we have as baptized children of God.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “Come, Thou Almighty King”LSB 905 Δ

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

C: Through His Word, God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

P: The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.

C: And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

P: Creation begins with the presence and activity of all three persons of the Trinity.

C: Our lives as Christians begin in Baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

P: We are gathered to worship and glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: The Trinity acts together to begin creation, to begin our Christian lives, and to begin our worship today.

CONFESSIO*N* and ABSOLUTIO*N*

P: Despite the perfect creation by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we all have fallen into sin and failed to live as holy and perfect creatures. Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens! Yet we have failed to proclaim Your majestic name in our communities. We have denied Your glory and sought our own glory. We see Your mighty works, wonders, and signs every day, but we often fail to find delight in them. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus. Lead us by Your Spirit.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for Your sins. Jesus Christ was crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men, but God raised Him up, loosing the chains of death. God has given all authority in heaven and on earth to Jesus, who is both Lord and Christ. He has sent the Holy Spirit, who has called, gathered, and kept you in the one true faith of your Baptism. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. We are forgiven. The Holy Trinity works together to accomplish our forgiveness and salvation.

✠ WORD ✠

CREED

Athanasian Creed, Part 1

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.

C: 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,

C: 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;

C: and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.

P: 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.

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, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"..... LSB 940

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.**

**All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.**

**Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;**

**Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee**

**And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.**

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SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to be both Lord and Messiah for us. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us in the one true faith

which professes the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity; through our Lord and Messiah, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² 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. ³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶ And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸ And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures,

and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.”

²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²² And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said,

“Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds – livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth

according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ 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.” ²⁷ So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ 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.” ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ 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. ³¹ 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. ¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ These are the

generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CREED

Athanasian Creed, Part 2

P: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

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

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

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

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

C: 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.

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

SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, 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, 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."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16–20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, 28th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" *LSB 507*

SERMON

CREED

Athanasian Creed, Part 3

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.

P: 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:

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.

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

P: 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,

C: 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

PREFACE

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.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, who with Your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. Together, You have created and sustained the universe. Together, You have saved humanity from sin and every evil. Together, we worship the Trinity in Unity and the Unity in Trinity. 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord and Messiah!" Tune: LSB 507

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord and Messiah!
All authority is Yours in earth and sky and sea.
Here we shout "Hosanna!" to the King of glory,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" LSB 624

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: We give thanks to You, almighty Father, that You have refreshed us through this foretaste of the feast to come. Strengthen our faith and

unity through this Meal, so that we may lead others to the truth and joy of Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Messiah, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P: Receive the blessing of our triune God: The grace of our Lord and Messiah, Jesus Christ, the love of our heavenly Father, and the communion and comfort of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

HYMN "Glory be to God the Father" *LSB 506*

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THIS WEEK — (June 11-18, 2017)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am

Monday: Board of Ed, 4:00pm

Tuesday: Board of Evangelism, 4:15pm; Elders, 6:00pm

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; VBS 5:30pm

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending 6/4/17)

General & Building Funds: \$4886.00; Blessings: \$46.81;

Memorial: \$220.00

Attendance: Thursday: 22; Sunday: 97

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service.

Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

CLC BLOOD DRIVE is taking place on Wednesday, June 28th from 3:30 - 6:15pm in the lower level of the church. The signup sheet is located on the podium in the fellowship hall. Walk-ins are always welcome. Save a life, donate blood!

WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? Come and find out! Classes for those wishing to become members of Christ Lutheran (or are just curious and have questions) begin on Sunday, June 25 after fellowship time in the upstairs Bible class area.

OCEAN COMMOTION VBS: June 18-22 5:30-7:30. Sign up sheets are located in the narthex.

Ladies Guild is preparing **PERSONAL CARE KITS** for Lutheran World Relief. We are in need of the following items: Bath-size bars of soap; Lightweight bath-size towels (20" X 40" to 52" X 27" – dark colors recommended); and Metal nail clippers (attached file optional). Donations can be placed in the boxes marked for LWR opposite the restrooms. Thank you for your generosity.

LWML HUMAN CARE INGATHERING for June is for Little Lambs Daycare. Items needed are: crackers, mini-Ritz crackers, colored paper, and tissue paper.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS may be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“What do we say to women and men crushed in the aftermath of an abortion decision? They are created, redeemed, and called, and therefore NOTHING can separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*