

The Holy Trinity

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HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507 vs. 1-3

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 8:1, 3-4

P: When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

C: the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

P: what is man that You are mindful of him,

C: and the son of man that You care for him?

P: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

C: You have set Your glory above the heavens.

HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507 vs. 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: It is easy to sing God's praises; it is more difficult to comprehend His eternal majesty. It is easy to look through a telescope; it is more difficult to look in a mirror. Let us go to our great Three-in-One God, confessing our sins.

(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition)

P: Heavenly Father, Creator of all that exists, in deep humility we approach Your presence, for though You shower us with blessings, we have rebelled against Your just reign over us and You.

C: We have sinned against You, one another, and even Your good creation in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Forgive us, and teach us again to be Your true sons and daughters.

P: Lord Jesus, Savior sent from the Father, in deep humility we confess that we have neglected to appreciate Your great sacrifice, entering time and space to die for us.

C: We have failed to love You with our heart, soul, and mind, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to live as Your loving brothers and sisters. Forgive us, and grant us Your own determination to love our neighbors in Your name.

P: Holy Spirit, giver of every good gift,

C: in deep humility we confess that we have let the faith You have planted within us to be covered with our own wants and desires. Without Your help we cannot be free; we are bound to sin. Forgive us, and renew in us clean and upright spirits.

P: The eternal God, our Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier, has not forsaken us in our sin. For the sake of the Son, who became one of us to die for us, God offers full and free pardon. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace coming to us from beyond creation and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of all people around the planet, for the well-being of the Church of God in time and space, 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 to our majestic God let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

¹ Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? ² On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: ⁴ To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. ²² The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His work, the first of His acts of old. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶ before He had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. ²⁷ When He established the heavens, I was there; when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when He made firm the skies above, when He established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when He assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside Him, like a master workman, and I was daily His delight, rejoicing before Him always, ³¹ rejoicing in His inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

John 8:48–59

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁸ The Jews answered Jesus, “Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death.” ⁵² The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³ Are You greater than our

father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵ But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *LSB 802*

SERMON

ATHANASIAN CREED

P: Today we are marveling at the grace of God in paying attention to us and saving us, although we are a seemingly insignificant part of His creation. Just as we cannot comprehend the vastness of space, so likewise we cannot understand God's nature as three persons in one Godhead. We cannot explain God; we can only confess our faith within the limits of human understanding.

A: 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.

C: And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,

P: neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

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

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

C: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

P: 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, the Holy Spirit eternal.

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

A: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

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

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

C: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

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

P: 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.

C: 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.

A: 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 another;

P: 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.

A: 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:

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

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

A: 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; 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,

C: 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.

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

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

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

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ 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, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit called all

things into being and now sustain all creation. Your triune majesty and the grandeur of creation humble us, Your fallen but forgiven creatures. 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 “Oh, Holy, Holy Is the Lord” Tune: LSB 805

**Oh, holy, holy is the Lord,
The God by heav’n and earth adored.
We join the angels in their song,
Their glorious praises to prolong.**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Creator of all things, for You have had mercy on those who rebelled against You. You sent Your only-begotten Son into time and space 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 Jesus’ name, we pray 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, with all the faithful from all times and places to sit at Table with our Lord at the eternal banquet. 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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *LSB 437*

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
 did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
 sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Your Table I Approach" *LSB 628*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, who made all things and then sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh for the sake of us rebellious creatures, we thank You that for His sake You have been so gracious as to give us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Grant that we ever treasure Your mercy and serve You in joy each day; 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

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.

**God, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!**

**Lord, who once came to bring,
On Your redeeming wing,
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind:
Oh, now to humankind
Let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy dove,
Speed forth Your flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!**

**Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might!
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light!**

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (6/16/19 – 6/23/19)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Education, 10:30am

Wednesday: Quilters, 9:30am

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Education, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending June 9, 2019)

General & Building Funds: \$5975.00; Blessings: \$12.23; Genesis Fund: \$100.00

Attendance: Thursday: 16; Sunday: 129

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

JOIN US FOR BIBLE CLASS as Pastor Scott continues the study: "One God/Many gods". This week we'll be looking at Judaism.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 25, at 6:30pm.

PENNY SELLE FROM MOST MINISTRIES (a service organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod), will be giving a presentation on their eyeglass clinic ministry on Sunday, June 30, during the education hour. Mark your calendars!

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"The good things that fathers do for their children and give to their children are blessings from God, for fathers and mothers are God's representatives to their children. As disciplinarians they are representatives of His holiness. As providers they are representatives of His goodness and generosity. As teachers of the Gospel they are representatives of His grace. And as representatives not only do they act toward their children on God's behalf, they also demonstrate to them who their God is and what He is like, for it is His blessings that they bring to their children." *From the "Lutheran Spokesman" – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*