HOLY COMMUNION The Holy Trinity Old Church Sunday

June 12, 2022 9:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

"O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Sonata IV: Larghetto, Allegro

Handel

Ali Backlund, Flute

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God,
 to whom all hearts are open,
 all desires known,
 and from whom no secrets are hid:
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may perfectly love you
 and worthily magnify your holy name,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **G** Amen.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

- P Most merciful God,
- we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
 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.
 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ♣ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **And also with you.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by the confession of the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of your divine majesty, to worship the unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

A reading from Proverbs.

¹Does not wisdom call,

and does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights, beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

⁴"To you, O people, I call,

and my cry is to all that live.

²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

²³Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—

²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹when 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,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race."

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8 (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

¹O | LORD our Lord,

how exalted is your name in | all the world!

²Out of the mouths of in- | fants and children your majesty is praised a- | bove the heavens.

³You have set up a stronghold against your | adversaries, to quell the enemy and | the avenger.

⁴When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁵what is man that you should be mind- | ful of him, the son of man that you should | seek him out?

⁶You have made him but little lower | than the angels; you adorn him with glo- | ry and honor;

⁷you give him mastery over the works ¹ of your hands; you put all things un- ¹ der his feet:

⁸all | sheep and oxen,

even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁹the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths | of the sea.

¹⁰O | LORD our Lord,

how exalted is your name in | all the world!

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SECOND READING Romans 5:1-5

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

A reading from Romans.

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

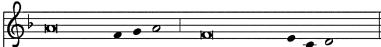
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



Holy, holy is the | Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full | of his glory.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

P The holy gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Karl Krueger

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: All Glory Be to God on High Printed on the next page.

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All Glory Be to God on High



ATHANASIAN CREED (read responsively)

Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith.

Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.

Now this is the catholic faith:

We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

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

But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.

The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.

Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:

And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;

as there are not

three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

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Almighty is the Father;

almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:

And yet there are not

three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

Thus the Father is God;

the Son is God:

the Holy Spirit is God:

And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

Thus the Father is Lord;

the Son is Lord;

the Holy Spirit is Lord:

And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

As Christian truth compels us

to acknowledge each distinct person

as God and Lord,

so catholic religion forbids us

to say that there are

three gods or lords.

The Father was neither made

nor created nor begotten;

the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father;

the Spirit was neither made nor created,

but is proceeding

from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father,

not three fathers;

one Son, not three sons;

one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

And in this Trinity,

no one is before or after, greater or less than the other;

but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus became flesh.

For this is the true faith
that we believe and confess:
That our Lord Jesus Christ,
God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father,

and he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother—

existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body;

equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.

Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ.

He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not transform deity into humanity.

He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.

For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

He suffered death for our salvation.

He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life,

those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith.

One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

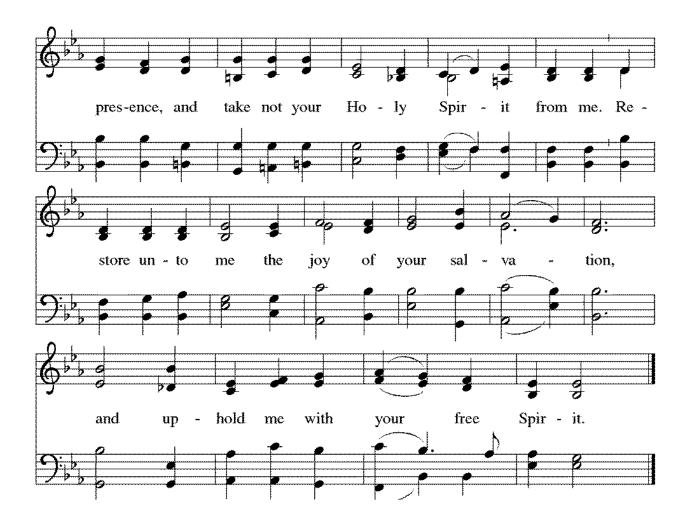
PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **And also with you.**

Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

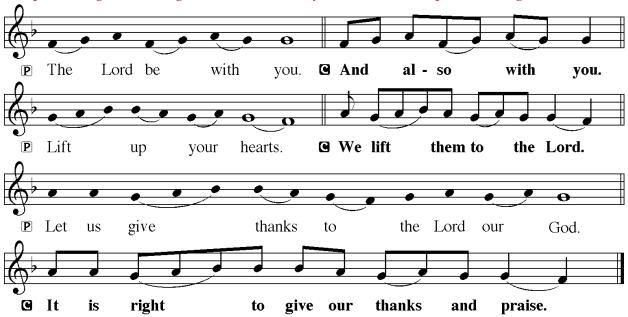
LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church. **OFFERTORY**



GREAT THANKSGIVING

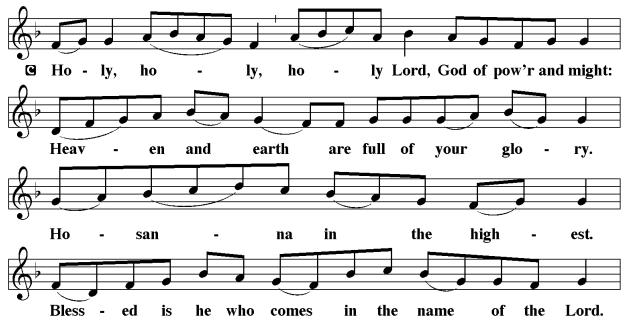
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:



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The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

P IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED,

OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS; BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING:

TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY → BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU.

DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS,

AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING:

THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY

→ BLOOD,

SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.

DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Sit

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

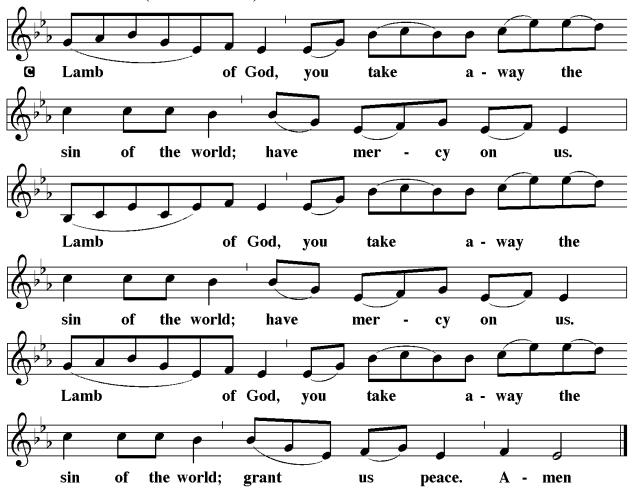
Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

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Music during Communion:

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



ANTHEM: Cornerstone Kirchner

The stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world. A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground and suffer the winter's cold, only to rise right up again and bear its seed a thousandfold. Never can our journey fail. A little child will lead the way, whose eyes are filled with a shining light, to whom the night is bright as day. The love that rolls the stone away gives us life that we may sing, "Grave, where is thy victory? Death, o death, where is thy sting?" The stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world.

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Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you

and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

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SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

HYMN: In Our Day of Thanksgiving

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In Our Day of Thanksgiving



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OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Lehenbauer

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The Time of the Church is the season after Pentecost, beginning with The Holy Trinity and ending with Christ the King. These weeks focus on Christ's ministry and teaching.

The Athanasian Creed is one of the three ecumenical creeds contained in the Book of Concord. (The Book of Concord is the collection of foundational theological documents that governs the Lutheran Church.) The other two, the Nicene and the Apostles' creeds, lend themselves more readily to liturgical use. Custom does suggest the liturgical use of the Athanasian Creed on the festival of The Holy Trinity.

The Athanasian Creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith who lived in the 4th century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Biblical teaching about God. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The second error denied that Jesus is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without saving faith.

The liturgical color white, symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ. Gold is a more festive version of white.

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<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Old Church</u> are given to the glory of God with thanks, from Cathy and Mike Menendez.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Oelschlager and family in loving memory of parents and grandparents, William and Irene Miller.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God with prayers for all who seek peace, freedom, justice, and truth, by Michael and Janet Stokes.

<u>The Geraniums planted by the tree outside the Muhlenberg Center</u> are given, to the glory of God by LaVonne Johnson in loving memory of husband Dennis Johnson.

<u>Altar Guild Help Wanted:</u> Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays. They change the paraments, prepare Holy Communion, place the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. No experience

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<u>Prayer Chain Volunteers Needed:</u> Did you know Augustus's WELCA has a prayer group? People are invited to call the leader of the group, Carol Oelschlager, or the church office with prayer requests and a group of folks will say special prayers based on these requests. This group is now seeking additional people to pray for Oelschlager at 610-310-5008.

<u>Iced Tea on the Lawn resumes on June</u> 18th with the change to our worship schedule for the summer! Please stay and visit with your church family over some iced tea and refreshments after either service beginning on the 18th. If you are interested in hosting this long-standing tradition during a Sunday over the summer, please sign up on the board in the Muhlenberg Center.

The "Old Church Sunday" service is TODAY! Our good friend, the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger will preside over the service and inspire us with his sermon. The members of the Old Church Committee have agreed to sponsor a sit-down luncheon in Fellowship Hall, following the service. After the luncheon, the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger will delight us with his presentation on "A Coal Miner and His Hymnal".

We're looking forward to Vacation Bible School!



VBS will be held for children aged three through sixth grade June 27th through the 30th! This year we'll be on a mission to Mars and learning all about God's power. There will be music, games, science experiments, crafts, stories and snacks. To register, scan this QR code.