

## CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY TRINITY

June 11-12, 2022



Music of Preparation,

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

**Our Ministry:** We are a people of God who are: ***“Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education.”***

**Welcome!** Today is Trinity Sunday — not so much a time to explain a complex doctrine as an opportunity to dwell in the mystery of God. Welcome.

**Devotions & Publications Available** are found in the main entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

### ..... **WORSHIP NOTES** .....

**Note About Attendance Cards...**Remember that the only way we may know you are worshiping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. **Please list the name of each person in worship.** (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

**To Our Visitors...**Our church and school has a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available near the guest register in the main (west) entryway.

**For All Who Worship...**If you are arriving after the service has started, please allow our ushers to assist you with seating. We ask that you avoid entering during the confession, prayers, or Bible readings as these are quiet and meditative moments.

**For Parents with Small Children...**We love and want children in our services as a part of God's family, to spend time with Jesus, and to learn how to worship. We also know that kids can be kids. We want you and your children to experience our Lord's love and to have a great opportunity to worship the Lord along with all who are gathered here to praise our Savior's name.

**AS WE GATHER** - *Trinity Sunday is set aside for us to assent to the witness of Scripture about the nature of God. We mere creatures cannot say that we understand the divine nature, but we can at least use the human words to which God limited Himself as He revealed what we need to know. All three persons of the Trinity work as one, although we recognize the Father as Creator, the Son as Savior, and the Holy Spirit as Sanctifier. We join the rest of creation in praising His great name, as we speak of our being made, saved from our sins, and given faith to trust our incredible God.*

**Before worship prayer**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, because of Your tender love towards us sinners You have given us Your Son that, believing in Him, we might have everlasting life. Continue to grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may remain steadfast in this faith to the end and finally come to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

**We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!**

**Opening Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

*LSB, hymn #507, st 1-2*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

**INVOCATION**

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

C: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

P: Dear Friends in Christ, 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 come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

P: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts, as people who are by nature sinful and unclean, we can relate to the prophet Isaiah when he laments before You, "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."

C: **We confess that our lips, our thoughts, our actions, and our whole selves are unclean. We deserve Your punishment.**

P: We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing.

C: **We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins.**

P: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

C: **Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your kingdom here on earth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: "Behold . . . your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." Jesus has atoned for your sin. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the uncreated and eternal Trinity and to worship the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as the one almighty God and Lord. Preserve us and keep us in the one, true faith.

C: **Amen**

**ATHANASIAN CREED, PART 1**

*The Athanasian Creed was named after St. Athanasius who valiantly defended the Trinitarian/Salvation-based faith during the 4th century. The creed emphasizes the unity of the Triune God as well as the distinctions between the persons - especially highlighting the distinctive work of Jesus, our Savior. The word "catholic" in the creed means "universal" and refers to all Christians. The references to "good deeds" are referring to those good deeds that show true faith in Jesus, who has saved us by His good work which the creed emphasizes.*

P: The Confession of Faith traditionally used in Christian churches around the world on Trinity Sunday is the Athanasian Creed. The Athanasian Creed focuses on the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and on the doctrine of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We will consider each section throughout our worship service. Let us confess our faith:

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 Almightyies, 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,

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

**Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

*LSB, hymn #507, st 3-4*

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

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!

*(Please be Seated)*

### THE READING OF THE WORD

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 6:1-8

*(The Lord of Hosts!)*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.” Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Stand

### 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.

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Lesson:** John 8:48-59

*(Before Abraham Was, I AM)*

The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?" "I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?" Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad." "You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be Seated)*

**Sermon Hymn: "Glory Be to God the Father"**

*LSB, hymn #506*

Glory be to God the Father,    Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit:    Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory    While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us,    Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us,    Made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory    To the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory to the King of angels,    Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations;    Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory    To the King of glory sing!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal!    Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!    Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory,    Glory to the King of kings!

**Sermon: "Sing The Song Of The Seraphs"**

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

Stand

### **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.**

*(Please be Seated)*

#### **Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards**

**8:30am - Music - "We All Believe In One True God"** *Sanctuary Singers*

**8:30am - Commissioning of Mission Week Participants**

**OFFERTORY - Create In Me** *LSB, Divine Service 3, pg 192-193*

- C: (Sung) 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 uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

- P: Let us pray. Blessed be the kingdom of our God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
**C: Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, to the end of all the ages!**  
P: That we may with one voice confess that God is one and manifest this same unity both with God and with all who wear His name by Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**  
P: That we may faithfully proclaim the love of the Father for us sinners, the saving will and purpose of Christ who suffered and died for us on the cross, and the power of the Spirit to teach us to believe in God. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

- P: That everywhere people may bow the knee and confess this faith and that the nations of the world may provide freedom, justice, and peace so that God's people may fulfill their baptismal calling of worship, witness, love, and service. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**  
P: That the Church may not depart from this saving truth but honor God's Word with faith, that through the Church, faithful church workers may be raised up and that the institutions and agencies of this Church may faithfully do the Lord's bidding as He desires. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**  
P: That the sick, the suffering, and the dying may know God's comfort and care, healing, and grace in all circumstances. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Epecially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). Grant them Your strength and presence. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**  
P: That we may rejoice in the delight of the Lord to save us and respond with delight to serve Him with our talents, honor Him with our tithes and offerings, and worship Him in Spirit and truth. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**  
P: That we may rejoice in all things and give thanks to the Lord that it has been His delight to reveal Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and to manifest His power and glory in saving us sinners and giving to us everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**  
P: Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed is Your eternal and everlasting kingdom. In the name of Jesus and for the sake of His all-sufficient merits, we plead before You to grant us all things needful and to deliver us from all things harmful. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**  
P: Blessed be the kingdom of our God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
**C: Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, to the end of all the ages!**

(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . . )  
P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,  
**C: Hear Our Prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:  
**C: 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.**  
*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**  
**Closing Hymn:** “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” *LSB, hymn #923*

Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav’n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**See You In Worship Next Week!**

**After worship prayer**  
*Lord God, heavenly Father, from Your hand we receive all good gifts and by Your grace we are guarded from all evil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that, acknowledging with our whole heart Your boundless goodness, we may now and evermore thank and praise You for Your loving-kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

*There will be Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that will be wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you are wanting prayer for yourself, someone else or prayer for a concern or situation you may have.*

*Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.*

**Altar Flowers** Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of our mothers, Edith Lueth and Katherine Hoekstra, on their birthdays, by Jerry and June Hoekstra; also in loving memory of my sister, Christine J. Betourne on her 59<sup>th</sup> birthday, June 10th, by Julie Palmer and her nieces and nephews.

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