

CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY TRINITY

June 14-15, 2025



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! Welcome, and Happy Father’s Day! Today we remember that no matter the state of our human relations with parents, children and others, God our heavenly Father loves us and cares for us without fail.

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..... **WORSHIP NOTES**

Communion: *The Lord’s Supper - A Reverent Sacrament

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11:27,29, “Anyone who eats the bread or drinks the Lord’s cup in an unworthy way is guilty of sinning against the Lord’s body and blood. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the Lord’s body brings judgment on himself as he eats and drinks.” In view of the serious nature of the Lord’s Supper, Paul commands us to examine ourselves to see if we are partaking the supper for the purposes for which Christ instituted with our hearts properly prepared. We heartily invite Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod to receive of the Lord’s Supper. Other guests, we ask you to see the pastor or lay minister first so that you may receive the supper to your benefit rather than to your harm as the Apostle Paul warns.

NOTE: If you are allergic or cannot drink full strength wine, The two (2) cups in the center of each tray have water with a drop or two of wine.

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...Please sign our guest book found in the main entryway. Our 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 in the main entryway.

AS WE GATHER - We ponder today the great mystery of God - that God is one and that this one God is three persons. The liturgy in its proclamation focuses on the divine mystery of the triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity is not so much truth to be understood as it is truth to be confessed. We confess the Father from whom all things come, the Son who is the incarnate Lord Jesus Christ, and the Spirit who proceeds from the Father through the Son. Throughout the centuries of the Christian Church, the confession of the Holy Trinity has been a hallmark of faithful believers. We sing of the Trinity and, with the profound words of the Athanasian Creed, we confess the Holy Trinity to be the one true 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, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*

P: As we approach our triune God and gather in His majestic name, we draw near with a true heart and confess our sins.

C: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness.**

P: We have turned away from one another 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: Have mercy on us, heavenly Father, because of the obedience of our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.

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, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Jesus says, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am"* (John 8:58). He alone, with the Father and the Spirit, is the one who has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 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

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

(Peter Speaks About Jesus!)

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . “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 - this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 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; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’” “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. 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, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the

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

Stand (as you are able)

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.

Alleluia and Verse - Common

John 6:68

- C: **(Sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
C: **(Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

Gospel Lesson: John 8:48-59

(Before Abraham was, I AM!)

The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who

seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” 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.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” 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.’ 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. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” 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: **(Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**

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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: “Knowing the Trinity through the Son”

John 8:48-59

Stand (as you are able)

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.**

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Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards

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: Holy Father, by Your holy Word You create and restore all living things. Sustain us in our physical bodies, protecting us from all harm and danger, warding off disease and illness, and binding up our wounds in accordance of Your holy will.
- C: Preserve those who encounter terror and catastrophic disaster, that even in the midst of tears and sorrow, they may know Your constant care through all creation, visible and invisible.**
- P: Holy Jesus, You are the incarnate gift of heaven, redeeming us perishable creatures and preserving us for life in heaven. We give You thanks for restoring our relationship with the Father, that we may unabashedly approach the throne of heaven in prayer. May we ever cling to Your cross consciously aware of Your life-giving sacrifice through Your nail-pierced hands and feet.
- C: Continue to shape our faith by Your holy Word that we may live lives worthy of Your holy name.**
- P: Holy Spirit, light our hearts with Your integrity and truth, that we may become Your disciples, boldly confessing the name of Christ among believers and unbelievers. May our spoken words speak to the truth of Christ's comfort. May our actions reflect the same compassion and forgiveness Christ grants to us.
- C: And may our thoughts be genuinely grounded in our baptismal covenant that we may with the angels and archangels unendingly confess the holy Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**
- P: Lord, we pray for those who in any way suffer the consequences of living in an unrighteous world, be that because of sickness, death, broken relationships, or emotional struggles. Teach us all to bear these trials relying on Your grace. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especialy, . . .*). 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*). O Lord, in the midst of their trials, bring peace and where You will, grant healing and wholeness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**

(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

HOLY COMMUNION

(In preparation to receive the Sacrament, please read the Communion notes on page 2)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Mt 26:26-28, Mk 14:22-24, Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-25

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

C: And also with you.

Agnus Dei ~ The Lamb of God

John 1:29

C: (Sung) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB617 - O Lord, We Praise Thee

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.

All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor

That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

LSB610 - Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be And taste Your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!

Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me That, when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see And share Your joy at last.

LSB619 - Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever,
By them my hungry soul is fed.
*Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!*

With Thee, Lord, I am now united;
I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted
It finds its only joy in Thee.
*Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!*

Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise.
*Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!*

Though death may threaten with disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer;
For He who is of death the master
With aid and comfort e'er is near.
*Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!*

My heart has now become Thy dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
*Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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.**

Closing Hymn: “We All Believe in One True God” *LSB, hymn #953*

We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav’nly host;
All He made His love enfolds, All creation He upholds.

We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary’s son,
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.

We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessed, holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!

See You In Worship Next Week!

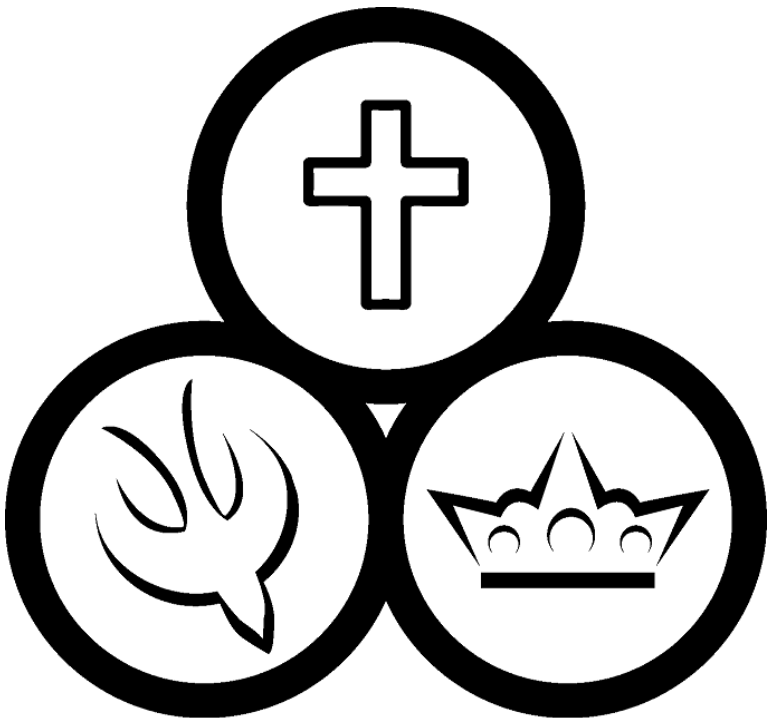
After worship prayer

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 fathers, George Leuth and Virgil Mossman, and brother Ed Mossman, by Jim & Jenny Mossman; also in loving memory of my parents, Verna & Al Ronna, by LuAnn Brock.



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