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The Feast of the Holy Trinity



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On the Athanasian Creed

Early in the fourth century, a new teaching appeared which claimed that Jesus was not true God. Arius, the north African priest who first taught this, was extremely persuasive, and soon the controversy was so widespread that a church council was called to settle the matter. Out of that meeting in AD 325 came the Nicene Creed, which clearly confesses Jesus to be true God. That creed, which was expanded in AD 381 to defend the divinity of the Holy Spirit, is still widely used today as a confession of the triune faith. Despite the clarity of the Nicene Creed, the controversy continued for some time. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that marveled at the mystery of the Trinity in a way that no creed had ever done. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed came at a later stage in the debate. The Athanasian Creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are the catholic faith. In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given himself for our salvation.

Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Visitors may come forward with arms crossed for a blessing. Our pastor would be glad to instruct you so that you can confess Jesus Christ with us and receive His holy body and blood for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Rev. Peter Gregory
Liturgist (9:00 am)	Dave Farabaugh
(11:00 am)	Ray Arsenault
Acolyte (11:00 am)	Matthew Connell
Organist	Anne Bennet

Prayer for Worship

At the beginning of the day: Most glorious Trinity, in Your mercy we commit to You this day our bodies and souls, all our ways and goings, all our deeds and purposes. We pray You, so open our hearts and mouths that we may praise Your name, which above all names is holy. And since You have created us for the praise of Your holy name, grant that our lives may be for Your honor and that we may serve You in love and fear; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are one God, now and forever. Amen.

Of praise and supplication: Lord God, creator of heaven and earth, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise You for the abundant mercy that You this day so richly have provided for us, blessing us not only with daily bread for our bodies but also with heavenly food for our souls. Grant that Your living and powerful Word may abide in our hearts and work in us to Your glory and for our salvation. We commit ourselves to Your divine protection and fatherly care. Let Your holy angels be with us that the evil foe may have no power over us. Look in mercy on Your Church and deliver it from all danger and adversities. By Your Holy Spirit comfort and strengthen all who are in affliction or distress, and grant Your abiding peace to us all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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Stained glass of the Holy Trinity from the Church of the Reformation—Lutheran, Affton, Missouri.

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THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 240

- 1 **Father most holy, merciful, and tender;
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit all-kindly, Advocate, Defender,
Light never waning.**
- 2 **Trinity sacred, Unity unshaken;
Deity perfect, giving and forgiving,
Light of the angels, life of the forsaken,
Hope of all living.**
- 3 **Maker of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee;
Lo, all things serve Thee thro' Thy whole creation.
Hear us, Almighty, hear us as we raise Thee
Our adoration.**
- △ 4 **To the all-ruling Triune God be glory!
Highest and Greatest, help Thou our endeavor;
We, too, would praise Thee, giving honor worthy
Now and forever.**

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THE INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Thus says the Lord: I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.

Therefore, we should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

O Holy God, what have I feared more than You? What have I loved more than You? What have I trusted more than You? You know my sins, for all things lie naked and bare before Your eyes, and the secret idolatries of my heart are not hidden from You.

O Lord, deliver me, for I have done evil through my own fault; I have risked the loss of heaven and earned the pains of hell, and above all, I have grieved You who are all goodness, faithfulness, and love.

O LORD, our God, for the sake of Calvary, spare us who flee to You for shelter, pardon all our sins, receive us as Your children, and fill us with Your sanctifying fire. Amen.

The Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

Amen.

THE INTROIT

Liturgical Text; Psalm 16:8–11

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

my flesh also dwells secure.

For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let Your Holy One see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

THE GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory to God on high:

and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,

we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.

For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT

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. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1–8

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 29; antiphon: v. 2

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD
flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,
and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to His people!

May the LORD bless His people with peace!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

The Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22–36

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The Holy Gospel: John 3:1–17

Glory be to You, O Lord!

After the reading:

Praise be to You, O Christ!

THE ATHANASIAN CREED: THE CHURCH'S CONFESSION OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

Cong: **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

Pastor: And the catholic faith is this,

Cong: **That we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

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

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

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

Cong: **The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

Pastor: The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

Cong: **The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

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

Cong: **Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

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

Cong: **And yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.**

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

Cong: **And yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

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

Cong: **And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

Pastor: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Women: *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.*

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

Pastor: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cong: **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.**

Men: *He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;*

Women: *And He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age;*

All: **Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

Pastor: Equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

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

Women: *One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;*

All: **One altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

Pastor: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
Cong: **Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

Pastor: 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.

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

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

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

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HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE: TLH 250 – TEXT: LSB 940

- 1 **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.**
- 2 **Hark! The glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!**
- 3 **Lo, th'apostles' holy train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.**

4 **Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.**

△ 5 **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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The Sermon

Acts 2:22–36

THE OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12

**Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Do not cast me out of Your presence,
nor take Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and sustain me with a free spirit. Amen.**

> *Note: The offering of tithes and gifts will take place as you come forward for Holy Communion.* <

The Prayer of the Church

each petition closes with the words:

. . . let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy

the prayer ends with:

*All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.***

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

2 Timothy 4:22

Lift up your hearts!

[Colossians 3:1]

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

It is good and right that we do.

THE PROPER PREFACE

It is truly meet, 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 are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

**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.**

The Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

THE PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God,
 You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us!
 O Christ, Lamb of God,
 You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us!
 O Christ, Lamb of God,
 You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace! Amen.

Holy Communion

> Note about Holy Communion: All who receive Holy Communion here must first be instructed. Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the office for an appointment. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing. <

ISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: LSB 578 – TEXT: RMH

- 1 Holy is our great Creator, Lord of ev'ry age and clime;
 Holy is our God who loved us, chose us from the dawn of time.
 All things shaping, all things seeing, all things ruling from His throne.
 All-begetting Fount of Being, Father of the timeless Son.
- 2 Holy is our Lord and Brother, He who came with us to dwell.
 Holy is our God who suffered, Risen Lord Immanuel.
 All-redeeming, all-upholding wounded Lamb upon the throne,
 In His body us enfolding, God and Man and Blessed One.
- 3 Holy is our strong Defender, God the Spirit, Life and Breath.
 Holy is our God who saves us, by whose Word we outlive death.
 Holy Light, forever burning, Living Fire before the throne,
 Holy Might, forever yearning, Living Love of Love unknown.
- △ 4 Holy is our God, the Father! Holy is our God, the Son!
 Holy is our God, the Spirit! Great Jehovah, Three in One!
 Life too great for human phrases, Love too bright for sinful eyes,
 Beauty passing mortal praises in the Triune Glory lies.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 717

> On this Memorial Day weekend, we sing the original Navy Hymn. In it, we ask the Holy Trinity to protect and care for all, especially those at sea and in the armed forces. <



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing
3 Most Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood Up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
at Thy word, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep And
dark and rude, And bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, And
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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**Now, Lord, You dismiss Your servant in peace, as You have promised,
for my eyes have seen the Salvation You prepared before the face of all people,
a Light to enlighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Your people Israel!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
And His mercy endures forever!

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

*The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*
Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART – TUNE: TLH 246 – TEXT: LSB 507

- 1 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!
- 2 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.

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- 3 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.
- 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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God's People at Prayer

For Home Devotions

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Readings from Holy Scripture

*These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested
here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.*

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	Numbers 35:9–30	Luke 24:28–53
M	Eccl. 8:1–17	John 9:1–23
Tu	Eccl. 9:1–17	John 9:24–41
W	Eccl. 10:1–20	John 10:1–21
Th	Eccl. 11:1–10	John 10:22–42
F	Eccl. 12:1–14	John 11:1–16
Sa	Proverbs 1:8–33	John 11:17–37

On Teaching & Learning the Catechism

From the Large Catechism: Let this, then, be said for encouragement, not only for those of us who are old and grown, but also for the young people, who ought to be brought up in Christian doctrine and understanding. Then the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer might be taught to our youth more easily. Then they would receive them with pleasure and seriousness, and so they would use them from their youth and get used to them. . . . Let every father of a family know that it is his duty, by God's order and command, to teach these things to his children, or to have the children learn what they ought to know. Since the children are baptized and received in to the Christian Church, they should also enjoy this communion of the Sacrament, in order that they may serve us and be useful to us. They must all certainly help us to believe, love, pray, and fight against the devil.

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Verse for Meditation

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of His glory!

Isaiah 6:3b

Daily Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The following topics may guide your prayer each day.

- Su For the joy of the resurrection among us
- M For one's calling and daily work, coworkers, and the unemployed
- Tu For deliverance against temptation and evil; for all who suffer and are afflicted
- W For immediate, extended, and church family; for our schools, communities, and neighborhoods
- Th For the Church and her pastors, all who serve in the congregation, and missionaries
- F For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for the sick and dying
- Sa For faithfulness to the end; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word

The Lord's Prayer

Collect of the Week

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. Amen.

Readings for next Sunday, June 6

Genesis 3:8–15; Psalm 130;
2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1; Mark 3:20–35