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The Holy Trinity

CHURCH BELLS/WELCOME

HYMN #506: “Glory Be to God the Father” (Verses 1,2,4) *Text and Music Public Domain*

1. 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!

2. 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!

4. 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!

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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.

ABSOLUTION

P: 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 therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

INTROIT

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

C: Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

P: Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones,

C: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

C: worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

P: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

C: the voice of the Lord is majestic;

P: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

C: the Lord is enthroned as King forever.

P: The Lord gives strength to his people;

C: the Lord blesses his people with peace.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C: and to the Holy Spirit;

P: as it was in the beginning,

C: is now, and will be forever. Amen

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

C: Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, since you have given us, your servants, grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith, and to worship the true unity in the power of your divine majesty, keep us also steadfast in this true faith and worship, and defend us ever from all our adversaries; for you, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “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; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

SECOND READING.....Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴ Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them,

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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.”

HOLY GOSPEL.....John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of

Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

HYMN #826: “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying” (*Verses 1,2,4*)

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1. Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting- Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?

2. If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul.
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Savior’s waiting arms.

4. Let none hear you idly saying “There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

SERMON “Send Me” (*Isaiah 6:1-8*)

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

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. And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another. But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit: 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. And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal, just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite. In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; 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. 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. 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; 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. Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity. But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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. 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: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity. Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ; 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 rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ, 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. At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds. And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire. This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

HYMN #507: "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Verses 1,2,3) *Text and music Public Domain*

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.

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.

POSTLUDE

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MEMORY VERSE:

1 John 5:11 ~ *“And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. UPDATED COVID POLICY-** Our COVID Policy has been updated, effective May 28th. Please see posted copies in the building or on our website for the most recent information.
- 2. SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING MINUTES** are available on the table near the Lower Narthex doors.
- 3. BIBLE STUDY-** Bible study will continue to be held on the parables of Jesus. Please join us on Wednesday evenings June 2, 9, 23 and 30 at 7:00 p.m.
- 4. MEMBERS NEEDED-** The Board of Elders is seeking individuals to serve on a team tasked with improving the livestreaming of our church services to include text for liturgy, hymns and Scriptures. Those interested should contact Gary Loontjer (952-836-6025 or garylloontjer1@gmail.com). We are hoping for a group of 6-8. No advance qualifications needed and all training will be provided.
- 5. OFFICES CLOSED-** The offices will be closed Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.
- 6. CALENDAR CORRECTION-** Administrative Assistant Amanda will be out of the office June 11-15. The church offices will be closed Friday, June 11th.

YOUTH

- 7. VBS/CAMP OMEGA** will be held July 19th-23rd from 9:00am-NOON (Mon-Fri). VBS will be for children ages 3-5 (who are potty trained) and Camp Omega Day Camp will be for children going into grades 1-5. **EARLY REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO ST. PAUL FAMILIES UNTIL FRIDAY, JUNE 11th.** After that date, registration will be open to the public. Registration forms are on the church website or available at church. Watch for more information, and contact the church office if you have any questions!
- 8. ADULT LEADERS ARE NEEDED** to lead VBS stories, crafts, snack, and games!! Please talk to Jane Holasek (320-224-1742) if you are willing/interested in leading any of these rotations! If you have any questions about Camp Omega, please contact board of Education Member April Lee (945-248-0304).
- 9. ACT MISSION TRIP YOUTH AND PARENT MEETING** will be held Sunday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m. Any forms that you have not yet turned in, as well as your final payment, will need to be brought to this meeting.

LWML

10. MEETING- St. Paul LWML monthly meeting will be held June 7th at 7:00 p.m. We will be doing blanket tying as well (no previous experience needed). Ladies, please join us for our mite in-gathering and monthly devotion. Donations for June are designated for McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Abuse.

11. LWML DONATION REMINDER: Mites and monthly donations may be made in person, online to “LWML Missions”, or dropped off at the church office. We thank you all for your generous giving in service to our Lord.

12. LWML - Greeting cards are available on the LWML table in the upper Narthex for Graduation and Father’s Day and other events. Also available is the LWML Quarterly. This contains many stories, Bible Studies, and articles about Mission Grants being supported by mites. Please take one. Collection for Orphan Grain Train freight continues. Even though most items are donated, cost of shipping overseas is very expensive. Any help is appreciated. Box is on the desk in upper Narthex.

MISC

13. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-Looking for 12 people to work in the hamburger stand for Prairie Days on Saturday morning, July 17th, first shift 9:30 -noon. Thrivent group-St. Paul's church. Contact Mary Ann Teubert at 395-2105.

Calendar of Events

Sun. May 30th	9:00 a.m.	JOINT WORSHIP WITH ST. PETER (HERE)
Mon. May 31 st		Church Offices Closed
Wed. June 2nd	Noon 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin Bible Study
Sun. June 6th	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION ACT Mission Trip Youth and Parent Meeting

May/June Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 6: 8:00 and 9:30 am Worship with Communion
Sunday, June 13: 8:00 and 9:30 am Worship Services
Sunday, June 20: 8:00 am Worship Service (Indoors with Communion); 9:30 am Outdoor Polka Service with Communion
Sunday, June 27: 8:00 and 9:30 am Worship Services