



**PRAYERS**

*In May, we pray with open hearts for our Armed Forces, their families, and military chaplains.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

**ALL:** 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!

**HOLY COMMUNION: PREPARATION**

Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. *1Corinthians 11:28-29*

Since those who take Christ's body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and wish to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with a pastor.

**DISTRIBUTION**

- \*You will be ushered forward for Communion.
- \*If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.
- \*You may request wine without alcohol and/or a gluten-free wafer.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Be Still My Soul

**GOD'S WORD OF BLESSING**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

In this Divine Service, by the gift of faith, the Holy Spirit has opened our hearts and minds to receive His graces. We now leave this house of worship to share HISTORY!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING SONG** Holy Holy Holy

**✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠**

Lord, lay some soul upon my heart and love that soul through me; and may I gladly do my part to win that soul for Thee. Amen!

**CONNECT CARDS** Guests and members, please:

- ◆ fill out a Connect card, or
- ◆ scan the QR code to connect with us online



Cards are on clipboards at the end of a row. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!

10:45 AM

May 31, 2026

Holy Trinity Sunday



**FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

We may think of the three persons of the Trinity as having their own areas of expertise (the Father creates, the Son redeems, the Spirit sanctifies); today's Bible readings demonstrate how the three persons of the Trinity work as One. In Genesis, all three persons are present and active in the creation of the world. In Peter's sermon, all three persons are active in the salvation of the world. In the Gospel reading, when Jesus gives the Great Co-mission, all three persons are active in the new life we have as baptized children of God. **God in Three Persons ~ Blessed Trinity!**

**✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠**

**SONG SET** *Michael Amidei, Infinite Grace Team*

*Please refer to the screens for the song lyrics.*

Doxology  
All Creatures of Our God and King

**INVOCATION** *Pastor Brad Stoltenow*

*Matthew 28:19b*

Pastor (P): We call on the name of the Triune God—the name into which we have been baptized: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Congregation (C): Amen!**

**CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS**

**SONG** Let There Be Light

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 1:1-2:4 *Travis Jarvi, Lector*

L: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light,"

**C: and there was light.**

L: And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.

**C: And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.**

L: And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse.

**C: And it was so.**

L: And God called the expanse Heaven.

**C: And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.**

L: And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear."

**C: And it was so.**

L: God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, "Let the earth sprout

vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.”

**C: And it was so.**

L: The earth brought forth vegetation, plants and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

**C: And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.**

L: And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.”

**C: And it was so.**

L: And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

**C: And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.**

L: And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

**C: And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.**

L: And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.”

**C: And it was so.**

L: And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let Us make man in our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

**ALL: So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them.**

L: And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.”

**C: And it was so.**

L: And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good.

**C: And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.**

L: Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

**C: And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done.**

L: So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation.

**ALL: These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.**

**EPISTLE READING Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd:...

“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.”

**HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him, they worshiped Him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I AM with you always, to the end of the age.”

**GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT**

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**CHILDREN'S CHAT** *Pastor Brad*

*Children's Bulletins are available on the entrance table.*

**OFFERING AND PRAYER** *for giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give*

**SONG** Agnus Dei

# THE ATHANASIAN CREED



Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in AD 325, with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God (as well as true man). Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed likely came at a later

stage in the debate.

The Athanasian Creed declares 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! *~from [Lutheran Service Book](#), p. 319*

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## STATEMENT OF FAITH: THE ATHANASIAN CREED, Part 1 [p. 319-20 LSB](#)

- P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith [that is, the Christian, universal 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.**

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## STATEMENT OF FAITH: THE ATHANASIAN CREED, Part 2 [p. 319-20 LSB](#)

- P: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C: **and yet there are not three Almighty's, 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.**

- P: 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.
- 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; but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above,
- ALL: 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.

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## STATEMENT OF FAITH: THE ATHANASIAN CREED, Part 3 [p. 319-20 LSB](#)

- P: 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;
- C: **and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:**
- P: perfect God
- C: **and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- P: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity,
- C: **less than the Father with respect to His humanity.**
- P: Although He is God and man,
- C: **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; one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person. For as the rational soul and flesh is one man,
- ALL: 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.**
- P: 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.
- ALL: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved!**

