



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 ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL ~ CALL TO WORSHIP *Please quiet voices as we prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Divine Service, Setting 1 ~ LSB p. 151; Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): Today is Holy Trinity Sunday. We begin the non-festival half of the Church Year as we do every Divine Service: by the confession of the mystery of one God in three persons: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ~ FORGIVENESS OF SINS

1 John 1:8-9; John 20:19-23

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.**

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

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.**

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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

8 & 10:45 AM

May 31, 2026

Holy Trinity Sunday



CONNECT CARDS

Guests and members, please:

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

Cards are in the pew racks in front of you. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

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

Serving Today...

Message:

Pastor Ben Oesch

Liturgist:

8:00 Pastor Stoltenow

Lector:

10:45 John Hoener

Organist:

Gail Black



A **Creed** is a statement of faith. We speak this confession to each other, both to state what we believe and to support each other in our life of faith and witness. This is truth. This is HIS^tory!

The three Creeds of the Church are known as the ecumenical creeds, meaning they have a universal acceptance. They are the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds. The Lutheran Reformers of the 16th century accepted these creeds, and they are included in the confessional writings of our Church, because they faithfully set out what Scripture teaches.

For a history of the Athanasian Creed, see the hymnal, p. 319



Holy Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday in the Season of Pentecost.

PRAYER FOR HOLY TRINITY

P: We 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.

C: **Amen!**

Please be seated.

TE DEUM ~ HYMN OF PRAISE # 941 "We Praise You"

Please use the hymnal for the hymn tune and lyrics.

GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT

Please fill out the Connect Card, either by hand or with the QR code. You may also add prayer requests to your information. Thank you!



CHILDREN'S CHAT *Pastor Ben*

Children's Bulletins are available on the Usher Stands as you enter the Sanctuary.

OFFERING *For giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give*

PRAYER

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1-2:4

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.

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL (sing): 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! AMEN**

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.'

PSALM 8

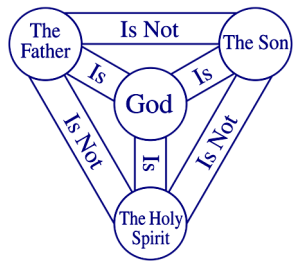
O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic
is Your name
in all the earth!
You have set Your glory
above the heavens....

When I look at
Your heavens,
the work of Your fingers,
the moon
and the stars, which
You have set in place,
what is man that
You are mindful of him,
and the son of man
that You care for him?
Yet You have made him
a little lower than
the heavenly beings
and crowned him
with glory and honor.
You have given him
dominion over the works
of Your hands;
You have put all things
under his feet....

O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic
is Your name
in all the earth!



Father most holy,
merciful, and tender;
Jesus, our Savior,
with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort,
advocate, defender,
light never waning.
Lord God Almighty,
unto You be glory,
One in Three Persons,
over all exalted!
Glory we offer,
praise You
and adore You,
now and forever!
~10th c.; LSB # 504



The triune God: The thought is not that the Father alone is the Creator, the Son alone Redeemer and the Holy Spirit alone Sanctifier. The creation and preservation of the universe, atonement for sin and its forgiveness, resurrection from the dead and the gift of eternal life—all these are operations of the one Divine Majesty. Yet:

- + the Father is especially emphasized in the work of creation, which proceeds originally from Him as the first person;
- + the Son is emphasized in the redemption He has accomplished in His own person; and
- + the Holy Spirit in the peculiar work of sanctification, which is both His mission and revelation.

Such distinction is made for the purpose of giving Christians absolute assurance that there is but one God and yet three persons in the one divine essence.

~Dr. Martin Luther

△ The delta symbol indicates a stanza that praises the Triune God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

“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.”

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL (sing): 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! AMEN

Please stand.

ACCLAMATION

L: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

THE 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.”

RESPONSE

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 794 “The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

**The Lord, my God, be praised, my light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield and keep me day by day
And make each moment yield new blessings on my way.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, my trust, my life from heaven,
The Father’s own dear Son, whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned with His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith the highest heav’nly good.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, my hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son in love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart and gives my spirit pow’r,
Help, comfort, and support in sorrow’s gloomy hour.**

Please stand.

△ **The Lord, my God, be praised, my God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav’nly host their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised, in whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.**

MESSAGE “More Than a Mystery” text: Genesis 1:1-2:4

The mystery of the Trinity becomes known through His loving work as He creates, re-creates, and cares for His creation.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

One should examine himself before he eats the bread and drinks the cup; one who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord 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 desire to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with a pastor.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ PROPER PREFACE FOR HOLY TRINITY

2 Tim 4:22; Col 3:1; Ps 136

- P: The Lord be with you!
- C: And also with you!**
- P: Lift up your hearts!
- C: We lift them to the Lord!**
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
- C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**
- P: It is truly good, 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 singing:

SANCTUS ~ HOLY

LSB # 507: Isaiah 6:2-3; Revelation 4:2-11; Exodus 15:11; Revelation 7:9-12

- ALL (sing): 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, bless-ed 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.**
- 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.**

I bind unto myself today
the strong name
of the Trinity
by invocation
of the same,
the Three in One
and One in Three,
of whom all nature
has creation, eternal
Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord
of my salvation;
salvation is of
Christ the Lord!
~St. Patrick; [LSB](#) # 604

Holy Father,
keep us in Your truth;
Holy Son,
protect us under
the wings of Your cross;
Holy Spirit,
make us temples
and dwelling places
for Your glory;
grant us Your peace
all the days of our lives,
O Lord!
AMEN

Sanctus is Latin and means "holy is." [The Sanctus is a hymn of praise to the Trinity;](#) very often we see words repeated three times to emphasize this. We join our voices with saints on earth and saints in heaven, echoing the unending hymn of praise that swirls around God's heavenly throne. This truly is heaven on earth!



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!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

PAX DOMINI ~ THE PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

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

C: And also with you!

AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us and give us Your peace!

DISTRIBUTION *You will be ushered forward for Communion.*

* When receiving the bread, please extend your hand palm up.

* If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.

* Wine without alcohol is in the center of the tray; gluten-free wafers are in the center cup of the wafer trays.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

971 "There Is a Redeemer"



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.



Refrain
Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God the Father, fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 ~ GOD'S GOOD-CREATING WORD OF BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

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!

HYMN # 507:4 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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, bless-ed Trinity!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠

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Lord Jesus Christ,
So govern our hearts
and minds by Your Holy
Spirit that, ever mindful
of Your glorious return,
we may persevere in
both faith and holiness
of living; for You live
and reign with the
Father and the Holy
Spirit, one God,
forever and ever.
AMEN

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!

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