

THE HOLY TRINITY

"The Blessed Trinity"

June 2 & 3, 2012

AS WE GATHER

There is only one day in the Church Year that intentionally identifies and expounds upon a specific doctrine of the Church---that day is the Feast of the Holy Trinity. On Trinity Sunday the liturgy in its proclamation focuses on the divine mystery of the Triune God--- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Throughout the centuries of the Christian Church the confession of the Holy Trinity has been a hallmark of faithful believers. In the order of worship today we sing of the Trinity and, in the profound words of the Athanasian Creed, confess the Holy Trinity to be the one true God.

WELCOME

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN # 506 "Glory Be to God the Father"

(Please rise)

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the + Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity;

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

Pastor: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

People: The whole earth is full of His glory. *(Liturgical text, Isaiah 6:3b)*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. 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. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, your Son. 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, and build

your kingdom here on earth through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: God 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 of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He 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.

People: Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 6:1-8 *(The prophet's vision of the Lord.)* In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

EPISTLE Acts 2:14, 22-36 *(Peter's sermon at Pentecost)* Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: "'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me

the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’ “Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

(Please rise)

HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1-17 (*God's love for the world leads Him to give His Son.*) Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.” In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven —the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #507 **“Holy, Holy, Holy”** *Rise for the last stanza*

SERMON **“From Ruin to Redemption”** **Isaiah 6:1-8**

(Please rise)

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(Please be seated)

OFFERINGS As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Please rise)

PRAYERS

Pastor: Because the Holy Trinity has shown mercy to us and promises to hear our prayers, let us call on Him for us and for all people. Holy, Holy, Holy, are you, O Lord God Almighty; the whole earth is full of your glory. You created us and all the world, yet more wonderfully you have fully given yourself to redeem your fallen creatures. Defend your Holy Church throughout the world that she would remain in your salvation and faithfully confess you, the Only true God, who loved the world by sending your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ into our flesh.

People: No one knows you, Father, unless he knows Christ Jesus. Encourage and strengthen pastors, missionaries, and all your baptized believers. Lead bright, caring, faithful women to serve as teachers, deaconesses and other workers in your kingdom. Lead bright, caring, faithful men to serve as pastors, teachers, and other workers in furthering Christ’s kingdom. Bless our congregation and all the congregations of your Church with harmony in your truth and with love toward one another.

Pastor: In this broken world of pain, sin, and death, you, O Lord, are our only Comforter. Give eternal life as Christ promised through the new birth of water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Use fathers and mothers, Lutheran school teachers, Sunday School Teachers, godparents, and all the faithful to encourage the baptized to remain in the joyful confession of their new life in your Holy Name and thus have life forever.

People: Uphold those in earthly authority, especially Barack, our president; Scott, our governor; and all who hold positions of leadership. Lead them to reflect your Divine love by defending the unborn, the infirm, and the aged. O Lord, guard and defend our armed forces and their families. Sustain the commerce, industry, and agriculture of our land, and cause us to receive your abundant earthly gifts with thanksgiving.

Pastor: Merciful God, look with compassion on those who are depressed, troubled, ill, injured, recovering, awaiting surgery, or undergoing tests,

including Lee, Irma, Dennis, Jerry, Joe, and Samuel. Give healing according to your good and gracious will. Use us to bring the light of your word to them.

People: God of love, drive out our selfishness and smallness of heart. Through the Word of forgiveness and the feast of Christ's body and blood, fill us with love for our neighbors—especially those who are poor, hungry, homeless, and unemployed. Bless all who serve those distressed under great burdens, that they may deliver your comfort.

Pastor: O Holy Triune God, unite all who partake today of Christ's body and blood that they faithfully receive Him for forgiveness and joyfully confess unity in your truth. Receive our thanks for all who are with you in heaven and cheer all who mourn with the promise of your eternal feast. With joy we celebrate your unconditional love and we thank you for all your blessings, especially those bestowed upon Shirley and Walter. To you, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be praise and honor, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace + of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN # 637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

HYMN # 625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Please rise)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are you, Heavenly Father, for you have once again fed and nourished us at your table through the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank you for being our never-failing source of goodness and pray that we may be kept steadfast and faithful until at last we taste the fullness of your great goodness in your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN # 794 "The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

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