

THE HOLY TRINITY

God's Delight
May 21-22, 2016
5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

The Sunday after Pentecost is always The Holy Trinity. As we consider the Trinity, we do not attempt to define or explain God but confess what He has revealed to us in Scripture. He is one God in three persons. His self-disclosure reveals Himself as the God who saves. His delight is in us even though the cost of loving us means offering up His Son on the altar of the cross. This is the heart of God's self-revelation—the Father's saving will and purpose is fulfilled by the Son even to death, and the Spirit reveals this to us so that we might know and believe in Him and be saved. God's wisdom is not theoretical but practical—for us and our salvation. This is His delight, and from this we learn to delight in what He has done!

WELCOME

MINISTRY MOMENT: Bible Sticks for the Military

[Jesus said,] But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things
and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #507

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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!

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.

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!

(Rise)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

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

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

People: (sung)

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
 whose blood set us free to be people of God.
 Power and riches and wisdom and strength
 and honor and blessing and glory are His.
 This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
 Blessing and honor and glory and might
 be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
 This is the feast of victory for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

ATHANASIAN CREED *Part 1*

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

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

Pastor: and the catholic faith is this,

People: 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.

People: 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:

People: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

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

People: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy spirit eternal.

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

People: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

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

People: 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;

People: 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;

People: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed Lord, your delight is to love us with the never failing love of the Father, expressed through the Son, and revealed by the light of the Spirit. Grant us to know you in the mystery of the Trinity and to confess your saving work to all the ends of the earth, that others may know with us the delight of your will and rejoice in the salvation your mercy has accomplished; for you, Lord, are one God whom we know as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31* ("I was daily His delight.")

Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; beside the gates leading into the city, at the entrances, she cries aloud: "To you, O men, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind. "The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, before the world began. When there were no oceans, I was given birth, when there were no springs abounding with water; before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, before he made the earth or its fields or any of the dust of the world. I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. Then I was the craftsman at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.

SECOND READING *Acts 2:14a, 22–36* (God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.)

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "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."

8:00 CHOIR ANTHEM *"If You Will Trust the Lord to Guide You"* St. Paul's Choir

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:48–59* ("Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.")

The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?" "I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?" Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my

day; he saw it and was glad." "You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #941 "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"

We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.

To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
"O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"

The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
"O all majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter forever Three in One!"

You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ry one:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.

You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that you will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

SERMON

"Delighting in God's Workmanship"

Proverbs 8:1-1, 22-31

(Rise)

ATHANASIAN CREED *Part 2*

Pastor: 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.

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

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

People: 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.

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

Pastor: 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.

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

(Be seated)

OFFERING 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. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Glory to you, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. you have invited us to pray and promised to hear us and answer us according to your merciful will. Almighty God, we pray for wisdom and faith, that we may rightly fear the Lord and have confidence in His Word.

People: Bless us with peace to rule our hearts and love to rule our lives.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we pray for all who are baptized, praying for Christ to be fully formed within us.

People: Give us courage to walk as children of the light and strengthen us in the face of temptation.

Pastor: Lord of the Church, we pray for all pastors, teachers and church workers as well as those preparing for the Lord's service.

People: Give success to their efforts, that many will hear and believe through them. Bless especially our Together in Mission partner, Pastor Chuck Ferry and Family.

Pastor: Prince of peace, bless us with contented hearts and peaceful minds, bring an end to conflict and discord, and grant us unity of faith as we confess the Holy Trinity.

People: Be with the sojourner and stranger, console the persecuted and oppressed, give perseverance to prisoners and their families, and turn the enemies of the faith in true repentance.

Pastor: Lord of all, we pray for the nations and those who lead them, for peace in the world, for an end to violence and war, and for the punishment of the wrongdoer and the promotion of virtue.

People: Guard and protect all those who protect us and help us to remember those who defended our liberty with the cost of their lives.

Pastor: We pray for those troubled in mind and heart, for the grieving in their sorrow, for all the sick and those who suffer, especially Scott, Arlene, Ruth, Kathleen, Doris, Barb, Jan, Jean, Mae, Bob, Marion, Helen, Leonard, LuEva, Linda, Gladys, Russ, Jack, Shirley, Sarah, and Lois.

People: Bless, comfort, and heal them according to your will.

Pastor: God of grace, we pray for all who will commune this day, asking you to strengthen our love for you and for one another.

People: Increase our faith, bless our witness to the world, and deliver us from evil.

Pastor: God of the family, we rejoice in your gift of marriage and living together in your love. We give thanks with David and Diane as they celebrate 28 years of marriage and rejoice with Tim and Dawn upon the occasion of their 2nd anniversary.

People: Bless all Christian couples to have the love of Christ as the foundation of their lives.

Pastor: God of every good gift, we pray for thankful hearts that acknowledge your blessings, and for your faithful people to support the Church and the work of the Lord.

People: Grant our life together to be formed by your Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Father, for all these things and whatever else you know we need, and for faith to trust in your purposes and timing, hear and answer us. Help, save, comfort, defend us and bring to completion all that you began, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

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

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

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(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 #905 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise;
Father all glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness On us descend.

Come, holy Comforter. Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

HYMN #500 “Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”

Creator Spirit, by whose aid The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind; Come, pour Your joys on humankind;
From sin and sorrow set us free; May we Your living temples be.

O Source of uncreated light, The bearer of God's gracious might,
Thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire, Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire.
Your sacred, healing message bring To sanctify us as we sing.

Giver of grace, descend from high; Your sev'nfold gifts to us supply;
Help us eternal truths receive And practice all that we believe;
Give us Yourself that we may see The glory of the Trinity.

Immortal honor, endless fame Attend the almighty Father's name;
The Savior Son be glorified, Who for all humankind has died;
To You, O Paraclete, we raise Unending songs of thanks and praise.

HYMN #506 “Glory Be to God the Father”

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!

Glory be to Him who love 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!

Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!

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!

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

ATHANASIAN CREED *Part 3*

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

People: 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.

Pastor: 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:

People: 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.

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

Pastor: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

People: 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,

People: 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.

People: 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.

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

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN #922 “Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In My love’s baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing – You are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Here you touched Him, Saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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