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As We Gather The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in the Image and Likeness of Christ Jesus

Holy Trinity Sunday – last day of the high festival season of the church year in which we celebrate all the events surrounding Jesus' earthly coming, His life, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension.

The Confession of Faith traditionally used in Christian churches around the world on Trinity Sunday is the Athanasian Creed. This is the longest of the three ecumenical creeds. The Athanasian Creed focuses on the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and on the doctrine of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We read the creed responsively as indicated in our service folder. We enter next week into the Time of the Church, called the Season after Pentecost, and look at all the Lord has done and continues to do on this earth through the ministry of the church. Christ Himself established the church on earth to spread His good news, to properly administer His sacraments and to encourage His body of believers through fellowship.

Memorial Day Thoughts

Memorial Day (once known as Decoration Day) is observed in the United States to commemorate U.S. men and women who have died in military service to their country. Having begun after the American Civil War, the commemoration was expanded after World War I to include all who died in any war or military action. As citizens, we treasure the memory of all those who have given their very lives for the freedom and liberty we enjoy. As Christians, we take comfort in the promise of resurrection and look forward to the new heavens and earth where "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (*Micah 4:3*).

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Divine Service – Setting Four May 30, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Opening Hymn

(requested) LSB 507 sts. 1-4 "Holy, Holy, Holy"





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Stand

- + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + LSB 203
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word.)

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *Luke 18:13*

C God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

PGod be merciful to you and strengthen your
faith.LSB 292

C Amen.

P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C Yes.

LSB 293

- **P** Let it be done for you as you believe.
- Almighty God in His LSB 203
 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 承 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +LSB 204IntroitPs. 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text \mathbf{P} Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undividedUnity.Let us give glory to him because he hasshown his mercy to us.

C I have set the Lord always before me; Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

C For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

P You make known to me the path of life; In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

P C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.





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The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22 **C** And also with you.

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P Let us 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.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

5 "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."

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." 8 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!"

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6
A C Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

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

22 "Fellow Israelites, 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. 23 This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 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.

25 David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, 27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

29 "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 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. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 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.

34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand 35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." 36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."



A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.



- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.
- ∆7 Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One, And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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Holy GospelJohn 3:1-17PThe Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." 4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 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."

9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

16 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. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.



P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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Sermon

"Trinity"

Pastor Tom Rhodes

Stand

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 Whoever does not keep it whole and

- **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;

Athanasian Creed P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all,

hold the catholic faith.

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P the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

■ 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.

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

C and yet there are not three Almighties, 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, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

C The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

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

C The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

 P Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

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

P 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.

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

P But 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; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

C perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

P equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

C Although He is God and man, 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;

C one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

P For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

C who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

P 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.

C At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

P And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

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

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Offering

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)

Offertory (no intro) LSB 781 sts. 1-2 We Give Thee But Thine Own



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Prayer of the ChurchLSB 207PLet us pray for the whole Church of God in

Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

 P O eternal and unchangeable God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — with angels and archangels we laud and magnify Your holy name. Accept our praise this day for creating us, preserving us, redeeming us and delivering to us Your forgiveness and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, the Holy Christian Church throughout the world praises You and acknowledges You to be the Lord. Graciously bless the proclamation of pastors, missionaries, teachers and all Your people, that many more will

join the Holy Christian Church in her unending praise for Your great glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You bless the earth to make it fruitful, bringing forth in abundance whatever is needed for the support of all life. Grant that we may be as generous and giving to those in need as You have been with us. Prosper the work of farmers and those who labor to bring food to our table. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Lord of the nations, defeat the plans of all those who would stir up violence and strife, and cast down those who delight in war and bloodshed. Protect our military personnel as they work to protect us. Sustain them in their time away from family, and guide them to serve with honesty and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

▶ Lord Jesus, You promise to be with us always. Visit those who are in any type of distress with the assurance that You abide with them in their infirmities. We pray for those who are sick, homebound or undergoing tests and treatment...especially those on our prayer list and cards. Strengthen their faith so that they may bear any hardship in patience and trust until You grant them deliverance, peace and healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P On this weekend, O Lord, when our nation remembers those who have given their lives to preserve the freedoms we enjoy, we honor their sacrifice and beg You to ever guard and defend this country from every evil that would assault and destroy our civil life. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

Lord God our Father, You led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star You led the Wise Men to the infant Jesus.
 Continue to protect and guide Your people who travel. Especially protect those who travel during this holiday weekend. Make their ways safe and their homecomings joyful. Lord, in Your mercy,
 hear our prayer.

P Father of infinite majesty, hear our prayers for the sake of Your adorable, true and only Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 209P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

Benedicamus and Benediction LSB 212

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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. Numbers 6:24-26
C Amen.



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