



CONNECTED to the TRINITY

Trinity Sunday May 27, 2018

Welcome to Worship

How wonderful it is to gather with fellow Christians! May our praises proclaim God's glory, and may our souls be comforted and refreshed as we hear God's Word today.

GUESTS

- You're our guest, so if there's anything we can help you with, ask any of our friendly members.
- We love having children in our worship services! If your child becomes restless and you need to regroup, you are welcome to use any part of the building.
- Finally, everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin, and hymns are in the red hymnal.

TODAY'S FOCUS

The Word of God creates faith in the Triune God, namely, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Today we celebrate that God has revealed himself to us as one God in three persons, and three persons in one God.

SEASON'S FOCUS

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples. The season of Pentecost focuses on the Holy Spirit's work with Christians to strengthen faith and grow in Christian living through the means of grace.

The white paraments are the color of purity and holiness, representing our holy, triune God.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher/Presiding Minister Pastor Pappenfuss
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Head Usher - Martin Wynn Saxton

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The Divine Service

HYMN

Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty | 195

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

M In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The trinitarian invocation expressly reminds us that the God we meet here is the one true God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C **Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his holy life and innocent death.
Trusting in him, I pray:
God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.

M Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

*The Kyrie
Eleison (Lord,
Have Mercy)
asks God to help
us and to hear
our prayers.*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C **Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD *Gloria*

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M In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

*The Gloria is
replaced by a
joyful song of
praise.*

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray:

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

With this greeting, the congregation declares their unity with the minister as they prepare to pray.

The Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah is commissioned by the Triune God.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. ³One called to another and said,

Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of Armies!

The whole earth is full of his glory!

⁴The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

⁸Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

In our worship services, one reading comes from the Old Testament, one from a New Testament letter (epistle), and one from the four Gospels. All three focus on a united theme for the day.

For thousands of years, God's people have worshipped using the divinely-inspired psalms.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

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SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17

Faith connects us to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, "Abba, Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God's children.

¹⁷Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 6:3b

M Alleluia. "Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory!" Alleluia.

This response to the Verse of the Day comes from the end of John's Gospel, where he explains the purpose of writing the book, which is the purpose for the entire Bible.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Jesus explains the simple faith to Nicodemus.

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him."

³Jesus replied, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

⁵Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! ⁶Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. ⁸The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹"How can these things be?" asked Nicodemus.

¹⁰"You are the teacher of Israel," Jesus answered, "and you do not know these things?"

¹¹Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

¹³No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

M The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

Preparing to hear the Gospel, we stand out of respect for the Savior. In the past, soldiers put down their weapons and kings removed their crowns when the Gospel was read.

ATHANASIAN CREED *Credo*

This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God 's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith.

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

**We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,
without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

**For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,
but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

**yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,
just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,
but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**

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

yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,

so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

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

The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

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

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,

but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,

so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father,

And he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother,

Fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;

And though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;

One, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;

For just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life,

But those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

God brings us
good news
through our
called pastor,
who explains and
applies the Word
of God.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hauptlied*

Come Holy Ghost Creator Blest | 177

SERMON

Romans 8:14-17

“Connected to the Trinity”

CREATE IN ME

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**Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Oh, let your will be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire.**

**Grant that I only you may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold you face to face,
O Light eternal, through your grace.**

OFFERING

To God Be the Glory | 399 (1)

*We bring our offerings to the Lord to thank and praise him. These offering support
Our Redeemer’s and Rock of Ages as well as our synod’s mission efforts around the
world. Guests need not feel obligated to give, but are welcome to do so.*

**To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory-great things he has done!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*In response to the
Word of God read
and preached, we
pray in this song
that the Holy
Spirit would not
let his Word be
wasted on us, but
affect our hearts,
minds, and
attitudes and
bring them into
line with his will.*

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

We can be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by him, for he himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Therefore we say, "Amen. Yes, it shall be so."

HYMN

Come Now Almighty King | 193

DEPARTING PRAYER

M Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We pray that the blessings we have received in corporate worship will go with us as we depart to serve the Lord and our neighbor in our various vocations all week long.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN

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