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**About the Cover:** “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” The words of Invocation situate the service under the triune name of our God. Those very words were also spoken over us as we were united to Jesus’ death and resurrection through the waters of Baptism. Our very entry into the kingdom of God, our very life under His reign, is freely given in the new birth of water and the Spirit in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



*Unless one is born of water and the Spirit,  
he cannot enter the kingdom of God*

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### THE HOLY TRINITY

**9:00 a.m. Drive-In & Inside Service May 30, 2021**

**93.5 FM**

**DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR: Page 203**

### Thoughts as We Gather

The *Introit* for Trinity Sunday is one of the few during the Church Year that employs as its antiphon a liturgical text rather than a biblical passage: “Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.” The words *trinity* and *triune* are not used in the Bible, but this text aptly summarizes the mysterious extra-worldly nature of God, which is revealed throughout Holy Scripture—as is evident in the various readings of this day.

Appropriately, following the exalted season of Easter merging into Pentecost, we consider the very nature of God. The one who is three, “holy, holy, holy” (Is 6:3, *Old Testament Reading*), is the being beyond comprehension. The *Collect of the Day* also speaks of the Trinity to be worshiped as Unity. Peter’s Pentecost sermon, most of which is in the *Second Reading*, rightly magnifies the work of the Christ. But Peter directs his hearers to all three persons of the Trinity as he speaks of the Son at God’s right hand, who, after receiving the Father’s promised Holy Spirit, proceeds to pour Him out (Acts 2:33). The *Psalms* magnifies the voice of God over the waters (Ps 29:3). This is appropriate in a discussion of Holy Baptism, which by its Christ-ordained formula points to the Holy Trinity; the name of the triune God is truly the voice over many waters. Baptism will be an important focus of the *Gospel* for Trinity Sunday, our text.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the Narthex, please include your address and home church. If this is your first time attending Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.*

### GRADUATION PARTY

There will be a graduation party with cake and drinks for Nathan Coburn, Joshua Harris, Erik Robin, and Austin Strey after service on June 6. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### MEN’S CLUB

Men’s Club will be resuming on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. All men are welcome.

### PASTOR’S VACATION

Pastor will be on vacation from June 9 through June 18, 2021. He will be back in the office on Monday, June 21.

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

There will be NO Wednesday Bible Study on June 9th or 16th as Pastor will be on vacation.

### MARJORIE WILSON COMMITTAL

Marjorie Wilson’s committal is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at noon at Oakdale Mortuary, 1401 S. Grand Avenue, Glendora, CA 91740.

## THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (05/30)	9:00 a.m.	Drive-In & Inside Worship
Wed. (06/02)	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Sun. (06/06)	9:00 a.m. After Service	Drive-In & Inside Worship Graduation Party

### ATTENDANCE:

05/23/2021                      9:00 a.m.                      71

### OFFERING:

Needed weekly:                      \$ 3,737.00  
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### SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

**ELDER**                                      Ken Porter  
**HEAD USHER**                              Bruce Benson

### SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, June 6, 2021 are:

Genesis 3:8-15  
Psalm 130 (antiphon: v.7)  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

### STEWARDSHIP: May 30 – Trinity

**John 3:6** – “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” In Holy Baptism, we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, and new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense. The total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God’s math works differently – as we might expect from the Trinity! A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### 507 Holy, Holy, Holy

sts. 1–4



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!      Lord      God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!      All    the saints a - dore Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!      Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!      Lord      God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,      mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim      fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly;      there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,      mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God    in three    per - sons,      bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and      ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in      love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God    in three    per - sons,      bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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*Stand*

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

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- 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, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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. 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: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

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

**I have set the LORD always before me;**

**because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

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

**For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,**

**or let Your holy one see corruption.**

You make known to me the path of life;

in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**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.**

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

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

### BENEDICAMUS

*LSB 212*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### BENEDICTION

**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.

### 826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, “Who will go and work to - day?  
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,  
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on’s wall,  
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, “There is noth - ing I can do,”



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?  
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.  
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f’ring life and peace to all,  
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.  
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment’s dread a - larms,  
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;  
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me?”  
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior’s wait - ing arms.  
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et’s hands.  
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

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NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

KYRIE

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.



**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**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.

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
 the whole earth is full of His glory!”

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of Him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

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

**641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

*Refrain*

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of  
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal  
 5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less

heed his voice; So when You call Your  
 grat - i - tude That You should count us  
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
 tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
 let us be, To serve each oth - er

*Refrain*

fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.  
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.  
**C** Amen.

*Stand*



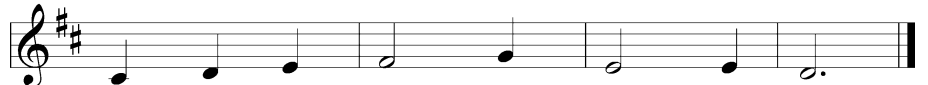
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;  
 worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
 the God of glory thunders,  
 the LORD, over many waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
 the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup>**He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
 and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
 flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
 and strips the forests bare,  
 and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
 the LORD sits enthroned as King forever.**

<sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to His people!  
 May the LORD bless His people with peace!

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .  
<sup>22</sup>"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—<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>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;  
<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
 my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For You will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
 or let Your Holy One see corruption.  
<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
 You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.'

<sup>29</sup>“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. <sup>30</sup>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, <sup>31</sup>He foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to My Lord,  
 Sit at My right hand,  
<sup>35</sup>until I make Your enemies Your footstool.’

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



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

**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.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.



SANCTUS


LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

You once revealed Your name to Moses in the burning bush; and through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You unveiled the mystery of Your holy name in the Trinity of persons and the Unity of being.

Grant that we, who have been baptized and instructed in the triune name, may faithfully eat and drink of Your Son's body and blood and worship You in spirit and truth, O Father, through Your Son in the Holy Spirit.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## ATHANASIAN CREED

- P** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic 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.**
- 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, 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** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

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### PREFACE

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- 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of hosts, Your ways are inscrutable and Your judgments unsearchable. Through Your Word, give us an ever-growing understanding of the depths of Your riches, wisdom and knowledge, that we may glorify You forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of hosts, You gave Your only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Bless the work of missionaries as they carry this Gospel to the ends of the earth, that many may hear of Your love in Your Son and be saved through Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of hosts, have mercy on those who would deny the new birth of water and the Spirit to infants and children. Open their eyes and hearts to the fullness of Your grace, that they would no longer hinder these little ones from being born again and seeing Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of hosts, we give thanks for those who have served our nation through military service, and we remember with gratitude those who gave their lives for us and for the cause of freedom. Help us to honor their sacrifice by using our liberty responsibly. Keep safe all who travel, bless our nation, and help us to protect and increase the privileges we have for those who follow us, looking always to You, from whom these privileges come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of hosts, uphold \_\_\_\_\_ and all who suffer in our midst by Your truth, that since You are at their right hand, they cannot be shaken. Gladden their hearts, cause their tongues to rejoice and make their flesh dwell in hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of hosts, take away our guilt and atone for our sin by touching our unclean lips with Christ's cleansing body and blood, that we may not be lost but abide in Your holy presence forever. Lord in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**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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*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till

all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,  
 2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,  
 3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied  
 4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

*Refrain*

Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 The hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.  
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
 As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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