



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES
Babbtown (Meta 8 am)
Schubert (Jefferson City 10 am)

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HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

June 4, 2023

Order of Worship: Printed below
(with P for Pastor, C for Congregation)
or

found on page 15 in The Lutheran Hymnal TLH

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SERVICE NOTE: Today is Trinity Sunday, a day on which we are refreshed in the Trinitarian faith that we profess. We use an ancient Creed today called the Athanasian Creed.

Luther called this Creed, with its emphasis on the doctrine of the Trinity, the grandest production of the Church since Apostolic times. Its origin is obscure. It probably originated in North Africa later in the fifth century. This Creed used the word "catholic" to describe the faith we profess. This word does not denote a denomination, but rather means "universal," in the sense that it is the faith that Christians share. This Creed uses rather strong language because it was refuting many false doctrines and teachings of its day. Those same heresies still exist. There is also a strong emphasis on works. Works are the evidence of saving – flowing through and from faith in Christ.

Ring of The Bell

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn: TLH #246 "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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! Tho' the darkness hide Thee,
Tho' 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! Amen.

Invocation: p. 15 [*Responses Sung*]

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession: [*Spoken by all*]

ALL: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution p. 16

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: [*Sung*] **Amen.**

Introit

Gloria Patri: p.16 [*Sung*]

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie: p.17 [*Sung*]

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Gloria in Excelsis: p. 17-19 [*Sung*]

C: **Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the

Father. Amen.

Salutation And Response: p.19

P: The Lord be with you

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

The Prayer Of The Day: *[Spoken by all]*

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.

Response *[Sung]*: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 ¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. ⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created...

Epistle Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

²² “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— ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ 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; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹ “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. ³⁰ 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, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ 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. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.” ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Gradual

Sentence Of The Season

The “Triple Hallelujah”: *[Sung]*

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: The Holy Gospel that is appointed to be read for today is from the Gospel of St. Matthew, chapter 28, beginning with the 16th verse.

C: *[Sung]* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P: Here ends the reading of the Holy Gospel.

C: *[Sung]* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

The Athanasian Creed, TLH p. 53

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith [*i.e., universal, Christian*].

Which faith unless every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the catholic faith is this: that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity, Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance.

For there is one Person of the Father; another of the Son; and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one; the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is; such is the Son; and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father uncreate; the Son uncreate; and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

The Father incomprehensible; the Son incomprehensible; and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.

The Father eternal; the Son eternal; and the Holy Ghost eternal.

And yet they are not three Eternals; but one Eternal.

As there are not three Uncreated; nor three Incomprehensibles, but one Uncreated; and one Incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is almighty; the Son almighty; and the Holy Ghost almighty.

And yet they are not three Almighty; but one Almighty.

So the Father is God; the Son is God; and the Holy Ghost is God.

And yet they are not three Gods; but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord; the Son Lord; and the Holy Ghost Lord.

And yet not three Lords; but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity; to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and Lord;

So are we forbidden by the catholic religion; to say, There are three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none; neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created; but begotten.

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

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

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

But the whole three Persons are coeternal, and coequal, so that in all things, as is aforesaid; the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity, is to be worshiped.

He therefore that will be saved, must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right Faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;

God, of the of the Substance of the Father; begotten before the worlds; and Man, of the substance of his Mother, born in the world.

Perfect God; and perfect Man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.

Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead and inferior to the Father as touching His manhood.

Who although He be God and Man; yet He is not two, but one Christ.

One; not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh; but by taking the manhood into God.

One altogether; not by confusion of Substance, but by unity of Person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man; so God and Man is one Christ;

Who suffered for our salvation; descended into hell; rose again the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, He sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the quick and the dead.

At whose coming all men will rise again with their bodies and shall give an account for their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire.

This is the catholic faith; which except a man believe faithfully and firmly, he cannot be saved.

Sermon Hymn: LSB #802 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest – to both great and small –
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish – but naught changes Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee. Amen

Sermon: "Where It All Comes Together" Text: Matthew 28:16-20

Offertory p. 22 [Sung]

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers

(Babbtown will conclude with The Lord's Prayer, Hymn TLH # 250, Prayer, Benediction and Closing Hymn, TLH #245, vs.1)

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

[We invite those who are communicant members of sister Lutheran Congregations, in the fellowship of LC-MS, and are repentant, to commune with us.]

The Preface: p. 24 [Responses Sung]

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right and salutary that we should at all time and in all places give thanks unto
Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God

The Proper Preface, p. 25

P: therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify
Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and singing:

The Sanctus: p. 26 [Sung]

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer: p. 27

**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;**

[Sung] **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

The Words of Institution: p. 27

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini: p. 27

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

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

The Agnus Dei: p. 28 *[Sung]*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace.
A - - - - men.**

The Distribution

Distribution Hymns: TLH 250 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

**Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Hark! the glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy, Lord!**

**Lo, th' apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun Thro' the Church the song goes on.**

**Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee,
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery. Amen.**

TLH # 238 "All Glory Be To God Alone"

**All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the Highest One,
Who doth our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend.
Among mankind may His good will All hearts with deep thanks-giving fill.**

We praise Thee, God, and Thee we bless; We worship Thee in humbleness;
From day to day we glorify Thee, everlasting God on high.
Of Thy great glory do we sing, And e'er to Thee our thanks we bring.

Lord God, our King on heaven's throne, Our Father, the Almighty One.
O Lord, the Sole-begotten One, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
True God from all eternity, O Lamb of God, to Thee we flee.

Thou dost the world's sin take away; Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
Thou dost the world's sin take away; Give ear unto the prayer we say.
Thou sitt'st at God's right hand for ay, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

Thou only art the Holy One; Thou art o'er all things Lord alone.
O Jesus Christ, we glorify Thee only as the Lord Most High;
Thou art, the Holy Ghost with Thee, One in the Father's majesty.

Amen, this ever true shall be, As angels sing adoringly.
By all creation, far and wide, Thou, Lord, art ever glorified;
And Thee all Christendom doth praise Now and through everlasting days. Amen

The Nunc Dimittus: p. 29 *[Sung]*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:
which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Thanksgiving: p. 30

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: *[Sung]* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

The Thanksgiving Prayer: pp, 30-31

P: We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith towards You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

The Benedicamus: p. 31

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction: p. 31

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn: TLH 245, vs. 1 "God Loved The World So That He Gave"
God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive. Amen

Silent Prayer
Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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V.B.S. BEGINS TONIGHT at **5:00 p.m.** and continues MONDAY - THURSDAY, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.. Come and join us. Bring the whole family. Invite your neighbors and friends. Remember to provide fruit and cookies and offer your assistance. Thanks. May God bless our V.B.S. this week.

IF YOU HAVE A High School or College Graduate, please let Pastor know.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE: From now through August 13, St. John's Children's Sunday school programs will transition to Summer Sunday school. If you would like to help teach, sign-up sheets are on the table in the side entry.

TODAY: Pick up your June Newsletter, new Portals of Prayer (July-September) and new Lutheran Witness.

JUNE 10-12: Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, Jefferson City. TEC is a three-day weekend experience for youth who have finished at least their freshman year of high school to 20 years old, led by Lutheran laypersons and clergy, and by youth who have already attended a TEC weekend. Interested adults and youth leaders are also encouraged to attend the retreat. Its broad objective is to enable older youth, at a time when they are making life decisions, to encounter the presence of Christ in their lives and to commit themselves to life under HIM. If you want to find out more about this amazing opportunity to grow in your faith, please visit our website, www.heartofmotec.com. The website has all information and an online application. If you want more information you can call or text Sam Ziegelbein at 573-680-6887 or email TEC at heartofmotec@gmail.com.

SATURDAY: Trinity Men's Club Barbeque, Schulte's parking lot, Southwest Blvd., beginning at 10 a.m
Funds generated from this event will be donated to the Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Program and Calvary Lutheran High School.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: The care that Father, Son, and Spirit enact by creating humankind in His image makes every member of our race precious (Genesis 11:26-27). He reserves for Himself alone the right to decide how they live and when they die. Ultimate authority belongs to Jesus alone (Acts 2:36). We get the privilege and responsibility of teaching everyone that they also may believe it (Matthew 28:20)!

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: Babbtown, 15; Schubert, 83.

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Thanks be to God that we have the opportunity to gather in worship each week.
Make worship and Bible Study and the Lord's Supper a high priority in your life.

Babbtown

Schubert

8:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:10 a.m. Sunday School
and Adult Bible Study

9:15 am. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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The Athanasian Creed

The Church's Confession of the Holy Trinity:

Early in the fourth century, a new teaching appeared which claimed that Jesus was not true God. Arius, the north African priest who first proposed this theory, was extremely persuasive, and soon the controversy was so widespread that a church council was called to settle the matter.

Out of that meeting in A.D. 325 came the Nicene Creed, which clearly confesses Jesus to be the true God. That creed, which was expanded in A.D. 381 in order to defend the divinity of the Holy Spirit, is still widely used today as a confession of the triune faith.

Despite the clarity of the Nicene Creed, the controversy continued for some time. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that marveled at the mystery of the Trinity in a way that no creed had ever done. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.

The Athanasian Creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are the catholic faith. In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than 15 centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given himself for our salvation.

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CALVARY NEWS

THANK YOU! – We were blessed to host the 19th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament for Calvary this past Friday! Thank you to the sponsors, record number of teams, and the planning committee for making it a tee-riffic event to benefit Calvary families!

BE A LION – As we prepare for the 2023-2024 academic year, we look forward to greeting many new students on campus! We offer an awesome high school experience with our caring faculty, safe Christian atmosphere, strong academics, and numerous activities and athletics. If you know a family with a high school student that would thrive in this environment, please reach out to them and us! The first new family orientation is this Monday, June 12 at 7 p.m. We would love to share more about Calvary! Contact our office at 573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org.

JOIN THE CALVARY TEAM – Calvary is seeking mission-minded, enthusiastic individuals to join the Calvary team. We are seeking a **varsity cheer coach** for 2023-2024. Resumes are to be submitted to Calvary Lutheran High School, 2525 Rte B, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.

SUMMER HOURS – Summer hours are in full swing June – July:
Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

CALVARY'S GIFT– Calvary's Gift, an upscale thrift store located at 722 Jefferson St, Jefferson City, MO, has been blessed with donations and support from the community. The proceeds from our sales help students that attend Calvary Lutheran High School. If you are interested in volunteering at Calvary's Gift this summer, please contact John at 573 821-8875. Follow Calvary's Gift on Facebook to stay up-to-date with hours, sales, and featured items available for purchase!

SAVE THE DATE -

June 5-6 Youth Boys Baseball Camp
June 10 Alumni Basketball Game