

WELCOME TO MEMORIAL DAY WEEK WORSHIP AT GETHSEMANE!

Sunday, May 30, 2021

## TODAY'S FOCUS

**We conclude our eight-week series on the book of Acts with part 8: Do The Next Righteous [Faith-filled] Thing.** Paul endures ship-wreck, snake bites, and being chained between two soldiers under house arrest. He never stopped proclaiming Christ and caring for others. He never "circled the wagons." He ran the race and kept the faith; actively doing the next right thing. **WE CAN TOO!** ***We also celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday and honor those women and men who gave their lives in the US military as we observe Memorial Day.***

## + WORSHIP OUR TRIUNE GOD! +

### *LSB 905 COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING*

- 1     Come, Thou almighty King,  
      Help us Thy name to sing;  
      Help us to praise;  
      Father all-glorious,  
      O'er all victorious,  
      Come and reign over us,  
      Ancient of Days.
  
- 2     Come, Thou incarnate Word,  
      Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
      Our prayer attend.  
      Come and Thy people bless,  
      And give Thy Word success,  
      And let Thy righteousness  
      On us descend.

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

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

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## *INVOCATION*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## *CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION*

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

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

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**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.

*LSB 507 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY*

sts. 1, 3–4

- 1 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!
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 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!

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## *ATHANASIAN CREED*

Part 1

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- 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.
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- 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.**

## *SALUTATION*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

## *PRAYER OF THE DAY*

**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.

**G** **Amen.**

## **+ WORD +**

### *FIRST READING*

*ACTS 28:17–31 NIV*

<sup>28:17</sup> Three days later he called together the local Jewish leaders. When they had assembled, Paul said to them: “My brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or against the customs of our ancestors, I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. <sup>18</sup> They examined me and wanted to release me, because I was not guilty of any crime deserving death. <sup>19</sup> The Jews objected, so I was compelled to make an appeal to Caesar. I certainly did not intend to bring any charge against my own people. <sup>20</sup> For this reason I have asked to see you and talk with you. It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain.”

<sup>21</sup> They replied, “We have not received any letters from Judea concerning you, and none of our people who have come from there has reported or said anything bad about you. <sup>22</sup> But we want to hear what your views are, for we know that people everywhere are talking against this sect.”

<sup>23</sup> They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day, and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. He witnessed to them from morning till evening, explaining about the kingdom of God, and from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets he tried to persuade them about Jesus. <sup>24</sup> Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe. <sup>25</sup> They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: “The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your ancestors when he said through Isaiah the prophet:

<sup>26</sup> “Go to this people and say,  
“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;  
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.”

<sup>27</sup> For this people’s heart has become calloused;  
they hardly hear with their ears,  
and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,  
hear with their ears,  
understand with their hearts  
and turn, and I would heal them.’

<sup>28</sup> “Therefore I want you to know that God’s salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!” <sup>[29]</sup>

<sup>30</sup> For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. <sup>31</sup> He proclaimed the

kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

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

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

*EPISTLE READING*

*EPHESIANS 2:14–22 NIV*

<sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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

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

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

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

<sup>3:1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> 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.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

<sup>4</sup> “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!”

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

<sup>9</sup> “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup> “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the



wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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.**

*LSB 940 HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME*                      sts. 1, 4–5

1     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.

4     Thou art King of Glory, Christ;  
       Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed,  
       As to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death,  
Thou hast opened heav’n to faith.

△ 5     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.

*MESSAGE "ACTING ON OUR FAITH," PART 8: DO THE NEXT  
RIGHTEOUS [FAITH-FILLED] THING*

*ATHANASIAN CREED*

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**+ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER +**

*INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION*

## *LORD'S PRAYER*

**P** Hear us as we pray in the name of Jesus and with the words He has taught us:

**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.**

## *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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## + COMMUNION SONG +

*HWC 266 HOLY HOLY*

sts. 1-4,6

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;  
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,  
Holy, holy, holy, holy.
- 2 Gracious Father, gracious Father,  
We're so blessed to be Your children,  
Gracious Father;  
And we lift our heads before You as a token of our love,  
Gracious Father, gracious Father.
- 3 Precious Jesus, precious Jesus,  
We're so glad that You've redeemed us,  
Precious Jesus;  
And we lift our hands before You as a token of our love,  
Precious Jesus, precious Jesus.
- 4 Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
Come and fill our hearts anew,  
Holy Spirit;  
And we lift our voice before You as a token of our love,  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.
- 6 Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah;  
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

## 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.**

*LSB 802 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE*      sts. 1, 3–4

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

3    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.

4    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.

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