

THE HOLY TRINITY

May 30, 2021

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we do not so much explain God as confess Him. We testify to Him who has revealed Himself to us. To the mind in search of reasonable answers, God will always be a question or riddle to be solved. But to the empty heart, the Holy Spirit leads us to see with faith the God whose majesty has worked for our salvation and whose mercy has rescued us sinners from sin and the grave. Like Nicodemus of old, we want to know how, yet our Lord gives us not the how, but the who; not the explanation, but the mystery of mercy big enough to save us. We come today confessing with our fathers in faith the Athanasian Creed, singing “Holy, Holy, Holy,” and rejoicing in the God who is bigger than we are, but who becomes one of us to save us.

PREPARATION

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy” *LSB 507*

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
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 power, 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!**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: 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.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

WORD

ATHANASIAN CREED *Part 1*

Athanasian Creed is divided up into sections and confessed throughout the service

Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all,
hold the catholic faith.

**People: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled
will without doubt perish eternally.**

Pastor: And the catholic faith is this,

**People: that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity
in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor
dividing the substance.**

Pastor: For the Father is one person, the Son is another,
and the Holy Spirit is another.

**People: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the
majesty coeternal.**

Pastor: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is
the Holy Spirit:

**People: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the
Holy Spirit uncreated;**

Pastor: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy
Spirit infinite;

**People: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy
Spirit eternal.**

Pastor: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one
Eternal,

**People: just as there are not three Uncreated or three
Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

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

People: and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

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

People: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

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

People: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

(Please stand)

GLORIA PATRI (sing)

**All: 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.**

KYRIE (sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (sing) And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: (sung) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Today is Holy Trinity, the First Sunday after Pentecost. The festival half of the Church Year, which has confessed the saving events in the life of our Lord, now gives way to that part of the Church Year in which we hear His teaching. **From the Old Testament Reading** from Isaiah, we witness a glimpse of the glory of the Lord, the God of Sabaoth, whose power is chiefly known in showing mercy. **In the Epistle** from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear another part of the Pentecost sermon of Peter attesting to the revelation of Jesus as both Lord and Christ. **In the Gospel** according to John, we hear Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus and within this we hear the most beloved and familiar verse of Scripture.

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 6:1-8 ESV*

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. 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. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 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!” Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Acts 2:14, 22-36 ESV*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. “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 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing

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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sing)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 3:1-17 ESV*

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 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." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 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?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 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." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 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. If I have told you earthly

things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" LSB 822

**Alleluia , Let praises ring
To God the Father let us bring
Our songs of adoration
To Him through everlasting days
Be worship honor pow'r and praise
Whose hand sustains creation
Singing ringing, Holy holy, God is holy
Spread the story
Of our God the Lord of glory**

**Alleluia, Let praises ring
Unto the Lamb of God we sing
In whom we are elected
He bought His Church with His own blood
He cleansed her in that blessed flood**

And as His bride selected
Holy holy Is our union And communion
His befriending Gives us joy and peace unending

Alleluia, Let praises ring
Unto the Holy Ghost we sing
For our regeneration
The saving faith in us He wrought
And us unto the Bridegroom brought
Made us His chosen nation
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal Bliss supernal
There is manna and an endless glad hosanna

Alleluia, Let praises ring
Unto our triune God we sing
Blest be His name forever
With angel hosts let us adore
And sing His praises evermore
For all His grace and favor
Singing ringing, Holy Holy God is holy
Spread the story of our God the Lord of glory

+ SERMON+

“What do we remember?”

Text: Deuteronomy 6:4–9; Romans 8:14–17; John 3:1–17

ATHANASIAN CREED *Part 2*

Athanasian Creed is divided up into sections and confessed throughout the service

Pastor: 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.

People: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

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

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

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

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

Pastor: 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.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Blessed be the kingdom of our God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

People: Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, to the end of all the ages!

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that we trust in You

and confess without fear the name of the triune God with which we were marked in Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that we approach the mystery of Your presence with awe, confident of Your mercy that forgives our sins and comforted by Your power that delivers us from everlasting death. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that Your Church be firmly established in this faith, united in the truth of Your Word, and served by faithful pastors and church workers who will faithfully minister to us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that missionaries far and near be protected by Your power and blessed in their service so that many may hear, and hearing, believe in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that those who suffer afflictions of body and mind be delivered according to Your will, sustained by Your presence, and delivered to everlasting life, *especially . . ., and those we name in our hearts . .*
.. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that knowing Your goodness in creation, we use Your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all people and bring to You the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that we approach Your Table in humble repentance and receive in faith the very body and blood of our Savior in this Holy Communion. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, to remember those who went before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, and guide us that we faithfully confess Your name until we join them in Your nearer presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us grace, O Lord, that we find contentment of heart and that we know the riches of Your mercy as our greatest treasure in life and our hope in death. Lord in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed be the kingdom of our God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

People: Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, to the end of all the ages!

✠ SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

(Please stand)

SANCTUS (Sing) LSB 195

**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**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Lord of heaven and earth, we praise You and give You thanks for the mercy You have shown to those You created, sending Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-sufficient sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we pray You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: 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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: O Lord, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

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

LORD’S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**All: 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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

**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. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“God Himself Is Present” LSB 907

**God Himself is present
Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him
God is in His temple
All within keep silence
Humbly kneel in deepest rev’rence
He alone**

**On His throne
Is our God and Savior
Praise His name forever**

**God Himself is present
Hear the harps resounding
See the hosts the throne surrounding
Holy holy holy
Hear the hymn ascending
Songs of saints and angels blending
Bow Your ear
To us here
Hear O Christ the praises
That Your Church now raises**

**Fount of ev'ry blessing
Purify my spirit
Trusting only in Your merit
Like the holy angels
Worshiping before You
May I ceaselessly adore You
Let Your will
Ever still
Rule Your Church terrestrial
As the hosts celestial**

(Please stand)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**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 with-out end. Amen**

ATHANASIAN CREED *Part 3*

Athanasian Creed is divided up into sections and confessed throughout the service

Pastor: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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:

People: **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

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

People: **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**

Pastor: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

**People: one altogether, not by confusion of substance,
but by unity of person.**

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

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

Pastor: 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.

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

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

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

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make
His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The
LORD look upon you with favor and give you
peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

People: (spoken) Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: (spoken) Amen.

HYMN

“God Bless Our Native Land” *LSB* 965

**God Bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.**

**So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies,
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Dave Hamilton, Elder & Reader

Bill Switter, David Brown, & Kathy King, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you!

Thank you for your prayers & Cards. Gayle French

GAME NIGHT AT MT. HOPE

If you are interested in a game night.

Please see last sheet of bulletin to help us plan for it.

Voter's Meeting

Reminder: Election of Officers will be elected at the meeting. Anyone who wants to take a position, please let the nominating committee know.

Mt Hope Preschool Registration

Know a 3 or 4 year old?

Pick up a flyer on the Bulletin table

We still have openings.

Attendance

Sunday May 23rd

9:30 am 45

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Dave & Cecelia Hamilton – June 2nd

Birthdays

Karen Bumgarner – June 2nd

For the Shut-Ins

Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Tom Blackwood, Friend of the Witte's, preparing for bone marrow transplant.