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The Holy Trinity

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The Holy Trinity Just Works!

As We Gather

The Holy Trinity presents profound complexities. The church wrestles to dissect and sync together the identities and the activities of the Father, Son, and Spirit. The Athanasian Creed is the treatise that sews together the equality and uniqueness of the three persons of the Trinity. With faith's assurance, the church confesses trinitarian substance, coeternal majesty, and seemingly unattainable mystery. The Uncreated, the Infinite, the Almighty are One in Three. The Holy Trinity is vested in working in our midst today, every day, and eternally. In faith, the church and its members forge ahead in life because the Holy Trinity just works! We may not understand fully, and yet, by faith we believe the Father works—creating; the Son works—redeeming; and the Spirit works—sanctifying. Our entire life of frailty and faith is only possible because the Holy Trinity just works—all the time—with us, for us, and alongside us!

WELCOME & BIRTHDAY BLESSING 6/17 Dana Buchholz

♪ Thanks for our friends who celebrate
And God's rich blessings contemplate.
Praise for another year on earth.
Praise to the Lord who gives us birth. **Amen.**

HYMN "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" #803 v 1-2

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, who endlessly creates and re-creates all living things;

People: **Glory to God the Father.**

Pastor: and of the Son, who forever redeems, restores, and forgives;

People: **Glory to God the Son.**

Pastor: in of the Spirit, who continually sanctifies and calls us by name.

People: **Glory to God the Spirit.**

HYMN "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" #803 v3

OPENING SENTENCES *based on Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31*

Pastor: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit possess all wisdom before the very work of creation.

People: **Praise be to the Holy Trinity.**

Pastor: Wisdom, begotten of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reveals the incarnate Christ—the appointed Messiah, working out our salvation's story.

People: **Praise be to the Holy Trinity.**

Pastor: Eternal wisdom delights, rejoices, and is the workman of all things created and redeemed.

People: **Praise be to the Holy Trinity. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *pew hymnal page 184-202*

Pastor: 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,

People: ♪ **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: ♪ **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and**

**justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.
But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of
them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the
sake of the holy, innocent bitter sufferings and death of
Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and
merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as an
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 Spirit.

People: ♪ **A---men.**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

♪ **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

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us, Lord
have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

♪ **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, heavenly 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 are holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the
glory of God the Father. A-men.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting triune God, grant us abiding faith that we may steadfastly believe and confess Your divine work as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Throughout our temporal and eternal living, be our constant companion—creating and renewing, redeeming and forgiving, calling and sanctifying us. In all suffering and service, grant that we be mindful that You are the one true God, undivided, uncreated, infinite, and almighty, in whose triune name we pray.

People: ♪ **A--men.**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

(Wisdom, personified, reveals the presence and work of Jesus even before the creation of the world.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Acts 2:14a, 22-36

(God richly supplies Jesus with the credentials to accomplish all divine works, wonders, and signs.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA

♪ **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 8:48-59

(Jesus reveals His eternal identity with God the Father before the time of Abraham.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

People: ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED *(found on the last page of the pew hymnal)*

Please be seated.

HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" #507

SERMON Pr. Mark Croucher

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

♪ **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. A-men.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Holy Trinity, grant us truth, wisdom, companionship, and Your fatherly care. Remind us daily of our Baptism, drowning our minds and spirits in the waters of repentance and Word of forgiveness. Rejuvenate our wearied and wounded spirits, that we may be refreshed with Your wisdom of forgiveness, mercy, and grace. Today we name before You those who need the Father's compassion.

HYMN "Hear Us, Father, When We Pray" #773 v1

Pastor: Holy Trinity, grant us clarity of thoughts in the innumerable injuries of mind and body, through the companionship of Your Spirit. We pray especially for Liz, Myron, Betty, Karla and Debbie. By Your wisdom, transform our groans of misery into creeds of faith, our broken minds into vessels of clarity and blessed realities.

HYMN "Hear Us, Father, When We Pray" #773 v2

Pastor: Holy Trinity, grant us truth, wisdom, and companionship with Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Envelope us in the gruesome wisdom of the cross, the senseless turmoil of Calvary; but also, the glorified wisdom of the empty grave, and the unimaginable glory of the heavens, yet to come. Today we name before You, those who face life and death struggles.

HYMN "Hear Us, Father, When We Pray"

#773 v3

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Holy Trinity, we place all those for whom we pray.

People: **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

pew hymnal age 194

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **♪ And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: **♪ It is meet and right so to do.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord, about whom and to whom we offer thanks and praise, psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. With saints of old and the hosts of heaven we lift our voices, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

♪ 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!

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: 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.

People: **♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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

People: ♪ **A---men.**

AGNUS DEI

♪ **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.**

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

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NUNC DIMITTIS

♪ **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has 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.

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

People: ♪ **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: Holy Trinity, by faith we acknowledge Your unending, seamless, and inseparable work in our lives through Word and Sacrament. Father, we thank You for Your relentless commitment to re-create our weary souls; Jesus, we thank You for suffering, dying, and rising, so that we too may rise; Holy Spirit, we thank You for calling us by name at our Baptism, making us the holy, forgiven people of God.

People: ♪ **A--men.**

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: God—the Holy Trinity—re-create, redeem, and sanctify you in all wisdom and truth. God our Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit be your constant companion working in your heart, mind, and soul abundant mercy and grace, now and forever.

People: 🎵 **Amen, amen, a--men.**

HYMN “The Lord My God Be Praised” #794

POSTLUDE

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THE MESSENGER

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WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and “Like” us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Rev. Mark Croucher
Linda Rayburn, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, and Deborah Carter

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 16

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, June 22nd is "**Should I Be Worried About the Devil?**" Guest Speaker: Rev. German Novelli-Oliveros The devil is real, but rather than fretting about the evil he can do, we rejoice in all that Christ has done to defeat him. (Luke 8:26-39) Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.