

TRINITY SUNDAY – DIVINE SERVICE I

JUNE 4, 2023 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYERS

PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH: “*LORD, I love the habitation of Your House and the place where Your Glory Dwells. In the multitude of Your Tender Mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your House to worship and confess Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, my God and LORD.*” (145)

BEFORE WORSHIP: “*O LORD, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may Repent of our sins, Believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and Grow in Grace and Holiness. Hear us for His sake, Amen.*” (146)

✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN: “*Father Most Holy*” [LSB: 504]

1.
Father most Holy, Merciful, and Tender; Jesus,
our Savior, with the Father Reigning; Spirit of
Comfort, Advocate, Defender, Light never
waning.

2.
Trinity Blessèd, Unity Unshaken, Goodness
Unbounded, very God of Heaven, Light of the
angels, Joy of those forsaken, Hope of all living.

3.
Maker of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee;
All for Thy worship were and are created; Now, as
we also worship Thee devoutly, Hear Thou
our voices.

4.
LORD God Almighty, unto Thee be Glory, One
in three persons, over all Exalted! Glory we
offer, praise Thee and adore Thee, Now and
Forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Please stand*) [LSB: 151]

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

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.

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN: “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” [LSB: 507]

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, Blessèd Trinity!

2.
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.

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, Blessèd Trinity!

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

KYRIE ~ *LORD, Have Mercy* ~ [LSB: 152]

P In peace let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.

P For the Peace from above and for our Salvation let us pray to the LORD.
C **LORD, have Mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.
C **LORD, have Mercy.**

P For this Holy House and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.
C **LORD, have Mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.
C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “*This is the Feast of Victory*” [LSB: 155]

This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, Whose Blood set us Free to be People of God. This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.


Power, Riches, Wisdom and Strength, and Honor, Blessing, and Glory are His.
This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, Honor, Glory, and Might be to God and the Lamb Forever. Amen.
This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

For the Lamb Who was slain has begun His Reign. Alleluia.
This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY [LSB: 156]

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

P 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.** *(Please be seated)*

FIRST READING: *Genesis 1:1—2:4a*

“In the beginning, God Created the Heavens and the earth. ² The 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. ³ And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was Good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶ And God said, ‘Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.’ ⁷ And 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. ⁸ And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹ And God said, ‘Let the waters under the Heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.’ And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas. And God saw that it was Good. ¹¹ And 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. ¹² The 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. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third

day. ¹⁴ And 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, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the Heavens to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the Heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was Good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, ‘Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the Heavens.’ ²¹ So 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. ²² And God Blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴ And 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. ²⁵ And 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. ²⁶ Then 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.' ²⁷ So God created man in His Own Image, in the Image of God He Created Him; male and female He Created them. ²⁸ And 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.' ²⁹ And 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. ³⁰ And 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. ³¹ And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very Good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ^{2:1} Thus the Heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And 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. ³ So God Blessed the seventh day and made it Holy, because on it God Rested from all His Work that He had Done in creation."

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

L Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and His Greatness is un- | searchable.
On Your Wondrous Works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare Your | Greatness.

EPISTLE READING: *Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together... '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.'"

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE [LSB: 156]

C Alleluia, LORD, to whom shall we go? You have the Words of Eternal Life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 28:16–20*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
C Glory to You, O LORD.

"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 This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

1.
God the Father, be our stay; O let us perish never! Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And Grant us Life Forever. Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our Faith Most Holy, And let us trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly. Let us put God’s Armor on, With all True Christians running Our Heav’nly race and shunning The devil’s wiles and cunning. Amen, Amen! This be done; So sing we, “Alleluia!”

2.
Jesus Christ, be Thou our stay; O let us perish never! Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And Grant us Life Forever. Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our Faith Most Holy, And let us trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly. Let us put God’s Armor on, With all True Christians running Our Heav’nly race and shunning The devil’s wiles and cunning. Amen, Amen! This be done; So sing we, “Alleluia!”

3.
Holy Spirit, be our stay; O let us perish never! Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And Grant us Life Forever. Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our Faith Most Holy, And let us trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly. Let us put God’s Armor on, With all True Christians running Our Heav’nly race and shunning The devil’s wiles and cunning. Amen, Amen! This be done; So sing we, “Alleluia!”

SERMON:

ATHANASIAN CREED (*Please stand as we confess our Faith*) [LSB: 319]

THE ATHANASIAN CREED ¹

The Church’s Confession of the Holy Trinity

Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in A.D. 325 with a statement of Faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, truly God.

Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. 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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| <p>P <i>Whoever will be Saved shall, above all else, hold the catholic* Faith.</i></p> <p>C Which Faith, except everyone keeps whole and undefiled, without doubt he will perish Eternally.</p> <p>P <i>And the catholic Faith is this:</i></p> <p>C that we worship One God in three Persons and three Persons in One God, neither confusing the Persons nor dividing the Substance.</p> <p>P <i>For there is One Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit.</i></p> <p>C But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all One: the Glory Equal, the Majesty CoEternal.</p> <p>P <i>Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit.</i></p> <p>C The Father uncreated,** the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated. The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible.</p> <p>P <i>The Father Eternal, the Son Eternal, and the Holy Spirit Eternal. And yet there are not three Eternals but One Eternal.</i></p> <p>C As there are not three uncreated nor three incomprehensibles but one uncreated and one incomprehensible.</p> <p>P <i>So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty,</i></p> | <p><i>and the Holy Spirit Almighty.</i></p> <p>C And yet they are not three Almighties but One Almighty.</p> <p>P <i>So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.</i></p> <p>C And yet they are not three Gods but one God.</p> <p>P <i>So likewise the Father is LORD, the Son LORD, and the Holy Spirit LORD.</i></p> <p>C And yet they are not three LORDS but one LORD.</p> <p>P <i>For as we are compelled by the Christian Truth to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be both God and LORD,</i></p> <p>C So we cannot by the catholic faith say that there are three Gods or three LORDS.</p> <p>P <i>The Father is made of none, neither Created nor Begotten. The Son is of the Father Alone, not made nor Created but Begotten.</i></p> <p>C The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor Created nor Begotten but Proceeding.</p> <p>P <i>So there is One Father, not three Fathers; One Son, not three Sons; One Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.</i></p> <p>C And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;</p> <p>P <i>But the whole three Persons are CoEternal together</i></p> |
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and CoEqual, so that in all things, as has been said, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshiped.

C He, therefore, that will be Saved is compelled thus to think of the Trinity.

P Furthermore, it is necessary to Everlasting Salvation that he also Believe Faithfully the Incarnation of our LORD Jesus Christ.

C For the right Faith is that we Believe and Confess that our LORD Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man;

P God of the Substance of the Father, Begotten before all worlds; and man of the substance of His mother, born in the world;

C Perfect God and Perfect man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.

P Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead and inferior to the Father as touching His manhood;

C Who, although He is God and man, yet He is not two but One Christ:

P One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh but by taking the manhood into God:

C One altogether, not by confusion of Substance but by Unity of Person.

P For as the reasonable 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 He Ascended into Heaven, He sits at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty,

C from whence He will Come to Judge the living and the dead.

P At whose Coming all men will rise again with their bodies and will give an account of their own works.

C And they that have done Good will go into Life Everlasting; and they that have done evil, into Everlasting Fire.

P This is the catholic Faith which, except a man Believe Faithfully and firmly, he cannot be Saved.

OFFERING *(Please be seated)*

OFFERTORY *"What shall I render to the LORD" (Please stand) [LSB: 159]*

C What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the LORD. I will take the Cup of Salvation and will call on the Name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the LORD's House, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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LORD'S PRAYER [LSB: 162]

P LORD, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray ...

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.

P O God, for our Redemption You Gave Your Only-Begotten Son to the Death of the Cross and by His Glorious Resurrection Delivered us from the Power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily Repentance and that day by day we may Arise to Live before You in Righteousness and Purity Forever; through Jesus Christ, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION [LSB: 166]

P The Grace of our LORD Jesus Christ and the Love of God And the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.