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The Holy Trinity

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Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. For those worshipping in person please take time to register your attendance using the slips in the pew rack. These can be placed in the offering plates by the door as you exit.

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: When Isaiah “*saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up,*” he cried out and confessed that he was “*a man of unclean lips.*” If even the holy angels cover their faces in the presence of “*the King, the LORD of hosts,*” how can sinful humans stand before Him (Is. 6:1–5)? Yet, the glory of the Lord is saving grace, and with “*a burning coal*” from the altar the angel touched Isaiah’s lips, removing his guilt (Is. 6:6–7). Likewise, from the altar of Christ’s cross, by the ministry of the Gospel, “*the whole earth is full of his glory*” (Is. 6:3). For He was crucified, died and buried, “*according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,*” and God “*raised him up, loosing the pangs of death*” (Acts 2:23–24). He “*received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 2:33), and He raises up the fallen world by pouring out His life-giving Spirit upon sinners through His earthly Means of Grace. To give this saving gift, God sent His Son into the world, “*that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life*” (John 3:16–17).

Order of Worship
Service of Prayer and Preaching *LSB 260*

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringing of the Bell

♪ **Opening Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

LSB 507 sts. 1–4

- 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!

- 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, blessed Trinity!

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Opening Versicles

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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.

♪ Hymn of Response: “Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay”

LSB 505 st. 1

1 Triune God, 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!”

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1–8

¹In 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. ²Above 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. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And 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!”⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar.⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴But 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. 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—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ““I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You 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. ³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ““The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’ ³⁶Let 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.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

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

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

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This 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.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus 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?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The 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.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, 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. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Athanasian Creed

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

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

P And the catholic faith is this,

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

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

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

- P** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C** **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- P** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C** **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- P** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C** **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- P** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C** **and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.**
- P** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C** **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- P** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C** **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- P** 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.
- C** **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
- 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.
- C** **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
- 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.**
- P** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **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.**
- P** 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:
- C** **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- P** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

- C** Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- P** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C** one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- P** For as the rational 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** 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.
- C** At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- P** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C** This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Sit

Children's Message

♪ Sermon Hymn: “Glory Be to God the Father”

LSB 506

- 1 **Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!**
- 2 **Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!**
- 3 **Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church’s King,
Glory to the King of nations; Heav’n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!**
- 4 **Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow’r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!**

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Sermon “The God We Worship”

Pastor Buchhorn

Stand

♪ **Hymn of Response: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

LSB 805

**1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Prayer

LSB 265

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.

Blessing & Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

Sit

♪ **Closing Hymn: “Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”**

LSB 822

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

4 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!

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Connor Cross, Alivia Kesting, Erin Olson, Alyssa Chinn, Jan Doescher, Sara Ruwe, Mikenzie Schafer, Alexis Temme, Mark Zach, Kris Fox, Evelyn Lilienkamp, Otto Haas, Mike Heithold, Rachel Kneifl, David Longe, Barb Frevert, Jaret Harmer, James Johnson, Jill Lubke & Megan Dubbs

ANNIVERSARIES: Doug & Mary Temme, Justin & Megan Anderson, and Duane & Cheryl Suehl

LAST WEEK our offerings were \$6,185.

ONLINE WORSHIP: Livestream of our Sunday morning services is being offered each week. Check the church's website www.gracewayne.com or Facebook page for the link which should be available on Sunday morning. A recording of the service is still available to watch later in the day or week. May God bless your worship time.

USE YOUR GIFTS: Beginning in June, some of the areas of service which were temporarily discontinued due to pandemic precautions we hope to resume. That means that we will be looking for those who would like to serve the Lord and our congregation as Greeters and Lay Readers. Greeters help to provide a friendly welcome and distribute bulletins to people entering our sanctuary. Lay Readers assist during the worship service by reading the Old Testament and Epistle lessons during the service. If you would like to help in either role, please indicate it on your attendance registration sheet.

VISIONARY PARENTING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR ERIK: Parents are you looking at getting into God's word with your children. Are you not sure how to even begin doing something like that? Wanting to strengthen habits that you are already doing. Well then, we hope you will join Pastor Erik during the Sunday School Hour from 9:15 to 10:15AM! We will cover great topics like God's grand vision for the home, a God-filled normal life, Biblical fatherhood and motherhood, family worship, multi-generational faithfulness, a safe home, and disciplines that disciple. What you will hear and learn is that God has brought your family together for a grand purpose! Our study called *Visionary Parenting* will help you discover and lean into this awesome opportunity. Through studying God's Word in this Visionary Parenting series, you will be inspired to catch a fresh vision of God's purpose for your family. While also being inspired to build faith and character in the hearts of your kids.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: "A Fiery Marvel" is the title of today's lesson. Despite King Nebuchadnezzar's directive to bow before his golden statue, three faithful Israelites ignore the order. In a burning rage, the king orders Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be tossed into a flaming furnace heated seven times hotter than usual. To the king's astonishment, four men appear in the furnace, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego emerge unharmed—not even smelling of fire. Realizing the power of God, Nebuchadnezzar promotes these faithful men and praises the true God. For those who cannot attend in person, visit <http://bit.ly/onlinesundayschool> to access an online video overview for Lesson 10 and additional family materials.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Out of the Depths" -- Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge
When our words fail us, we find God's word of promise in the words of Psalm 130. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Today Pastor Buchhorn will begin a new summer series on the book of First Corinthians. An introduction to the book states, "The experiences of the Corinthians are increasingly those of present-day Christians...in so called Christian lands slipping deeper into pagan ways. The impact of the world's morals and mores on church people is evident today, with political factions growing, marriages failing, sexual morality sinking, and church disorders increasing. The Christian today faces many of the moral dilemmas reflected in this epistle." The class meets at 9:15 in the church basement.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SERVICE PROJECT: For the month of May, regarding to our service project, the Sunday School will be requesting age appropriate and non-offensive stickers. As always, if you are interested in helping with this activity, the Sunday School will be collecting any donations for this project in the marked bin by the Sunday School office, in the basement. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS OPENING: Beginning June 6 we will resume with a joint opening activity for Sunday School and Bible Class attendees. At 9:15 a.m. growing disciples of all ages will gather for a snack, brief topic, and song before heading off to class. Plan to be a part of it!

CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS FOR LOCAL NURSING HOMES: Do you know someone in a nursing home? Have family you want to send a special blessing too? Thinking of a friend that you want to share a smile with? Please consider donating some items as Grace Lutheran Church prepares to make a special care package for our community as our outreach portion of Vacation Bible School. Donations may be brought to church office for the attention of Pastor Erik now through June 17th at the end of VBS. We will use the blessings God has provided to bring his love to others! Your participation means so much to so many! Thank you for your support! Suggested items include but are not limited too... Crossword puzzles and pens, Sudoku puzzles, Adult coloring books, Colored pencils or markers, A cross-stitch pattern, Jigsaw Puzzles, Books or magazines, Candy or snacks, Lap Blanket or Throw, Fuzzy socks or slippers, Music CD of Christian Hymns, Handwritten card expressing your care and concern, Something handmade, Lotion, Hand Sanitizer, and other Toiletries. Thank you again for all the love and care you are showing your neighbors!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER: Ready for some fun in the sun? How about some fun under the stars? Well then, come join us at Grace Lutheran Church on June 17th immediately following the close to Vacation Bible School at 8:00pm. Our Youth Group will be shooting off a volcano, watching a fun video of our children throughout the VBS week and watching Soul Surfer as a National Youth Gathering Fundraiser! Invite your friends, bring your families, come with blowup furniture or lawn chairs, and join us for a great night! Concessions will be sold, and all money goes to helping our Youth make it to Houston, Texas during July 9th-13th, 2022! There are still a few NYG envelopes available too if you would like to donate money via that opportunity. Look at the wall leading into the Church fellowship hall to see what is still available. And don't forget you still have time to sign your child up for Vacation Bible School! We hope to see you there!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 13TH THRU 17TH 5:15PM TO 8PM

Is there just one God? . . . Who is God? . . . What is God like? . . . Does God love me? . . . Can I know God? Our kids grapple with questions like these every day. At Mystery Island VBS, we'll uncover the truth about our Creator God and how His love applies to their lives. Grab your sunscreen and get ready for a taste of paradise as you track down the one true God at Mystery Island! Our Daily Schedule will include: Dinner starting at 5:15PM followed by a large group opening 5:50PM, small group rotations through lessons, games, and crafts, and large group closing at 8:00PM. Thursday June 17th will be a special evening with a family friendly island themed movie being shown immediately after our large group closing at 8pm. Concessions will be sold including popcorn, candy, and drinks. All proceeds from the movie go towards helping the Youth Group make it to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas during the summer of 2022! Be sure to encourage your friends to register, and we will see you soon for a swash buckling, rip roaring, high sea sailing tale of an Island Adventure!!!

SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM PASTOR ERIK - Where has the time gone? It doesn't seem right almost that I have been in Pastoral Ministry for 5 years now. But I wanted to take the time to say thank you to all of you who helped make the celebration so special this year! It was an amazing morning filled with joy and fun! I appreciate again all of the love, support, encouragement and patience that you give me as your Associate Pastor and I look forward to a lot more years to come. My constant prayer is that we would always be ready and willing to hear the voice of God recognizing where He is leading, and to be prepared to go and grow in His love that others might come to know of him too. God bless you all and thanks again!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Children's Sunday School program will continue regular instruction, 9:15AM to 10:15AM, during the months of June, July, and August. During these summer months, beginning with June, music practice for the Sunday School students, both Lower and Upper Divisions, will take a break, and as we look toward the fall, we will hope to bring back this experience after Rally Day. As always, if parents have any questions, please feel free to contact Derek Jareske by email (dejare01@gmail.com). Also, please continue to check for updates, in the bulletin, newsletter, and our Facebook page.

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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: In memory of Robert & Shirley Bergt

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY

8:00 am. Worship
9:15 am. Bible Study
9:15 am. Sunday School
10:30 am. Worship

MONDAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am. Bible Study

SATURDAY

4:00 pm. Family Communion

NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am. Worship
9:15 am. Bible Study
9:15 am. Sunday School
10:30 am. Worship

THE ATHANASIAN CREED: It is customary in our churches to make use of the Athanasian Creed on Holy Trinity Sunday. Below is a little context on its history.

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 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.