



TRINITY SUNDAY

THE HOLY TRINITY
June 7, 2020

WELCOME TO
MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Education Hour 10:20 a.m.



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**On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we gather not to try to comprehend God but to bask in God's mystery, and to worship in wonder.
Welcome.**

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Today the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday. It is a day to bask in the wonder of knowing the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who has been revealed to us in the Scriptures. While we often think about the three persons of the Trinity having their own areas of expertise (the Father creates, the Son redeems, the Spirit sanctifies), the Readings for today focus on how the three persons of the Trinity work together in every task. In the First Lesson from Genesis, we see all three persons are present and active in the creation of the world. In our Second Lesson from Acts, we see all three persons active in the salvation of the world. And in the Holy Gospel from Matthew, we see that all three persons are active in the new life we have as baptized children of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

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GATHERING
We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Through His Word, God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

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.

Creation begins with the presence and activity of all three persons of the Trinity.

Our lives as Christians begin in Baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We are gathered to worship and glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Trinity acts together to begin creation, to begin our Christian lives, and to begin our worship today.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Despite the perfect creation by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we all have fallen into sin and failed to live as holy and perfect creatures. Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens! Yet we have failed to proclaim Your majestic name in our communities. We have denied Your glory and sought our own glory. We see Your mighty works, wonders, and signs every day, but we often fail to find delight in them. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus. Lead us by Your Spirit.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for Your sins. Jesus Christ was crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men, but God raised Him up, loosing the chains of death. God has given all authority in heaven and on earth to Jesus, who is both Lord and Christ. He has sent the Holy Spirit, who has called, gathered, and kept you in the one true faith of your Baptism. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. We are forgiven. The Holy Trinity works together to accomplish our forgiveness and salvation.

H Y M N

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

LSB 940

**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.**

**Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"**

**Lo, the apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.**

**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.**

**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.**

A P O S T O L I C G R E E T I N G

P R A Y E R O F T H E D A Y

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F I R S T L E S S O N

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

The creation of the heavens and the earth.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the

waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 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 air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every

beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, 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. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

P S A L M 8

How Great Thou Art

Green 532

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!** (*repeat*)

S E C O N D L E S S O N

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Peter’s sermon at Pentecost continued.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know-- this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us 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 both see and hear. 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.”’ Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Matthew 28:16-20
The Great Commission.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord! (*shouted*)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ! (*shouted*)

C H I L D R E N ’ S M E S S A G E

Jill Clausen

H Y M N

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest
Stanzas 1-5

LSB 498

**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.**

**To You, the Counselor, we cry,
To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.**

**In You, with graces sevenfold,
We God's almighty hand behold
While You with tongues of fire proclaim
To all the world His holy name.**

**Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.**

**Drive far away our wily foe,
And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.**

S E R M O N

T H E A T H A N A S I A N C R E E D

The Athanasian Creed declares 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 fifteen 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.

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

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

And the catholic faith is this,

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

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

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

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

the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

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

the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

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

just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

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

and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Women: 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.

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

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

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.

Men: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;

Women: and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

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

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

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

For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

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.

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

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

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

H Y M N

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest
Stanzas 6, 7

LSB 498

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.**

**Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
Into Your hands. . . Deliver and defend us:
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All this we pray, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Who taught us to pray:
Our Father, Who art in Heaven . . .

<p>S E N D I N G We Go Forth With God's Blessing To Serve.</p>
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BENEDICTION

CLOSING 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 pow'r, 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!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

June 7, 2020 (A)

THE HOLY TRINITY

**Please remain seated if you wish to partake in the Lord's Supper.
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P O S T L U D E

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NEXT SUNDAY —The Second Sunday of Pentecost (Year A): Exodus 19:2-8;
Psalm 100; Romans 5:6-15; Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-20)

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ASSISTING MINISTER----- Galen Behr
LECTOR ----- Marsha Behr

ALTAR FLOWERS — Given in honor of the marriage of Georgine Olson and Ray Hogan
TOWN HALL — Today's Adult Fellowship time will be led by members of the Interim Task Force. They have reviewed the feedback from last fall's Gathered Round His Feet meetings and engaged in research, conversation, and prayer about the state of our church and where God is calling us in ministry. They will present the findings today at 10:30 a.m. in Luther Hall. The presentation can be joined via a Zoom meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3912069426>. Meeting ID is 391 206 9426.
SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK — Anniversaries: 6/9 Josh & Sarah Callahan; 6/11 Andrew & Kaylea Larson; 6/11 Mikale & Connie Townsend, Sr. Birthdays: 6/9 Jim Zulfer; 6/11 Evelyn Misiolek, Connie Townsend; 6/12 Liz Matson; 6/13 Stephanie Markham

Praying for Our Parish in 2020 Let us remember each other in prayer as we celebrate the anniversary of one's Baptism.			
<u>June 7</u> Tim Worrall	<u>June 8</u> Cindy Webb	<u>June 10</u> Neve Anson Kelly Stewart	<u>June 13</u> Bev Smith