ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



Wheatfield, New York

Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2020



AS WE GATHER

One of the most beloved hymns of the Church is "Holy, Holy,"

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! (LSB 507:1)

The threefold holy we sing in this work echoes the praise of the seraphim in today's Old Testament Reading. We could also say that there is a threefold "only" in today's Gospel. As we listen in on Jesus' nighttime conversation with Nicodemus, we learn that we can believe heavenly things only by birth from above, only by a washing of water and Spirit, and only because Jesus speaks for the Father. On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we give thanks for these gracious gifts from the only true God—the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

WELCOME & GREETING

OPENING PRAYER & INVOCATION

- P We gather in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:8–9; John 20:19-23 LSB 151

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.





PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 29

- P Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
- ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- P Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;
- worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
- P The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
- **C** the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.
- P The voice of the Lord is powerful;
- **C** the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- P The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
- C the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- P The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
- **C** the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- P The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,
- and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- **P** The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
- **C** the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- P May the Lord give strength to His people!
- **C** May the Lord bless His people with peace!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- Let us pray. O God who brings all things into being and restores all things into the fellowship of Your mercy, help us to grow in the faith and joy of Your salvation, that we may live and proclaim Your righteousness to all the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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."

This is the Word of the Lord.

C

NEW TESTAMENT READING

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

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.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

C

HOLY GOSPEL

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

Thanks be to God.

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

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.'

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."

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Thanks be to God.

John 3:1-17

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"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.

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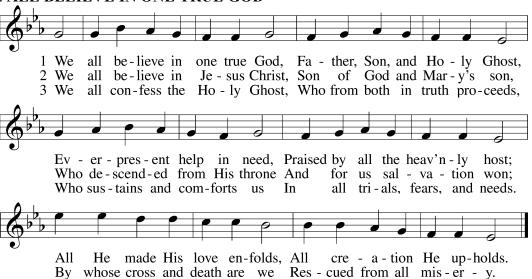
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \pm of the world to come. Amen.



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TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Bless-ed,

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Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

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After each petition:

P Lord in Your mercy, C Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

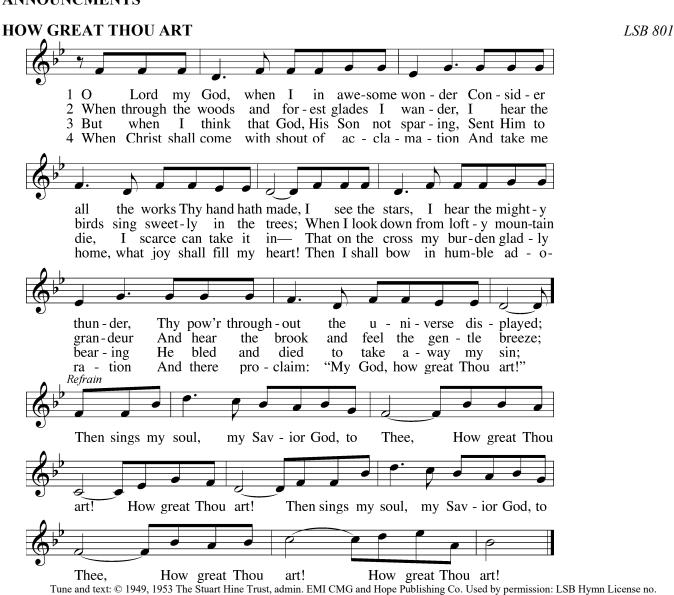
P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

BENEDICTION 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

- P Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.
- C Amen.

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