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Trinity Sunday



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #36

“Now Thank We All Our God”

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ Amen.

P Pastor

Confession of Our Sins

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

Absolution from Our God

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Response: TLH #644

“Praise God, from Whom...”

C ♪ **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.**

The Introit

Ps. 16:8-11; Liturgical Text

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.
- C** **I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- P** Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- C** **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**
- P** You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- 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.**

The Gloria Patri

TLH #244:1,4

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

- C** **♩ 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!**
- Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, power, dominion!
Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!**

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme 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.**

Number 6:22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³ "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, ²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ²⁷ "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

John 16:12-15

And "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Confession of Faith

The Athanasian Creed (Excerpts)

The Athanasian Creed proclaims the Bible's teachings about the Trinity.

☩ Whoever will be saved must hold to the true Christian faith. Now this is the Christian faith: We worship one God in three Persons and three Persons in one God, without mixing the Persons or dividing the Divine Being. For each Person – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is distinct, yet the Deity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son and so is the Holy Spirit – infinite, eternal, almighty. So the Father is God, the Son God and the Holy Spirit God – Yet they are not three Gods, but one God. And within this Trinity none comes before or after; None is greater or inferior, but all three Persons are coequal and coeternal. Whoever will to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and Man. He is God,

divinely existing from all eternity, and He is Man, born of His mother in time – fully God and fully Man. Yet Christ is not two Persons but One – One not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God. He suffered for our salvation, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. All who believe in Him will enter eternal life and all who do not will enter eternal hellfire. This is the true Christian faith in which all who believe this will be saved.

Hymn: TLH #250

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³ All the saints greet you. ¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Mystery of Unity

- I. “How can I have peace with the Triune God?”
- II. “How can I have peace with anyone else?”

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

C *♩* 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. Amen.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Sermon Hymn: TLH #246

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Prayers, Lord’s Prayer, and Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C *♩* Amen, amen, a – men.

Hymn: WS #798

“God, We Praise You”

Lutheran Spokesman Renewals are due soon. The cost of renewal is \$14 per subscription. If you are subscribed and wish to remain subscribed, the payment will be made for you by the congregation. Please feel free to offset that cost in your offering. Daily Rest renewals are also due. The cost of a year's subscription to Daily Rest is \$15.

Mission Helper Trip Fund: This summer, Noah Ohlmann is going to East Africa as a member of the trip. If you are able/willing to contribute to offset his costs, we have opened a MHT Fund.

Looking Ahead: Today, 5:30 pm – Kansas City Worship
Wed., June 15th, 9:30 am – Bible Class
Thurs., June 16th, 10:30 am – Garden View Service
June 23rd – 26th – CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI

Pastor Out of Town: Pastor and his family will be out of town for the CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI from the 20th through the 29th. Art Pontow will be conducting the worship service on June 26th. There will be no Wednesday Bible Class on the 22nd or the 29th, nor will there be a Sunday Bible Class on the 26th.

CLC Call News Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ **has received** the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Samuel Naumann, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi, TX, **is still considering** the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA.

The Immanuel Professorage Committee is in need of help. "This summer we hope to remodel the exterior of two professorages. Two in one year is a very ambitious undertaking. Furthermore, the IPC just completed a round of inspections, and we now have a to-do list of **over** 100 items. Help is needed, and all kinds of skill levels are needed. In the past, some have given a set amount of time to do what they can; others have taken on a certain type of project; still others found a crew to tackle a bigger project. If you are interested in helping, you may get in touch with the IPC through Prof. Ross Roehl at 715-864-1764 or ross.roehl@ilc.edu.

Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!"

I Believe in the Triune God

There is a legend about the ancient church father Augustine of Hippo and his desire to comprehend the Triune God. The story goes that he was walking down the beach contemplating the Trinity, when he saw a young boy running back and forth from the ocean carrying water in a shell and dumping the water into a small hole. Upon being asked what he was doing, the boy replied he was trying to "pour the entire ocean into this hole." Augustine informed the boy that it is impossible to fit the ocean into a tiny hole. The boy is supposed to have then responded, "And you cannot fit the Trinity in your tiny little brain."

While this may likely be only a legend, the lesson remains sage advice for us to heed. There is no way for us to comprehend everything about the Triune God while we are stuck in these earthly bodies. Moses declares, "The Lord is one," and yet at creation, God says, "Let Us make man in Our image." There is one Jehovah God, yet He is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How can this be? I do not know.



What I do know is that this Triune, All-Powerful God, has concerned Himself with me. The Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of the world has coordinated all things together to ensure my salvation. And when God gives me the victory over death and raises me to be with Him, then "I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known." (1 Corinthians 13:12)

Prayer: Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To Thee, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally! Amen.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; June 13-June 18, '22

Mon John 16:12-15 At Christmas we celebrated the Father sending His only Son, at Easter the Son rising from the dead to declare our sin paid for, and at Pentecost we celebrated the sending of the Spirit in special measure upon the disciples, that they might declare Christ's redemption of the human race. Here Jesus points to the Father, the Spirit, and Himself in the work of our salvation, which is His chief glory.

Tues Romans 5:1-5 By faith we receive God's gift of justification, peace with Him and a sure hope for the future. This joy remains ours even in times of suffering which God also uses to bless us with a hope that does not disappoint. Ever again the love of God in Jesus Christ is shown to us by the Holy Spirit.

Wed Romans 11:33-36 The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one. Our human minds cannot understand it any more than they can understand His ways. The source of all good things, He alone has the Wisdom to deal with us in mercy, and yet remain just in His judgments. For His are the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Thurs Psalm 8 This Psalm speaks of the God's creation. While we often think of God the Father's role in this, the Word which became flesh was also active in creation (cp. Jn 1:1-3), as was the Holy Spirit (Gn 1:2). Especially this week we remember the triune God creating the heavens and the earth, and blessing all humanity on the earth.

Fri Proverbs 8:22-31 When Wisdom speaks, it is the voice of God that speaks. He was with God "from the beginning" (v23; cp. Jn 1:1) and was involved in the creation of all things, rejoicing in the inhabited world, and delighting in the human race.

Sat Numbers 6:22-27 In the blessing that the LORD (Jehovah) gave Aaron and his sons to put upon the children of Israel we find three times that name "LORD." It is the LORD who preserves (keeps) His creations, the LORD who smiles upon them in His grace, and the LORD who looks upon them in peace. The greatest blessing is to have that name put upon us (v 27), as Jesus also said, "I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them" (Jn 17:26).