

**Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; June 05 - 10, '23**

**Mon Matthew 28:16-20** It is common in the world that people are born into their family name. Here Jesus sends His disciples into all the world to make disciples, baptizing them into another name, none other than the name of the Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Tues Ephesians 1:3-10** Our human minds cannot fathom this information about God: that He is three separate persons, yet not three gods, but one God. He reveals this to us, however, to teach us about our salvation. God the Father chose us in Christ before the world began, and sent God the Son to redeem us by His blood. In Him we have forgiveness and eternal life!

**Wed Ephesians 1:11-14** Continuing the thought of yesterdays' reading, while the Father sent the Son to save us, God the Holy Spirit brought us to hope in Christ, our Savior, assuring us by the Word that the promised heavenly inheritance is ours through Jesus even before the day when we will see it in person.

**Thur Isaiah 6:1-8** The LORD of hosts is addressed as "Holy, Holy, Holy" (v3), reminding us that God is triune. It is He who called Isaiah to be His spokesman at a definite time in history, and prepared Him as He prepares all of His speakers: by cleansing them from their sins and by putting His Word in their mouths.

**Fri 2 Corinthians 13:11-14** In closing his letter to the Corinthians, Paul urges them to live a life of peace and love, and points to the source of peace and love with the "apostolic benediction" (v14). The love, grace, and fellowship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit brings about restoration, comfort, agreement, peace.

**Sat Numbers 6:22-27** It is the LORD who made and preserves us. It is the LORD who graciously redeemed us by His blood. It is the LORD who gives us peace through the Word of forgiveness. When His name is put upon us (v27), in benediction or baptism (Mon. reading), the result is blessing!

June 7, 2023  
Trinity Sunday



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #246

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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

**C** Amen!

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

**Confession of Our Sins**

*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.**

**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.**

## 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!**

**Hymn: WS #798**

*"God, We Praise You"*

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**Looking Ahead:** June 11, 5:30 pm – Kansas City Worship  
June 20-22 – Pastor's Conference in E.C., WI  
June 26-July 14 – Mission Helpers to Nepal  
July 23, 5:30 pm – Kansas City Worship

**Man Up! Weekend:** The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org), and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

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| <b>May 28<sup>th</sup> Offerings:</b> | \$ 897.75          |
| Weekly Offerings needed for budget    | \$ 1,661.54        |
| General Fund Balance                  | \$20,957.57        |
| Faith-Blue Springs Balance            | \$37,394.59        |
| Mission Helper Fund                   | \$ 615.00          |
| <b>Total Cash All Funds</b>           | <b>\$74,303.00</b> |

## 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.**

## Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## 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. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All the saints greet you. <sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### 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.**

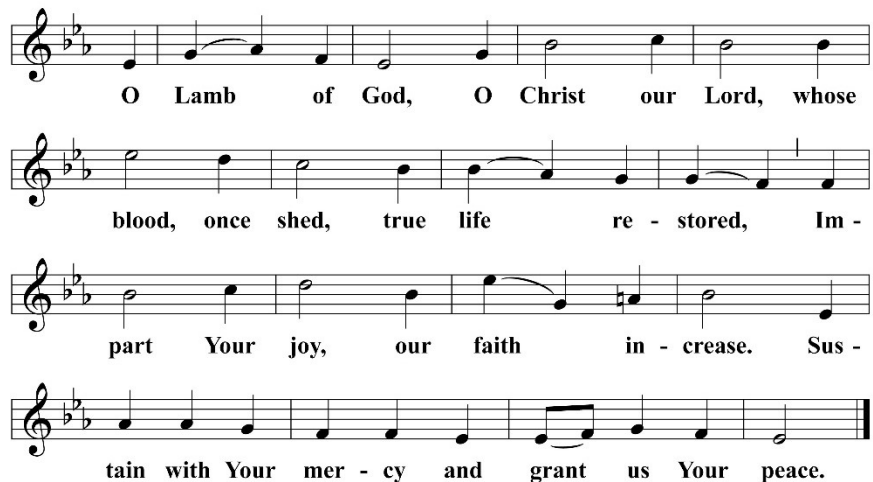
**What the Father is, so is the Son and so is the Holy Spirit – infinite, eternal, almighty. So, the Father is God, the Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God—yet they are not three Gods, but one God. And within this Trinity none comes before or after; None is greater or inferior, but all three Persons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

**It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation to truly 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**

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For  
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**☩** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es  
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your  
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!



**Communion Today is for Members Only Please**

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

✠ **The Distribution of the Lord's Supper** ✠



*"Given for you..."*

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"*

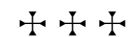
**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God

with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**"We All Believe In One True God—Don't We?"**

- I. Do we confess the one, true, Triune God?
- II. Do we offer the love that is due Him?
- III. Do we keep His Word in our hearts?



**The Offertory**

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

**☞ ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

✠ **The Offering of Thankful Hearts** ✠

**Hymn: Below** "We Praise You and Acknowledge You"

1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
 2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;  
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
 4 You sit in splen-did glo - ry, en-throned at God's right hand,

The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.  
 The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.  
 Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:  
 Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.

To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,  
 The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,  
 You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,  
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,

The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:  
 Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:  
 Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;  
 So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;

"O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 "O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,  
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—  
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,

Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"  
 You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.  
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts!

**G** We lift them up to the Lord.

**The Order of Holy Communion**



**P** It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C:** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!