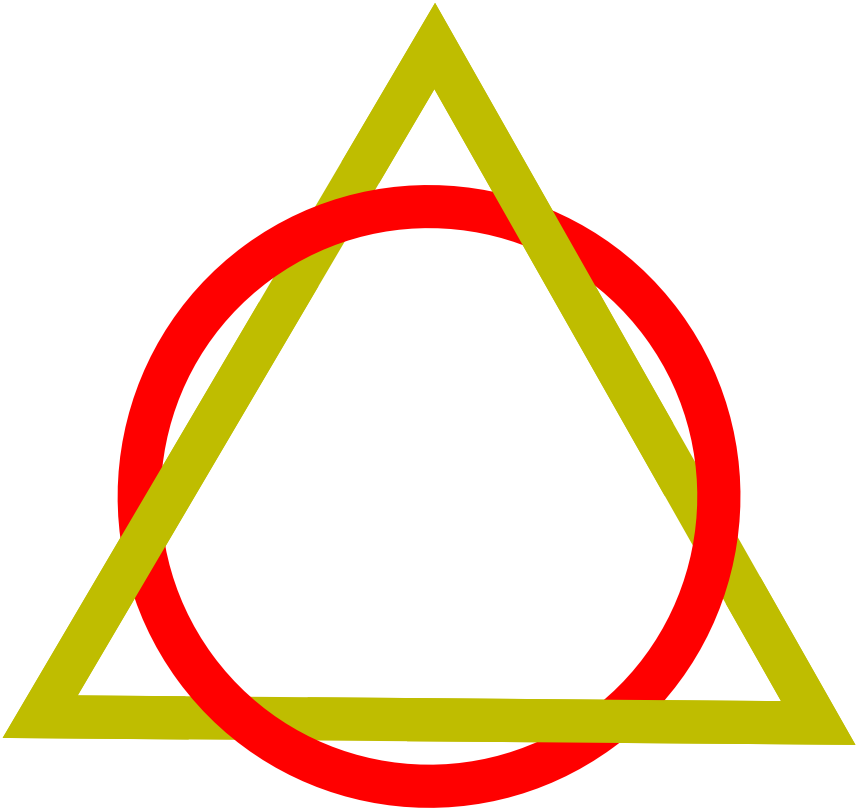


# FESTIVAL OF THE TRINITY

May 30, 2021



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Sunday Worship, 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School, in recess

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# ORDER OF SERVICE FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Adapted from *The Lutheran Hymnal*

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## OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 239 (TLH)

Come, Thou Almighty King

## THE INVOCATION

(We declare that the triune God is the God we worship.)


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

 **C Amen.**


## CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(We confess our sins and hear God's announcement of forgiveness.)

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us come near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

 **C Who made heaven and earth.**


P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

 **C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**PC O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**


P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

 **C Amen.**

## INTROIT † GLORIA PATRI † KYRIE

(We enter the next part of the service with a Bible verse, we glorify the Father, and pray for our earthly needs.)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity and undivided Unity; We will give glory to Him, because He has shown His mercy to us. O Lord our Lord, how wonderful is Your Name in all the earth!


 C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

 C **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(We sing a hymn of glory to God.)

Melody: TLH 244 *Glory Be to God 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!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

(A prayer that collects and reflects the themes of the day.)

## THE LESSONS

(We hear Bible readings that support the thoughts of the season.)

**Isaiah 6:1-8**<sup>NIV84</sup> *The Lord our God is "Holy, holy, holy." Father, Son, and Spirit are holy.* | In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

**Romans 8:14-17**<sup>NIV84</sup> *The Holy Spirit leads the children of God.* | Because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

**PSALM FOR THE SEASON**  
(see back page)

Psalm 45  
My Heart Is Overflowing

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** from the Athanasian Creed  
(We respond to the lessons by reciting what we believe.)

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 wills 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 246** (TLH)

Holy, Holy, Holy

**THE SERMON**  
(We learn from God's word.)

## ***YOUR FAITH AND THE TRIUNE GOD***

1. The Father shows us whom to believe
2. The Son gives us something to believe
3. The Spirit brings us to believe


**John 3:1-17**<sup>NIV84</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." <sup>3</sup> In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." <sup>4</sup> "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. <sup>10</sup> "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven-- the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

## PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

(In the last portion of the service we pray and give thanks to God.)

P And the peace of God which is a greater peace than any our own minds can give to us shall guard your hearts in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting. Amen.

## THE OFFERTORY

 **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.**

## OFFERING

## PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 242 (TLH)

Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound

## CLOSING PRAYER

## The Collect for Peace


P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

 **C Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

(The Lord sends us home with His blessing.)

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

 **C Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**HYMN 36** (TLH)

Now Thank We All Our God

**Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions, May 31-June 5, 2021**  
by Prof. Paul Koch (retired)

**Mon Isaiah 6:1-8** When we read chapters 1-5, we may begin to wonder: Did the Jews deserve all that scolding? How could Isaiah read their hearts and pronounce judgment on them? Well, God settled such questions, for His triune Holiness not only rules the Universe (3), but merits universal worship, for God is generous to sinners (5-7), inspiring hearts to serve Him (8).

**Tues John 3:1-17** We resemble Nicodemus in being spiritually backward, so God endeavors to enlighten us: we become His children via spiritual rebirth accomplished by His Holy Spirit (1-8). Let's not sell God short on this (9), for we have it on the highest authority (11-13) that God is so merciful and compassionate that He did what He alone could do: pay off humanity's spiritual deficit with His own life-blood (14-17). Thank You, dear Savior Jesus!

**Wed Romans 8:14-17** As we read these few verses more over again, we catch the drift that God is Triune, for The Holy Spirit appears in v. 14, the Father in v. 15, and Christ in v. 17. Note that Christ is referred to as an *heir* of the Father (which happens by right of son-ship), and that as co-heirs with Jesus we not only share in His suffering, but we will also share His glorification in heaven. [It's only natural that the Holy Trinity appears throughout His Bible.]

**Thurs Psalm 150** Who praises the covenant God, Jehovah? Both the angels in heaven (1) and the saints on Earth praise Him (2). By what means or method does our praise rise to Him? By using the loudest brass and the sweetest stringed instruments, by the piping of flutes and clanging of cymbals, and by using our own lungs, too (6) – for it is right and proper to praise the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Praise the LORD!

**Fri Luke 2:25-32** We might study many chapters in the Gospels before we come across a reference to the Holy Spirit. Doesn't the Spirit show up prior to Pentecost? Yes, but prior to Pentecost He occupied the hearts and lives of believers without fanfare—as He did with good old Simeon. We appreciate that. Next, the Spirit has made Simeon's prayer a favorite with us (*TLH*, p. 29), for He has brought us also to *see the Lord's salvation*. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for living in our hearts and keeping us close to our Savior, Jesus.

**Sat Acts 26:19-32** Paul saw that he had touched a sore spot in the heart of Festus (24), so Paul eased him along by presenting the facts (25-26) and encouraging him to yield to God's Word, the Holy Scriptures (27) to get free of his sin-bondage (29). This was getting too personal and up-close for the heavies, so they recessed the hearing (30). Behind closed doors they figured that Paul was not guilty of any civil crime, and he might be set free – if he had not made a federal case of it to begin with. [Man proposes, God disposes.]

## MY HEART IS OVERFLOWING

*Antiphon*

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm Tone*

My heart is overflowing with a good theme;\*  
I recite my composition concerning the King;  
My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.\*  
You are fairer than the sons of men;  
Grace is poured upon Your lips;\*  
Therefore God has blessed You forever.  
Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One,\*  
With Your glory and Your majesty.

*Antiphon*

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;\*  
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.  
You love righteousness\*  
and hate wickedness;  
Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You\*  
With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.  
**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.**

*Antiphon*