

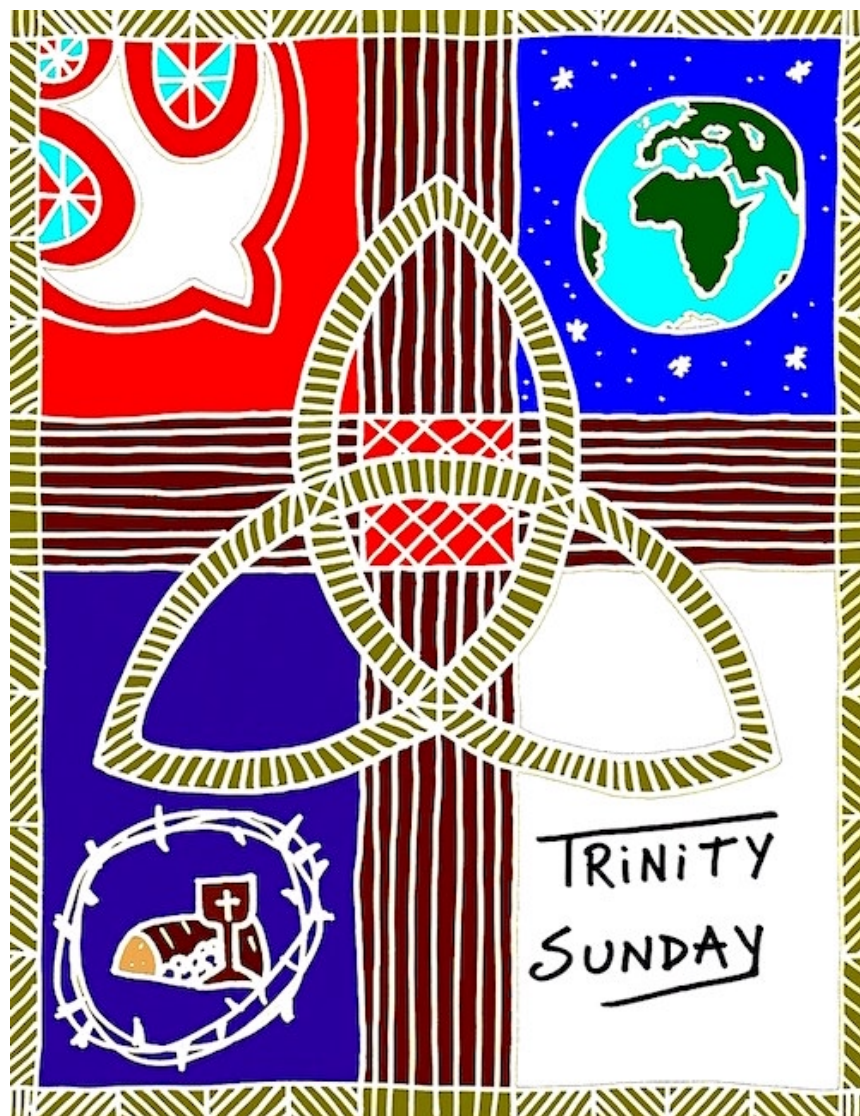
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Festival of the Holy Trinity – May 26, 2024

Order of Worship: Service of the Word

Find today's order of service printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship and worship bulletin are on the shelf under the tract rack or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you. A warm welcome in Christ to all worshipers!

Serving Us Today

Organist Jeana Kettner; Ushers Ed Chiappetti, Bob Rankin

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 92 (pew bible, p.530)
- ◆ The Hymns: 507, Creed Sung*, 801 (1-3), 801 (4) (*printed on page 7)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 8:12-17
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 150
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Athanasian Creed (*printed on pages 8-9*)

Sermon Text – John 3:1-17

Your Loving Triune God Provided for Your Salvation!

1. In love the Father gave His Son for you.
2. In love the Son died on the cross for you.
3. In love the Spirit gives you life.



- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (801, stanza 4)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Isaiah 6:1-8

*Isaiah's Vision of the Lord of Hosts
and His Call to Be a Prophet*

1 In 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. 2 Above 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. 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And 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!" 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 150

Let Everything Praise the Lord

P: Praise God in his sanctuary:

C: Praise him in his mighty heavens!

P: Praise him for his mighty deeds:

C: Praise him according to his excellent greatness!

P: Praise him with trumpet sound;

C: Praise him with lute and harp!

P: Praise him with tambourine and dance;

C: Praise him with strings and pipe!

P: Praise him with sounding cymbals;

C: Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

P: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

C: Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson – Romans 8:12-17

We Receive Sonship through the Spirit

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death

the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Sermon Text – John 3:1-17

*Jesus' Conversation with Nicodemus
About the New Birth*

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This 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.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus 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?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Truly, 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. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that 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. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

A Special Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

This Week at St. Paul

Today (5/26) 9:30 am Worship Service
 10:45 am Bible Class
Sun (6/2) 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
 10:30 am Coffee / Fellowship Time

Special Events Upcoming

- CLC Youth Camp: June 9-15 (on the campus of ILC, Eau Claire)
- 36th CLC Delegates Convention: June 20-23 (at ILC, Eau Claire)

Coffee Hour: During the weeks of summer time will be set aside after the service for coffee/refreshments and informal fellowship in the church basement. Sunday School and Bible Class will be in recess till September. Be encouraged to stay for a few minutes if you can!

In Our Prayers: Retired Professor Clifford Kuehne of Mankato, MN, who sustained injuries in a recent fall at home. <> Our fellow Christians of the Church of the Lutheran Confession in Myanmar (CLCM) whose lives are being adversely affected by the ravages of civil war in which their nation is embroiled.

The CLC Convention will be held on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire WI, from June 20-23. Representatives of St. Paul at the Convention are Wayne Ruegge, Derek Barthels, and Pastor Schuetze. Copies of the Convention Prospectus are available for viewing & printing (93 pages!) at this address: tinyurl.com/2024CLCProspectus. If you would like a hard copy, see pastor.

Women's Fellowship Time at Convention: "Join your sisters in Christ for a fun and informal fellowship time on Thursday, June 20, from 1:00-3:00 pm (first day of the CLC Convention)! The location will be Ingram Hall on the ILC campus. Come and look around the mansion if you haven't done so in a while; and enjoy some conversation, catching-up, and light refreshments. Grab a friend or come on your own—drop in when you can. Questions? Contact hostess, Lynette Roehl, lynette.roehl@ilc.edu. We hope to see you!"

June Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .

Naomi Peters, Jun 2 (Terry & Debbie New, Jun 28)

Sarah Potter, Jun 18

Annual Subscription Renewals: It's time for the annual renewal of our synod publications *Daily Rest* and *Lutheran Spokesman*. Our congregational group subscription to the *Spokesman* expires after the June 2024 issue. The subscription for *Daily Rest* expires after the current issue (Vol 6.2).

- If you are already a subscriber to one or both of these publications you need do nothing. Your subscription will be renewed automatically.
- If you aren't a subscriber and would like to be, let pastor know so he may include your name on the list.
- If you are a distant St. Paul member you will receive a gift subscription to both publications.

You may give a donation to cover the cost for your subscription, if you wish.

Subscription costs:

- *Daily Rest*: \$15 for 4 quarterly issues
- *The Lutheran Spokesman*: \$15 for 12 monthly issues
- Payments may be made by placing your offering in the Sunday collection (earmarked for "Daily Rest" and/or "Lutheran Spokesman") or by mailing your offering to the church. Thank you!

Memorial Day Meditation

Now therefore stand still that I may plead with you before the LORD concerning all the righteous deeds of the LORD that he performed for you and for your fathers. 1 Samuel 12:7.

Holidays are often days filled with activities, but at least some part of a day like Memorial Day ought to be spent in quiet thought, in remembering. Remember those who have laid down their lives in defense of our country, who gave their all, that we might enjoy peace, liberty, and freedom. Remember also those family members and friends whose lives, now past, continue to influence, to bless you. Remember that it is ultimately God who blesses us through the lives and deaths of people who have gone before us whether we know them by name or not, whether or not we are fully aware of the sacrifices they have made for us. Remember too that when we consider how Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself for each of us to give us peace with God and freedom from death eternal, then we also are enabled in our lives to make personal sacrifice for the benefit of others. –Walter Schaller



Hymn before the Sermon

*At All Times and in All Places**

(Melody: "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying")

At all times and in all places
God's people of all lands and races
Declare the faith we call our own:
We believe, one hope confessing,
In God, the source of ev'ry blessing,
Almighty Father, Lord alone.
By His great majesty Creation came to be,
Earth and heaven.
God formed them all; things great and small
Came forth at His creating call.

We believe in Christ, our Savior,
Who brought to earth God's holy favor.
By God the Holy Ghost conceived,
Born of Mary, virgin mother,
The Word-made-flesh, our human brother,
The name of Jesus He received.
By Pontius Pilate slain, He rose to life again
And ascended
To God's right hand. At His command
In judgment all the world will stand.

We believe in God the Spirit
Through whom, as Christians, we inherit
Forgiveness wrought by God's own Son.
Now one body, saints in union,
We share a mystic, sweet communion,
With prophets and apostles one.
One Church, one Lord we claim, One Baptism
in His name, One sure promise:
Triumphant, we The grave shall flee
To live with God eternally!

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Confession of Faith for Trinity Sunday

The Athanasian Creed

The Christian Church confesses its faith in the one, true, Triune God. We usually use *The Apostles Creed* and *The Nicene Creed* in our worship services to summarize our faith as Bible-believing Christians. There is one additional creed that our church subscribes to as a true representation of the Scriptures: *The Athanasian Creed*. It is named after Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the 4th century. It was prepared to help the Church combat two errors that undermined Bible teaching (one that denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father; the other that denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person). *The Athanasian Creed* continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that faith in the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and the deity of Christ are necessary for everlasting salvation.

P: Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

C: Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

P: Now this is the true Christian faith:

C: We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

P: For each person – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – is distinct,

C: but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

P: What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

C: The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

P: The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C: the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

P: yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,

C: Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

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

C: yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

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

C: yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

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

C: yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

P: For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,

C: so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

P: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

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

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

P: So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

Men: And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,

Women: But all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

All: Whoever wishes to be saved must think this way about the Trinity.

P: It is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Now this is the true Christian faith: we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

Men: He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father;

Women: And He is man, born in time from the nature of His mother,

Men: Fully God and fully man, with rational soul and human flesh;

Women: equal to the Father as to His deity, less than the Father as to His humanity.

Men: And though He is both God and man, He is not two persons but one:

All: One, not by the changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person.

P: For just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ,

C: He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

P: He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

C: At His coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

P: Those who have done good will enter into eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

C: This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

All: Lord, grant and preserve this true Christian faith unto us all. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May 27 – June 1

Mon Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus, who once gathered His disciples, now sends them forth to continue gathering disciples, baptizing them into the name of the three-one God and teaching them all that Christ has taught.

Tues 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 The same Spirit (v4), the same Lord (v5), the same God (v6) produces the gifts, ministries, and activity seen among Christians. He determines which gifts each individual will have for the common good (v7).

Wed 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 All the various gifts of the Spirit are given for the purpose of building up the one body of Christ, the members all helping one another.

Thurs Isaiah 6:3-7 In the prophet's vision, the angels call to one another praising the Holy, Holy, Holy God, and we are reminded of the triune God who made us, forgives our sin, and puts His Word in our mouth.

Fri Numbers 6:22-27 Three times the Lord's name is put upon His people to bless them, reminding us of the God who made and preserves us, who saved us by His grace, and who speaks to our hearts in words of forgiveness and peace

Sat Matthew 3:13-17 Jesus takes His place with humanity and receives baptism to fulfill all righteousness, but He is not alone in desiring our redemption. The Spirit and the Father are also involved in our salvation from the destruction we deserve.