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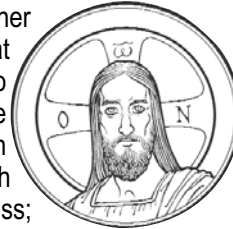
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Holy Trinity

30 May 2010

8 & 10:30 a.m.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." Great is the mystery of our faith! On Holy Trinity Sunday like no other Sunday, we confess the great mystery before our world of who God is! Scripture teaches it; by God-given faith we believe it. The world does not like to be called to faith; the world would rather walk by sight than by faith. Indeed, when Jesus, in today's Gospel reading, declares Himself to be the eternal God, the Jewish leaders sought to murder Him! Despite the unbelief of the world, we continue to confess; our hope is in God alone! Be blessed this morning as Pastor preaches on **JOHN 8:48-59** on the theme: **"JESUS IS GOD WITH THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. . . !"** ✠



- ✠ **Pre-Service Music**
- ✠ **The Ringing of the Bells & Lighting of the Candles**
- ✠ **Pastoral Welcome & Announcements**
- ✠ **The Call to Worship**

WELCOME, GUESTS! We are delighted to have you join us for worship this morning. Please avail yourself of the chance to "sign in" on our attendance pad. The people around you, and Pastor, look forward to meeting you! Please come worship with us again — and often!

- P** *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."*
- C** **"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."** (Genesis 1)
- P** *Our lives — and all life — begins with God. God is.*
- C** **So God has taught us to confess the true faith in the true God.**
- P** *We do not understand this mystery, but we nevertheless confess it.*
- C** **The world — and even some Christians — do not like to believe what they do not understand.**
- P** *Yet, as surely as God is mysterious to our merely finite and earth-bound minds, so the Christian faith is the glorious mystery of God's love for our souls.*
- C** **May others confess the faith with us!**

We are:
"A Family of God's People Dedicated to Bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Everyone!"

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Sunday School & Bible Classes: **Sundays, 9:10 a.m.**
DIVINE WORSHIP: Sundays, 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Many other worship, Bible study, and fellowship opportunities.

Worship Services BROADCAST LIVE: Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on Radio KYMO FM 105.3
THE LUTHERAN HOUR — Sundays, 8:00 a.m. on Radio KSIM AM 1400

† The Hymn — “Holy, Holy, Holy” — LSB 507

† **The Divine Service, Setting Three** — LSB 184 †
(adapted)

† The Invocation, Confession, and Absolution — LSB 184

† The Introit — (Ps. 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text)

P *Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity*

C Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.

P *I have set the LORD always before me;*

C because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken

P *Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;*

C my flesh also dwells secure.

P *For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,* **C** or let Your holy one see corruption.

P *You make known to me the path of life;*

C in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

A L L 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.

P *Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity*

C Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.

† The Collect of the Day — LSB 189

A L L (spoken) 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. (sing) Amen. (Here all may be seated.)

† The Old Testament Reading — Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31 — *Wisdom personified. God's wisdom is always found in and fulfilled in Christ.*

¹ Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? ² On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: ⁴ “To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.

²² “The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His work, the first of His acts of old. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,

²⁶ before He had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. ²⁷ When He established the heavens, I was there; when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when He made firm the skies above, when He established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when He assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside Him, like a master workman, and I was daily His delight, rejoicing before Him always, ³¹ rejoicing in His inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.”

P *This is the Word of the Lord.* ☞

C Thanks be to God!

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† **The Gradual**

P *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,*

C **the word of faith that we proclaim.**

P *For with the heart one believes and is justified*

C **and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.** (Rom. 10:8b, 10)

† **The Second Reading — Acts 2:14a, 22–36** — *Peter, in his Pentecost Day sermon, speaks of the Holy Trinity as he describes how David foretold the Christ.*

¹⁴ Peter, 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 — ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning Him,


“I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; You will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

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. ³⁰ Being 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, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being 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. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.”

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

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*  **C** **Thanks be to God!**

† **The Alleluia and Verse** (At Pastor's invitation, please stand.)

P *Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory! Alleluia.* (Is. 6:3b)

ALL (sing) **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

† **The Holy Gospel — John 8:48–59** — *Jesus, in no uncertain terms, declares that He is the eternal God.*

P *The holy Gospel written in the Gospel according to St. John, the 8th Chapter:*

C (sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁴⁸ The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, “**I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.** ⁵⁰ **Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge.**

⁵¹ **Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death.**” ⁵² The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.’” ⁵³ Are You greater than our father Abraham, who

died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?"⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father Who glorifies Me, of Whom you say, 'He is our God.'⁵⁵ But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His word."⁵⁶ Your father Abraham

rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad."⁵⁷ So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. 

C (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.


✠ **The Creed & Hymns of the Day — The Athanasian Creed** — Interspersed with hymns, per the white bulletin insert.


✠ **The Sermon — Text: JOHN 8:48-59**

Theme: "JESUS IS GOD WITH THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. . . !"

✠ **The Offering** — DURING THE OFFERING, WE INVITE ALL OUR WORSHIPERS TO PLEASE PASS AND AFFIX THEIR NAMES TO THE ATTENDANCE PAD (located at the center aisle end of each pew), passing it down the pew for others to sign, and then returning it to the center aisle end again. Be sure to note those who are worshiping with you and greet them in the Lord! **Those who will attend the Lord's Supper at this worship service are invited to please mark the appropriate column/space for that.** Visitors, we especially delight in your presence with us here — if you will kindly include your full mailing address, Pastor will send you a personal note. Do you desire a pastoral visit? Kindly check the appropriate column and include your telephone number, and Pastor will contact you. Members, please use this as a way to update your mailing address, telephone number, and/or e-mail address. Thanks to all for their help and cooperation!

✠ **The Offering Hymn** (stand to sing) — "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" — LSB 940:1, 4

1.  HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME;
LORD OF ALL, WE BOW BEFORE THEE.
ALL ON EARTH THY SCEPTER CLAIM,
ALL IN HEAV'N ABOVE ADORE THEE.
INFINITE THY VAST DOMAIN,
EVERLASTING IS THY REIGN.

4.  THOU ART KING OF GLORY, CHRIST;
SON OF GOD, YET BORN OF MARY.
FOR US SINNERS SACRIFICED,
AS TO DEATH A TRIBUTARY,
FIRST TO BREAK THE BARS OF DEATH,
THOU HAST OPENED HEAV'N TO FAITH.
(Please remain standing.)

✠ **The Prayers** — after each petition:

P Blessed and adorable Trinity, . . .

C Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!

✠ **The Service of the Sacrament** — LSB 194ff.

✠ **The Communion Distribution** — Both the individual cups and the common cup are offered to our communicants. One of our elders will distribute the bread; he will be followed by another elder with the individual cups; those who desire the common cup may simply let the elder with the individual cups pass by, and Pastor will follow with the chalice.

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE is that we ordinarily offer the Lord's Supper only to those who are communicant members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of congregations which are part of a church body which is in altar & pulpit fellowship with the LCMS. Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is to be a confession of a common faith (1 Cor. 10:17; Acts 2:42) and that those who are unprepared may do themselves spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:23-32). We do not thereby presume to question another's faith in Christ, but hold this historic position out of love for God's Word and in care for

souls. Inviting all Christians to Communion would imply a oneness which does not yet exist but for which we must all pray. Even as we try to respect the practices of other Christian denominations, so we ask others to please respect our practice. If there are some whom we do not commune who would like to come forward, they may do, crossing their arms over their chests — then the elders who distribute Communion will pass them by, but our Pastor will speak a blessing over those persons. Any who would like to discuss this practice at more length may make an appointment with our pastor to do so. ✠

✠ **The Distribution Hymns** — Some or all of the hymns will be sung as time and the number of communicants present permit.

✠ **HYMN:** “All Glory Be to God on High” — LSB 947

✠ **HYMN:** “All Glory Be to God Alone” — LSB 948

✠ **The Post-Communion Service** — **p. 199ff.**

✠ **The Sending Hymn** — “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” — LSB 940:5, 6, 7

✠ **The Postlude/Recessional**

! Soli Deo Gloria! !

(To God Alone the Glory!)

THE SERMON

INTRO.: **2 Cor. 5:7** - Memorize this. What are the 2 reasons why this is so important for a Christian to know/remember? [1] _____

[2] _____

+ How does the Biblical teaching of the Trinity underscore this? _____

I. Questions to ask of today’s Gospel reading:

A. Why are the Jewish leaders so ‘down’ on Jesus? 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____

B. To Whom does Jesus give glory? _____

C. What is their great “yeah, but” with regards to Jesus? _____

D. What was their claim to eternal life? 1. _____ 2. _____

E. How are these same problems seen in our culture today? In many churches today?

II. The words “Triune” and “Trinity” are not in the Bible. How do we know the teaching?

A. _____ **B.** _____

C. _____ **D.** _____

III. Trinitarian “hints” in Scripture . . . _____

IV. In no uncertain terms, Jesus shows Himself as God:

A. Why did that make the Jewish leaders angry? Why does it make the world (and you sometimes) angry? _____

B. Why does it comfort you to know this about Jesus? _____

C. Other texts which speak of the exclusivity of the Christ _____

D. Is there salvation outside of the true God? _____

CONCLUDING . . . The mystery of your salvation . . . _____



THE ATHANASIAN CREED — Interspersed with Hymns

NOTE: *Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in AD 325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.*



The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God — Father, Son, & Holy Spirit — has given Himself for our salvation.

Here, the Athanasian Creed is formatted for responsive reading, and confession of the Creed is accompanied by hymn stanzas.

SING in unison – *"All Glory Be to God On High"* – **LSB 947:1-2**

1. All glory be to God on high And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify A child of God forever.
God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace, the world to fill — All strife at last has ended.
2. We praise and laud and worship You; We give You thanks forever,
O Father, for Your rule is true And just and changes never.
With boundless pow'r, Your mighty reign
Fulfills whatever You ordain. Lord, grant us ev'ry blessing!

Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic ("universal Christian") faith.

Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

And the catholic faith is this,

**that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,
neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

For the Father is one person,

the Son is another,

and the Holy Spirit is another.

But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

SING in unison – *"All Glory Be to God On High"* – **LSB 947:3**

3. O Jesus Christ, the only Son Begotten of the Father,
Your saving death has made us one With God and with each other.
O Lamb of God, to You on high
In our distress we sinners cry, Have mercy on us, amen!

*Such as the Father is,
such is the Son,
and such is the Holy Spirit:*

*the Father uncreated,
the Son uncreated,
the Holy Spirit uncreated;*

*the Father infinite,
the Son infinite,
the Holy Spirit infinite;*

*the Father eternal,
the Son eternal,
the Holy Spirit eternal.*

*And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one
Uncreated and one Infinite.*

SING in unison – “All Glory Be to God On High” – LSB 947:4

4. O Holy Spirit, our delight And source of consolation,
Protect us from the devil's might Through Jesus, our salvation,
Who by His death upon a tree
Has rescued us from misery: To this we hold forever.

*In the same way, the Father is almighty,
the Son almighty,
the Holy Spirit almighty;
and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.*

*So the Father is God,
the Son is God,
the Holy Spirit is God;
and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.*

*So the Father is Lord,
the Son is Lord,
the Holy Spirit is Lord;
and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.*

*Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each
distinct person as God and Lord,
so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that
there are three Gods or Lords.*

SING in unison – “O Blessed, Holy Trinity” – LSB 876:1-2

1. O bless-ed, holy Trinity, Divine, eternal Unity,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, This day Your name be uppermost.
2. My soul and body keep from harm, And over all extend Your arm;
Let Satan cause me no distress Nor bring me shame and wretch-ed-
ness.

The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

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

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers;

one Son, not three Sons;

one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after another;

none is greater or less than another;

but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above,

the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

SING in unison – “O Blessed, Holy Trinity” – LSB 876:3-5

3. The Father's love shield me this day; The Son's pure wisdom cheer
my way;
The Holy Spirit's joy and light Drive from my heart the shades of night.
4. My Maker, hold me in Your hand; O Christ, forgiven let me stand;
Blest Comforter, do not depart; With faith and love enrich my heart.
5. Lord, bless and keep me as Your own; Lord, look in kindness from
Your throne;
Lord, shine unailing peace on me By grace surrounded; set me free.

But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation

that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess

that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

*He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;
and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this
age:*

*perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human
flesh;*

**equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the
Father with respect to His humanity.**

Although He is God and man,

He is not two, but one Christ:

one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh,

but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

one altogether, not by confusion of substance,

but by unity of person.

For as the rational soul and flesh is one man,

so God and man is one Christ,

*who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third
day from the dead,*

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

At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies

and give an account concerning their own deeds.

And those who have done good will enter into eternal life,

and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith;

whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

SING in unison – “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” – LSB

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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. Amen.



Soli Deo Gloria!

