

Sunday, May 22, 2016
Holy Trinity Sunday
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Introduction

“O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the name of God: holy blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this one in the church’s year. There is no other god like ours. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

GATHERING

PRELUDE

A large print version of today's Hymns is located on
the Usher Stands.

GATHERING HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy* ELW 413 (v. 1,3,4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the
rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and mercy,

**you have brought us into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet we
have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We
are sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our
sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all
things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in
grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ,
our risen Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and
for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained
minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare
to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

GREETING

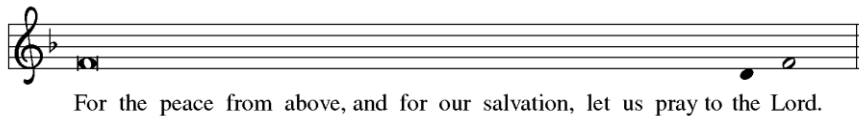
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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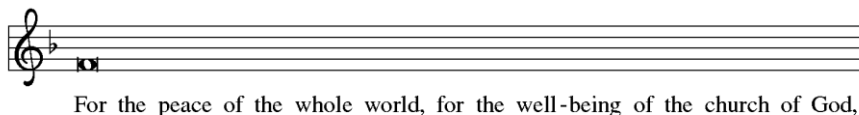
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



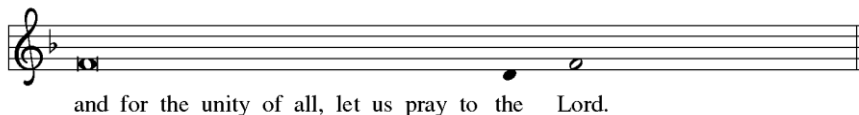
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



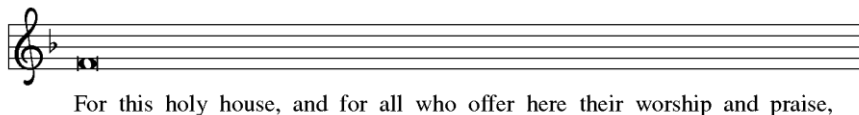
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



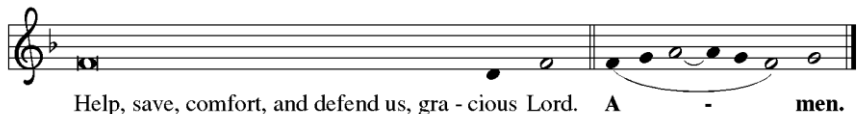
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Gloria

LEADER



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

ALL



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Let us pray. God of heaven and earth,

before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of faith. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

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.”

The word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God.

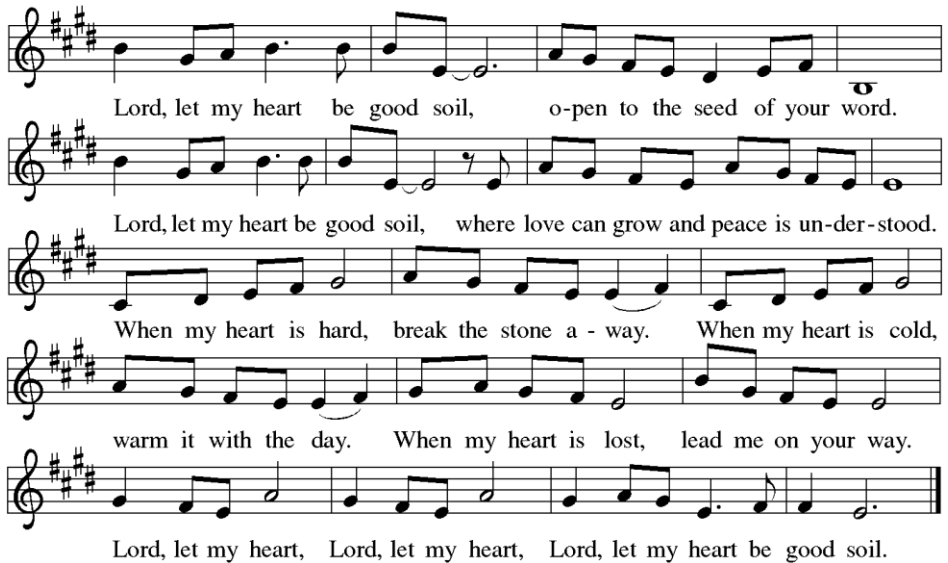
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

The word of the Lord. **R: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL VERSE



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The holy gospel according to St. John the 16th Chapter



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 16:4b-15

^{4b} "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of

you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² ‘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.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come, Thou Almighty King* **ELW 408**

CONFESSION OF FAITH: ATHANASIAN CREED

Introduction: Our Christian faith is based on the Holy Scriptures and is expressed briefly in three ecumenical creeds. The Apostles’ Creed is the earliest expression of our faith. The Nicene Creed emphasizes the divinity of Christ, and we usually confess it on Sundays when we receive communion. The Athanasian Creed, the longest of the three, affirms the triune nature of God, and is traditionally confessed only once each year, on Trinity Sunday. Let us now confess our faith responsively in the words of the Athanasian Creed.

P: Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the Christian faith.

ALL: Whoever does not guard it whole and unabridged will doubtless perish eternally.

P: Now this is the Christian faith:

ALL: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

P: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

ALL: But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, co-eternal in majesty.

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

ALL: Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.

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

ALL: Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:

P: And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;

ALL: As there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

P: Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:

ALL: And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

P: Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God:

ALL: And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

P: Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord:

ALL: And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

P: As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,

ALL: so Christianity forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

P: The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;

MEN: The Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father;

WOMEN: The Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

P: Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

MEN: And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other;

WOMEN: But all three persons are in themselves, co-eternal and co-equal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

ALL: Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

P: It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus became flesh.

ALL: For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

MEN: He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father,

WOMEN: And he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother –

ALL: Existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body;

P: Equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.

MEN: Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ.

WOMEN: He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not transform deity into humanity.

ALL: He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.

P: For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

ALL: He suffered death for our salvation. He descended into hell and rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.

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

ALL: This is the Christian faith. One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

SENDING

BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace,

In the name of the Father, and of † the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(Sung) **Amen, Amen, Amen**

SENDING HYMN: *Go My Children, with My Blessing* **ELW 543**

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Welcome to worship this morning. May the Lord bless you during this time together. If you have special prayer requests, please give them to an usher.

Candelabras & the Church Year

You may notice today that we are using candelabras during the service. Candelabras are typically used for certain worship services that take place on major festival Sundays in the Church year. These include Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, and Holy Trinity (today), among others. See pages 13-17 of the red *ELW* hymnal for more about the Church year.

Our Servants for today's worship:

- Organist: Carleen Markuson
Reader: Marie Trosdahl
Ushers: Chad and Teira Shaw
Greeters: Rhonda Jorgenson and Colleen Cordes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, May 22nd

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Fellowship

Monday, Wed., Fri

9:00 AM Exercise

Monday May 23rd Pastor Keith will be out of the Office

Tuesday, May 24th

9:30 AM Bible Study (continuing with Amos 5:18)

Wednesday, May 25th

5:30 PM Choir

Thursday, May 26th **Quilting Day**

9:30 AM Quilting

Next Sunday, May 29th

10:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 AM Fellowship, WELCA Meeting

A brief Special meeting for all WELCA Members will be held Sunday May 29th after Worship to vote yes or no to give \$1000 from our WELCA Treasury to the Good Shepherd Building Project.

Henning Lions Scholarships – We have two scholarships for Henning HS graduates who are completing at least one college year. Interested people should see Lion Josh Rud at FNB for an application due back 5/27. Lion Wayne Hilchen