

**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

May 27, 2018 – 10:45 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion

**St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.**

What is the meaning and origin of the Festival of the Trinity?

The greatest doctrine of the Christian faith is the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Yet, during the first 1,000 years of Christianity, there was no special feast in honor of this mystery since every day of the liturgical year was devoted to the honor and praise of the Triune God. However, in response to the Arian heresy (320-380), which denied the full divinity of the Son, a special Mass in honor of the Holy Trinity was introduced into Roman liturgical books. This mass was not assigned a definite day but could be used on certain Sundays according to the discretion of the parish priest. Starting in the 9th century Bishops of several dioceses in Northern Europe promoted a special feast of the Holy Trinity on the Sunday after Pentecost, though Pope Alexander II in the 11th century and Alexander III in the 12th century regarded this unnecessary and discouraged the observance. Finally, in 1334, Pope John XXII accepted the festival into the official calendar of the Western Church and directed that it should be celebrated everywhere on the Sunday after Pentecost. Today, the feast of the Holy Trinity is among the great festivals of Christianity.

Prelude Variations on “Fairest Lord Jesus”

James Woodman

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace We take a moment to greet one another, as brothers and sisters in Christ (often with the words “God’s peace be with you”). We enjoy this part of our worship; however, you are free to participate, or not, in any manner with which you are comfortable. *(Please Remain Standing)*

If at any point you need to or prefer to sit, please feel free to do so

(Please Rise)

Processional Hymn: #507 “Holy, Holy, Holy

Call to Worship:

P: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, He is One!

C: Father, Eternal,

P: Son, Most Gracious

C: Spirit of Life; to You, one True God, Blessed Trinity, Three-in-One, we give praise and glory, now and forever.

P: God the Father in heaven, who watches over Your children by night and by day,

C: Have mercy upon us.

P: God, the Son, Light and Redeemer of the World,

C: Have mercy upon us.

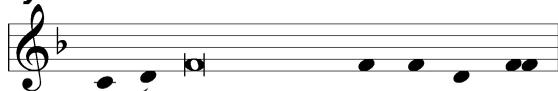
P: God, the Holy Spirit, teacher, comforter and guide.

C: Have mercy upon us.

P: Holy, most blessed, most glorious Trinity, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, with all believers and the church worldwide,

C: We adore You, this hour, this day and forever. Amen.

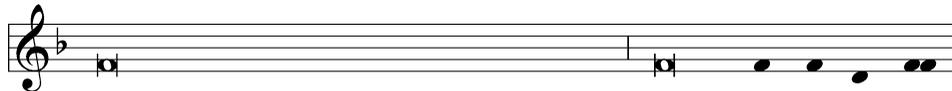
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



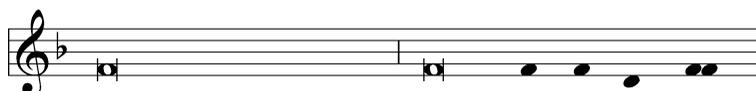
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



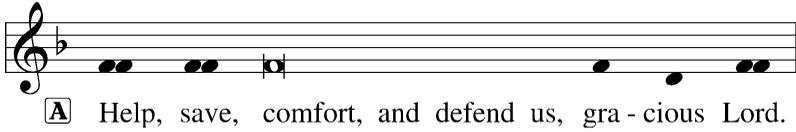
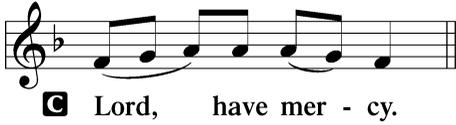
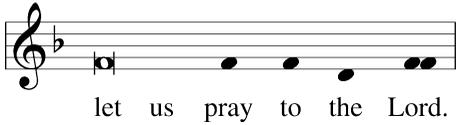
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



(Please be seated)

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (There is only one God)

⁴“Hear, O Israel: ^[a]The Lord our God, the Lord *is* one! ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson: Acts 2:29-39

²⁹“Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, ^[a]according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, ³¹he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³²**This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.** ³³Therefore being exalted ^[b]to the right hand of God, and having

received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

³⁴ “For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

‘The LORD said to my Lord,

“Sit at My right hand,

³⁵ Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” ’

³⁶ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the ^[c]remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

(Please Rise)

Athanasian Creed (“catholic” meaning worldwide, universal)

- L** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- C** **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
- L** And the catholic faith is this,
- C** **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
- L** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C** **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- L** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C** **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- L** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C** **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- L** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C** **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- L** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C** **and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.**

- L** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C** **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- L** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C** **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- L** 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.
- C** **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
- L** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- C** **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
- L** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- C** **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
- L** 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.
- C** **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**
- L** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **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.**
- L** 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:
- C** **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- L** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C** **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- L** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C** **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- L** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C** **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

L 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.

C **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**

L And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

C **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved. Amen.**

Holy Gospel: John 15:26-16:4

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th and 16th chapters.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶ “But when the ^[a]Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

16 “These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.² They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. ³ And these things they will do ^[b]to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. ⁴ But these things I have told you, that when ^[c]the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.

“And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day: #504 “Father Most Holy”

Sermon: “Three in One”

Offer Unto the Lord! The Bible gives these guidelines on our financial giving:

- 1) *“First Fruits”*: i.e. Set aside a portion for God **FIRST**. He gets the best, not the leftovers.
- 2) *“Portion/Percentage giving”*: Give to God a percentage of our gross income; the Old Testament *“tithe”* was 10%; certainly *“this side”* of the cross we should be just as motivated, or more so, than the Old Testament believers!
- 3) *“God’s Blessings”*: God promises if we are faithful in our giving, He will pour out blessing/abundance to us overflowing!

Offering

Please take this time to sign the Pew Pads in your row and pass them down. We thank God for our visitors and guests. Please share your e-mail with us so that you can receive a weekly note of activities/announcements. Thank you for worshiping with us!

Offertory Anthem “Holy, Holy, Holy

Franz Schubert

(Please Stand)

Offertory Hymn #805 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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.

† Service of the Sacrament †

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the **TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD** of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)

Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad in your pew.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness

P: Holy Lord, Most Holy Lord. You alone are worthy of praise.

C: We cry Holy is the Lamb that was slain, Holy is His name.

P: Who can enter into the presence of His glory? Who can bear to gaze upon the perfection of His holiness?

C: No one of unclean heart or lives can enter into His presence. How can we presume to enter today the Holy of Holies and stand before God?

P: Only those who have been cleansed by the Blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, can enter into His presence.

C: Holy Lord, we fear standing before You because we know our sin has made us unworthy of You. We know what Your grace has done for us in Jesus Christ, who took the burden of our sin and guilt upon Himself. In His name we confess our sin and by faith we lay claim to the promise of forgiveness won for us by His sacrifice on the cross. Make us new, cleanse us from our sin and its guilt, and show us how to love and serve You.

P: Because of Jesus, our Holy and Righteous God has declared you not guilty. Because of Jesus, you may enter the Holy of Holies. Because of Jesus, a Holy God forgives you, loves you, and restores you as His sons and daughters.

C: Amen.

Trinitarian Prayer (*Taken from "The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers"*)

Three in One, One in Three, God of my Salvation, Heavenly Father, blessed Son, eternal Spirit,

I adore thee as one God in three distinct Persons, for bringing sinners to your knowledge and to thy kingdom.

O Father, thou has loved me and sent Jesus to redeem me.

O Jesus, though has loved me and assumed my nature, shed thine own blood to wash away my sins;

O Holy Spirit, you have loved and entered my heart, implanted there eternal life, revealed to me the glories of Jesus.

Three Persons and one God, I bless and praise thee, for love so unmerited, so unspeakable, so wondrous, so mighty to save the lost and raise them to glory.

O Father, I thank thee that in fullness of grace thou has given me to Jesus, to be his sheep, jewel, portion;

O Jesus, I thank thee that in fullness of grace thou have accepted, espoused, bound me;

O Holy Spirit, I thank thee that in fullness of grace you have exhibited Jesus as my salvation, implanted faith within me, subdued my stubborn, heart, made me one with him forever.

O Father, thou are enthroned to hear my prayers,

O Jesus, thy hand is outstretched to take my petitions,

O Holy Spirit, thou art willing to help my infirmities, to show me my need, to supply words, to pray within me, to strengthen me that I faint not in supplication.

O Triune God, who commandeth the universe, thou hast commanded me to ask for those things that concern thy kingdom and my soul.

Let me live and pray as one baptized into the threefold Name.

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.**

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Words of Jesus

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be Seated)

**Distribution Hymns: #641 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”
#633 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”
#505 “Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay”**

(Please Stand)

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: #506 “Glory Be to God the Father”

Postlude

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bruce & Kathleen Sawicki in memory of Bruce's father, Albert's birthday.

Today's Ushers: John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Larry Bowman

Worship Assistant: Early Service – Tom Baldwin, Mark Edmiston; Late Service – Steve Anderson, Dale Mierisch

Lector: Early Service – Kris Gartley, Late Service – Allen Hall

Altar Guild for May: Renee Henderson, Gayle Barcio

Lock-ups for May: Wes Walker and Jeff Goad

Nursery is available in Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

Crisis Control Item for May: Saltine and Snack Crackers

The Sermons are available on-line at <http://stjohnsws.com/weekly-sermons-2/>

St. John's Prayer and Care Notes are distributed each Saturday. If you would like to receive this document and be listed on the email distribution, please send a request to:

- Dale Mierisch at wb9szl@triad.rr.com and include "St John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription" in the subject line of your email.
 - You may also send your prayer requests to Dale at this address.

(Restrooms: Exit the left-side door on the pulpit side. Go straight thru the Fellowship Hall and the two doors leading to our school building. Restrooms are on your right in the school lobby)



Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:30 a.m.

A Great Place to Grow in Christ

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

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Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday,
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.