## THE HOLY TRINITY

June 15st, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2025

# → Preparation →

Welcome and Connection Cards

Opening Hymn - "Holy, Holy, Holy" - LSB 507

Stand

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the Name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the Name of the LORD,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

# → SERVICE OF THE WORD →

Introit

Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

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

I have set the LORD always before me;

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

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let Your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

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

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.

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Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The LORD be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

# **Old Testament Reading**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

After the reading:

- **L** This is the Word of the LORD.
- C Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading Acts 2:14a, 22-36

After the reading:

- **L** This is the Word of the LORD.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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#### Alleluia and Verse



P Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory! Alleluia.



# **Holy Gospel**

John 8:48-59

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
- Glory to You, O LORD.

After the reading:

- **P** This is the Gospel of the LORD.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

### Athanasian Creed

- Today we are marveling at the grace of God in paying attention to us and saving us, although we are a seemingly insignificant part of His creation. The grace of God is also apparent as the Church has sought to confess the witness of Scripture. As we cannot comprehend the vastness of space, so we cannot understand God's nature as three persons in one Godhead. We cannot explain God; we can only confess our faith within the limits of human understanding.
- Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic\* 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,

- P neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- P But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- 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,
- **P** just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- P and yet there are not three Almighties, 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.

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.

P 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.
- **P** 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.
- P 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
  - 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.

\*catholic means universal

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Hymn of the Day - "Father Most Holy" - LSB 504

**Sermon** "The LORD Said to My LORD" Acts 2:22-36

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# Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

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### Offering

Benediction LSB 166

**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.

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#### **Announcements**

Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the Closing Song with percussion instruments

Closing Hymn - "Glory Be to God the Father" - LSB 506