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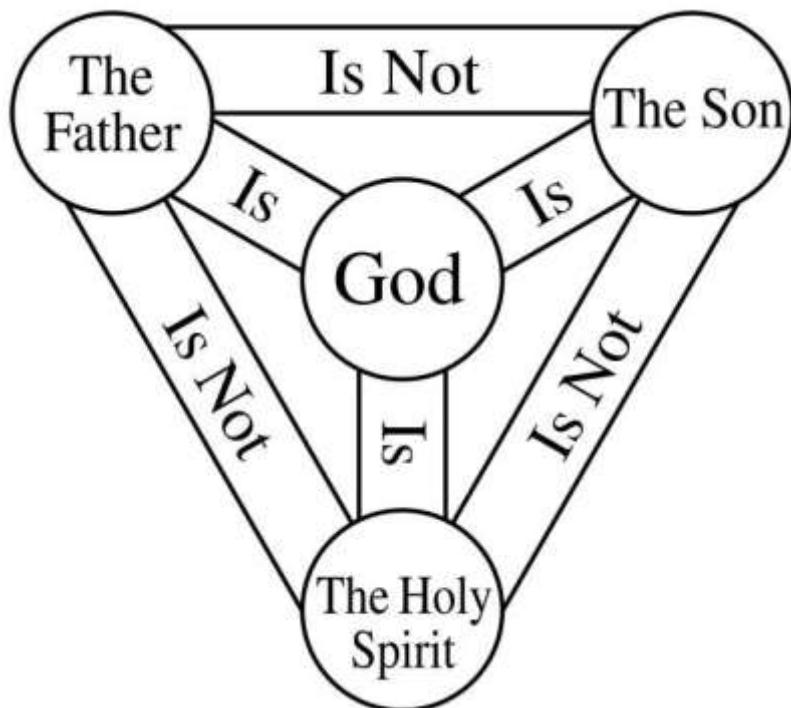
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God's Grace

The Holy Trinity

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"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8



The Feast of the Holy Trinity

Confession and Absolution

504 Father Most Holy *LSB 504*

Father most holy, merciful, and tender;
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender,
Light never waning;

Trinity blesseèd, unity unshaken,
Goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,
Light of the angels, joy of those forsaken,
Hope of all living,

Maker of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee;
All for Thy worship were and are created;
Now, as we also worship Thee devoutly,
Hear Thou our voices.

Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory,
One in three persons, over all exalted!
Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee,
Now and forever.

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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as**

ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.**

Service of the Word

Introit *Ps. 8:1–2a, 3–5; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

- P. Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.
- C. **O Lord, our Lord,**
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
- P. You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength.
- C. **When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,**
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- P. what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?
- C. **Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings**
and crowned him with glory and honor.

**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.
Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

Kyrie *LSB 152*

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- 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 mercy.**
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C **Amen.**

940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name *LSB 940*

- 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.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
 Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
 In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!
- 3 Lo, the apostles' holy train
 Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
 And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.
- 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.
- 5 Holy Father, holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
 Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.
- 6 From Thy high celestial home,
 Judge of all, again returning,
We believe that Thou shalt come
 On that final judgment morning,
When Thy voice shall shake the earth
And the startled dead come forth.

Spare Thy people, Lord, we pray,
 By a thousand snares surrounded;
 Keep us without sin today,
 Never let us be confounded.
 Lo, I put my trust in Thee;
 Never, Lord, abandon me.

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.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 6:1–7*

Isaiah's Vision of the LORD

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. 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. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
 the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 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!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 11:33–36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,

or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him

that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel *John 3:1–15*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

You Must Be Born Again

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 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.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 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?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 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.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 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. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

LSB 498

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.
- 2 To You, the Counselor, we cry,
To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.
- 3 In You, with graces sevenfold,
We God's almighty hand behold
While You with tongues of fire proclaim
To all the world His holy name.
- 4 Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.
- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,
And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.
- 7 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow! Amen.

Sermon

Athanasian Creed (spoken responsively- please be seated)

- P. 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.**
- P. 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.

- C. **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.
- P. 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.
- C. **And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,**
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 almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
 and yet there are not three AlUIThies, but one Almighty.
- C. **So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;**
and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- P. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
 and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- C. **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.
- P. The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- C. **The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.**
- P. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but
 proceeding.
- C. **Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not**
three Holy Spirits.
- P. And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- C. **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.
- P. Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- C. **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 the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C. **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.
- P. 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.
- C. **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.
- P. This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Prayer of the Church

Offertory- 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *LSB 805*

1 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.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 160*

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 161*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

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.

507 Holy, Holy, Holy LSB 507

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
 Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
 Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
 Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

What is the Athanasian Creed? Early in the fourth century, a new teaching appeared which claimed that Jesus was not true God. Arius, the North African priest who first proposed this theory, was extremely persuasive, and soon the controversy was so widespread that a church council was called to settle the matter. Out of that meeting in A.D. 325 came the Nicene Creed, which clearly confesses Jesus to be true God. That creed, which was expanded in A.D. 381 in order to defend the divinity of the Holy Spirit, is still widely used today as a confession of the triune faith. Despite the clarity of the Nicene Creed, the controversy continued for some time. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that marveled at the mystery of the Trinity in a way that no creed had ever done. 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 proclaims 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 15 centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given himself for our salvation.