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IX. THE SEASON OF THE HOLY TRINITY
“Life in the Church of the Triune God”

The Feast of the Holy Trinity: “The One True God: the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost” 16 June 2019

And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” [St. Isaiah 6.3 EHV]

Welcome to Faith! God’s House is your home. The members of Faith Lutheran are glad to have you join us as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here is where we find our source of forgiveness and life before God. It is our prayer that you also may rejoice in the precious message of the Gospel of our Lord: *“But God, Who is rich in mercy, loved us with such a great love. He made us who were dead in sins alive with Christ. You have been saved by grace”* (Eph. 2. 4, 5). Visitors, please be sure to sign the Guest Book in the entry. Pastor Grabenhofer stands ready to serve you in any way consistent with his office.

ORDER OF SERVICE—Order of Holy Communion—hymnal pg. 15

THE PREPARATION

Pre-service prayers (hymnal pg. 4; 102-109; 118; 170)

Prelude: *Gott der Vater wohn’ uns bei—J. Pachelbel*

Hymn #38 The Lord. My God, be Praised

At the final stanza, the congregation turns facing the processional crucifix

Invocation hymnal pg. 15

Confession/ Absolution pg. 15-16

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD—Jesus comes with His word to enlighten us

Introit: (Liturgical text; Psalm 145. 1; 8.1)

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 will extol You, my God, my King; and I will bless Your name forever.

CO Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth.

P We bless the Father and the Son together with the Holy Spirit.

Gloria Patri [Glory to the Father] pg. 16

Litany To The Holy Trinity

P God the Father in heaven: **C** Have mercy upon us.

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world: **C** Have mercy upon us.

P God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of people’s souls:

C Have mercy upon us.

P God the Father, Creator and Preserver: **C** Sustain our life in You.

P God the Son, born in the flesh, who came down from heaven for us and our salvation: **C** Cleanse us by Your blood.

P God the Holy Spirit, promised Comforter:

C Dwell in our lives with Your holy fruits.

P Lord God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

C We praise You for Your revelation to us of love and mercy.

P Three Persons, equal in power, majesty, and glory:

C One God, Who was and is and evermore shall be.

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity:

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

P You, Who are perfect in love and power and unity:

C Keep us in fellowship with You eternally.

P Holy, Holy, holy, of Whom and through Whom and to Whom are all things: **C** Bless us with thankful hearts; fill us with joyful hearts; save us with faithful hearts.

Gloria in Excelsis [Glory in the highest]

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Salutation/ Collect

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P Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us, Your servants, grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the true Unity. We beseech You, that You would keep us steadfast in this faith and evermore defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, live and reign ever one God world without end.

Epistle—

Romans 11. 33-36 [EHV]

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments

and how untraceable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,

or who has been his adviser?”

³⁵“Or who has first given to God that he will be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Gradual: (Liturgical text)

P Blessed are You, O Lord, Who beholds the deep,

C and Who dwells between the cherubim.

P Blessed are You, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.

C And greatly to be praised forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers;

C And greatly to be praised and glorified forever. Hallelujah!

Triple Hallelujah pg. 20

Gospel—St. John 3.1-15 EHV pg. 21

¹There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him.”

³Jesus replied, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”

⁵Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God!

⁶Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. ⁸The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹“How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus.

¹⁰“You are the teacher of Israel,” Jesus answered, “and you do not know these things? ¹¹Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we

know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Athanasian Creed

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Sermon—Isaiah 6.1-7: ¹ 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. ² 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. ³ And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ 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!” ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

In The Presence Of God

1. Enter into His presence with deep awe and reverence
2. Enter His presence with confidence and joy

[Silence for meditation]

Offertory

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Offering

Stewardship Thought: Isaiah 6:3 – “**And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!’**” Three times the angels cry out: “Holy, Holy, Holy!” which is an indication of the threeness in one God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name in

which we are baptized. We have been made a part of God's family. And so we are called to live lives that are in harmony with our new family. We are to be godly and to live in God's image. As God is loving, kind, and generous – so are we called to be.

The Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

For an increase in devotion for all the saints, for the faithful proclamation of the Gospel by all pastors in Christ, for an end to schism and division within the Church Militant, and for the proper fear and fervent praise of the Holy Trinity among all those born again from above in Holy Baptism, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faithful catechesis and formation in the faith for our catechumens, both young and old; for a renewed vigor to study God's Word within the congregations of our Synod; for Christ to be fully formed within us; for courage to walk as children of the light; and for strength in the face of temptation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sojourner and stranger, for the persecuted and oppressed, for prisoners and their families, for the enemies of the faith, and for the true repentance of all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For thankful hearts, and for the faithful support of the Church and the work of the Lord here and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the vocation of fatherhood, that fathers would love and provide for their children, and that children would respect and honor their fathers, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the nations and those who lead them, for an end to violence and war, and for peace throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who endure mental illness, for those who mourn, for the lonely and brokenhearted, for those with chronic pain, for the sick and injured, for the hospitalized and shut-in, and for all who have requested our prayers, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For reverent awe as our lips receive the very body and blood of

Christ from the holy altar, for the removal of our guilt and deliverance from evil, for the strengthening of our love for God and for one another, and for an increase of faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

All glory, honor and praise be to the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Holy, holy, holy is He whose name is majestic in all the earth, through whom we have forgiveness, life and salvation. For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Jesus comes to nourish us with His Body and Blood

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. On Trinity Sunday we are reminded of the mystery and glory of God. His thoughts are above our thoughts as far as the heavens are above the earth (Is. 55. 8,9). We cannot know His mind or be His counselor (Rom. 11.34). Accordingly, we receive in faith His counsel that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the one true God. We also receive in faith His counsel that *the very body and blood of Christ are present under the bread and wine for our forgiveness and strengthening of faith.* As we receive Holy Communion today, the whole counsel of God moves us to determine confessional oneness for those who receive the sacrament together. Therefore, we invite to this holy Sacrament members in good standing of this or another congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Nunc Dimittis (Now You dismiss) and Thanksgiving pg. 29

Benediction pg. 31

Hymn #246 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

The congregation faces the processional cross as it leaves

TELL THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday—Bible Study [1 Peter]	6 pm
Thursday—Bible Study	9.30 am
Sunday—Catechism study	after service
30 June—5 th Sunday Dinner	after service

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Marianne Grabenhofer, Arthur Scott, Hugo Sutton,
Karen Weiner; Mary Ellen Carl, Ginny Pawlak, Lynn Walz

WORSHIP NOTES: Today we confess our faith using the **Athanasian Creed**. It is the third and longest of the three Creeds. It is not named after its author, but after Athanasius, who was instrumental in writing the *Nicene Creed* in 325 AD. The Athanasian Creed probably originated in Gaul (modern day France) in the 6th or 7th century. It sums up in short theses and antitheses the doctrine of the Trinity—completely excluding Unitarianism, which denies Jesus and the Holy Spirit as true God, and Tritheism, which is the idea that there are three gods. The second half of the creed clearly sums up the doctrine that Jesus is true God and true man in one Person. Luther thought this creed was the grandest production of the Church since the times of the Apostles.

PRAYER: Almighty, eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You showed us Your grace and showed us Your mercy when You, eternal Father, made us, and when You, eternal Son, became man for us and paid for our sins on the cross, and when You, eternal Spirit, eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son, created faith and saved us by the holy Gospel. We implore You, O one, eternal, almighty God, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, keep us in Your grace until our end and eternally save us. Amen

EPISTLE: Romans 11. 33-36 With this, Paul urges all Christians not to try to search out, let alone to master, the hidden things of God, but, instead, to worship them. We should give God the glory both for what He has revealed to us in His word for our salvation as well as for His secret, hidden wisdom. Although it is now hidden from us we still have the impression that it is great, sublime, holy, divine and worthy of worship. “To God alone be the glory!” will certainly sound forth from our mouths more fully and purely in the next life when the whole counsel of God lays exposed and uncovered before our eyes. [Stoekhardt]



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Now if this article seems foolish, what do I care? ...But I thank my God, who has given me the grace not to dispute about the truth and reasonableness of this article. Since I see that it is so distinctly contained and grounded in Scripture, I believe God more than my own thoughts and reason and do not worry about how it can possibly be true that there is only one Essence and yet there are three distinct Persons in this one Essence: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. [Luther]