

## THE HOLY TRINITY

Three in One

June 11 & 12, 2022

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### AS WE GATHER

Holy Trinity, a time we commemorate and celebrate, is different than any other day in the church year. Unlike Christmas, Easter, or even last week's Pentecost worship celebrations where we rejoice in and reflect upon God's saving actions, Holy Trinity is a time to rejoice in and reflect upon the **One True God**. God has revealed Himself as a "Trinity:" Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There are three distinct persons, yet only One True God. It's a mystery. It is something we cannot fully understand or comprehend by our own reason. Yet, it is something to rejoice in, a true God to worship, and to acknowledge that apart from the Holy Trinity, there is none other god!!

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

### WELCOME

We give thanks to God always for all of you,  
constantly mentioning you in our prayers,  
remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love  
and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #940 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" Stanza 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.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

### INTRODUCTION

Pastor: Through our worship, we will progressively and responsively confess the Athanasian Creed. As the more commonly confessed Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were written and doctrinally accepted according to God's Word in defense to the heresies of the time and applicable still today, so also the Athanasian Creed was written and doctrinally accepted to refute false teachings regarding the Scripturally revealed identity and work of the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we hold the "catholic faith," the Athanasian Creed refers to "catholic" as the true Church of all times and places and all denominations who faithfully confess the true Christ as Lord and Savior.

### ATHANASIAN CREED *Part 1*

Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

People: **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

Pastor: And the catholic faith is this,

People: **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

Pastor: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

People: **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

Pastor: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

People: **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

Pastor: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

People: **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

Pastor: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

People: **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

Pastor: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

**People: and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.**

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**People: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

Pastor: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**People: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

**HYMN #940**                    **“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”**                    Stanza 2

Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav’n’s with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

**PSALM**    *Psalm 8*

Pastor: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**People: You have set your glory above the heavens.**

Pastor: Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength

**People: because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.**

Pastor: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

**People: the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,**

Pastor: what is man that you are mindful of him,

**People: and the son of man that you care for him?**

Pastor: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

**People: and crowned him with glory and honor.**

Pastor: You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

**People: You have put all things under his feet,**

Pastor: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**People: the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes  
along the paths of the seas.**

Pastor: O LORD, our Lord,

**People: how majestic is your name in all the earth! 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.**

**HYMN #940**                    **“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”**                    Stanza 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.

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: As we approach our triune God and gather in His majestic name, we draw near with a true heart and confess our sins.

**People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things,  
judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness.**

Pastor: We have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing.

**People: We have done the evil you forbid and have not done the good you demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins.**

Pastor: Have mercy on us, heavenly Father, because of the obedience of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

**People: Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, move us to serve you faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.**

Pastor: Jesus says, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am” (John 8:58). He alone, with the Father and the Spirit, is the one who has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN #940**                    **“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”**                    Stanza 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.

✂ WORD ✂

**SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN #940**                      **“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”**                      Stanza 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.

(Be seated)

**FIRST READING** *Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31* (The blessings of wisdom)

Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup> On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: <sup>4</sup> “To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. <sup>22</sup> “The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. <sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, <sup>26</sup> before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. <sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup> 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, <sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** *Acts 2:14a, 22–36* (Peter’s Pentecost sermon affirming all the Lord’s work) <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: <sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, “‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ <sup>29</sup> “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, “‘Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.’” <sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ATHANASIAN CREED** *Part 2*

Pastor: 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.

**People: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

Pastor: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

**People: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**

Pastor: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

**People:** **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**

Pastor: 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.

**People:** **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 8:48–59* (“Before Abraham was, I am.”)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CONCLUSION

Pastor: As we confess in this creed the work and identity of the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with all founded in and supported throughout Scripture, the Athanasian Creed closes with a reminder of judgment and the Last Day to come. Though reference is made to works, works are not the basis of our salvation. Only those who by faith believe in Jesus Christ for salvation are able to do good works in God’s sight, and the good works done are fruits of the saving faith in Christ given through the Holy Spirit. Yet, good works should and must be done by all true believers. (AC, XX)

## ATHANASIAN CREED *Part 3*

Pastor: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** **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.**

Pastor: 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:

**People:** **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

Pastor: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

**People:** **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**

Pastor: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

**People:** **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

Pastor: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

**People:** **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

Pastor: 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.

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

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

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

(Be seated)

### CHILDREN'S SONG & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### “Jesus in the Morning” AGPS #143

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus at the noontime.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.

Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morning, love Him at the noontime.

Love Him, Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down.

Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him in the morning, Praise Him at the noontime.

Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down.

### SERMON HYMN #941 “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.

To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,  
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:  
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;  
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.  
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,  
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:  
“O all majestic Father, Your true and only Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Comforter forever Three in One!”

You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,  
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ry one:  
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,  
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;  
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve  
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.

You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,  
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.  
We know that you will come as our Judge that final day,  
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;  
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,  
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

### SERMON

#### “The Mystery of the Holy Trinity”

**OFFERINGS** As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

*Silence for personal intercessions*

Pastor: Blessed Father, from you comes all that is, and we are forever indebted to your grace for the gift of life. Receive this day our special thanks for the redemption you have provided in Jesus Christ, your Son. Grant us to hold fast the mystery of the faith and the Holy Trinity.

**People: We give thanks for the work of the Spirit in bringing us to know you by faith and to become your children by Baptism into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: Blessed Father, you desire not the death of the sinner but that all may live. Grant your Holy Spirit, that hearing your Word all people may be brought to repentance.

**People: Bring many others to confess with us their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.**

Pastor: Blessed Father, you have revealed yourself to us in Christ, that we may know you by faith and confess you before the world.

**People: Give us your Spirit to all your people, that all churches may confess faithfully your Word and live in harmony of doctrine and life.**

Pastor: Blessed Father, you have established marriage and sanctified the home to be a place of blessing and love. Bless the Strand and Reynolds families as they celebrate Vern and Norma's 72<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary and Roger and Nancy Gottschalk celebrating their 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We rejoice with the McGill family as Jack celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**People: Bless all homes to live in harmony. Give to parent and child the courage to love as you have loved us and to serve Christ in all things. Bless the single with chastity, comfort the widowed, protect the orphan and defend the helpless.**

Pastor: Blessed Father, you guard your world as your own possession and have established governments and leaders to serve your purpose. Bless our president, our governor, and all elected and appointed officials.

**People: Help each of them recognize that in their stewardship of the nation and state they are called to be faithful and serve honorably for the common good.**

Pastor: Blessed Father, you have suffered fully the cost of love through your Son. Give healing and peace to all the afflicted, the grieving and the dying. We pray for comfort for Nancy Hoelke and the rest of the family as they continue to grieve the passing of Dick. We pray for Elisabeth Matusewic and family mourning the passing of her dad, Kenneth. We pray for all those suffering illness and difficulty, especially Gloria, Janet, Brian, Steve, Brian, Norma, Vern, Amy, Cathy, Jim, Vern, Mike, Elaine, Dorothy, Cindy, Don, Shirley, Richard, Helga, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Sarah, Debbie, Steve, Mary, June, Jerry, Shirley and Sarah.

**People: Give them all that is needful, that they may endure their illness confident of your presence. Supply them with grace sufficient for their every need.**

Pastor: Blessed Father, we rejoice in all the blessings you have bestowed upon us here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. Grant us all to rejoice in the groundbreaking as we endeavor to build a playground for our students as they grow.

**People: Bless our teachers, students, and support staff with the respite of summer break.**

Pastor: Blessed Father, your Son was the voice that spoke all things into existence, and your grace still preserves all that you have made. Bless us as we receive again Christ's holy body and blood.

**People: You did not abandon your people when they fell into sin, but you have delivered us by the blood of Christ.**

Pastor: Grant us your Spirit, that we may know your Word and keep it in faith through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

### ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

#### AGNUS DEI

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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 HYMNS

##### HYMN #822 "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring Our songs of adoration.

To Him through everlasting days Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise,

Whose hand sustains creation.

Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy; Spread the story

Of our God, the Lord of glory.

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Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing, In whom we are elected.  
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in that blessed flood,  
And as His bride selected.

Holy, holy, Is our union And communion. His befriending  
Gives us joy and peace unending.

Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing For our regeneration.  
The saving faith in us He wrought And us unto the Bridegroom brought,  
Made us His chosen nation.

Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal; There is manna  
And an endless, glad hosanna.

Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto our triune God we sing; Blest be His name forever!  
With angel hosts let us adore And sing His praises evermore  
For all His grace and favor!  
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy; Spread the story  
Of our God, the Lord of glory!

#### **HYMN #876      "O Blessed, Holy Trinity"**

O blessed, holy Trinity, Divine, eternal Unity,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, This day your name be uppermost.

My soul and body keep from harm, And over all extend your arm;  
Let Satan cause me no distress Nor bring me shame and wretchedness.

The Father's love shield me this day; The Son's pure wisdom cheer my way;  
The Holy Spirit's joy and light Drive from my heart the shades of night.

My Maker, hold me in your hand; O Christ, forgiven let me stand;  
Blest Comforter, do not depart; With faith and love enrich my heart.

Lord, bless and keep me as your own; Lord, look in kindness from your throne;  
Lord, shine unfailing peace on me By grace surrounded; set me free.

#### **HYMN #506      "Glory Be to God the Father"**

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who love us, Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with him to reign!  
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

#### **COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

#### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have  
refreshed our spirits, nourished our faith, and forgiven our sins. Bless  
our days ahead and keep us sanctified in the truth, that we remain  
together as one Body in the confession and proclamation of you,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

#### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

#### **CLOSING HYMN #507      "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

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!

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## **GROUNDBREAKING**

After 9:00am service only

### **Gather at the Playground Site**

#### **Invocation**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, ever exalted yet always near:  
Be present with us, gathered together here to set apart this ground upon  
which we stand to the honor and glory of your great name.  
Bless all our students and neighborhood children, who upon this  
playground will play and bond.  
Fill with your love all who will gather here, to share life, to share  
fellowship, to share the hope we have in Christ Jesus.  
Bless and go with them in the peace and power of your Holy Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **Psalm 138 – Selected Verses**

Pastor: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing  
your praise.

**People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name  
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,**

Pastor: for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

**People: On the day I called, you answered me;**

Pastor: My strength of soul you increased.

**People: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;**

Pastor: your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

### **Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-13**

<sup>11</sup>For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and  
not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup>Then you will call upon me and  
come and pray to me, and I will hear you. <sup>13</sup>You will seek me and find me, when  
you seek me with all your heart.

### **Devotional Thoughts – Pastor Bender**

#### **Breaking of the Ground – Generations United in Mission**

##### **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.

##### **Blessing**

##### **Singing of the Doxology**

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.