

**THE HOLY TRINITY**  
Love Story of the Holy Trinity  
May 29 & 30, 2021

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**AS WE GATHER**

The Sunday following Pentecost is always Holy Trinity. On this day we are confronted with who God is through what God does. He is the mighty God, the One in Three, before whom we sing “Holy, Holy, Holy.” He is also the Christ, the Savior who comes in flesh to redeem His fallen creation and restore the lost to Himself. He is also the Spirit who blows when and where He wills but breathes life into those dead in trespasses and sin and bestows faith where fear once lived. It all is expressed in the God who so loved the world—the most familiar and beloved Bible passage. Here, in this Gospel in a nutshell, is the triune God at work for us and our salvation.

**WELCOME**

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believe . . . .  
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,  
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,  
that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.  
(2 Timothy 3: 14, 16-17)

✠ **PREPARATION** ✠

**OPENING HYMN**

**“Holy Is Our God Medley”**

*Holy is Our God*

Chorus: Holy is our God, whose name we praise forever,  
Glory to the Son, who reigns in majesty!  
Come, Spirit, come, and fill our hearts with wisdom,  
That we may long to worship You alone.

1. Our Father is the great Creator of all we have and all we see.  
He made us in His image that we may honor and worship Him.  
*Sing Chorus*
2. For Jesus is the Father’s only Son, given in love for ev’ryone.  
Lamb of sacrifice, a humble King. He gave His life so we might live.  
*Sing Chorus*

3. Oh Spirit, come and unite us, in one communion with our Lord.  
Free us from the chains that bind us, for the Comforter has come.  
*Sing Chorus*

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

1. 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!
2. 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.
3. 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.

*Jesus, You Are My Guide and Wisdom*

Jesus, You are my guide and wisdom  
Jesus, You are the strength that I need,  
Jesus, You are my reason for living,  
Jesus, You are all that I need.  
*Repeat*

(Rise)

**INVOCATION**

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

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

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

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: 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.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

#### **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 Infinites, 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.**

\* catholic means: universal church

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord, God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O almighty and everlasting God, you have manifested your great love for us by delivering up your only Son to the altar of the cross to give Himself up for us sinners. Grant us grace to know you as Father of mercy, to confess you as the Redeemer of the world, and to trust in you with all our heart, mind, body, and soul. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, whom with the Spirit you are one Lord, one God, now and forevermore.

**People: Amen.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Today is Holy Trinity, the First Sunday after Pentecost. The festival half of the Church Year, which has confessed the saving events in the life of our Lord, now gives way to that part of the Church Year in which we hear His teaching. From the Old Testament Reading from Isaiah, we witness a glimpse of the glory of the Lord, the God of Sabaoth, whose

power is chiefly known in showing mercy. In the Epistle from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear another part of the Pentecost sermon of Peter attesting to the revelation of Jesus as both Lord and Christ. In the Gospel according to John, we hear Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus and within this we hear the most beloved and familiar verse of Scripture.

(Be seated)

✠ **WORD** ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 6:1–8* (We have seen the Lord of hosts.)

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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" <sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> 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!" <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." <sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Acts 2:14a, 22–36* (Let all know that God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.) <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "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."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S SONG**

**"Father I Adore You"** Terrye Coelho

Father, I adore You and I lay my life before You, How I love You!

Jesus, I adore You and I lay my life before You, How I love You!

Spirit, I adore You and I lay my life before You, How I love You!

Three-in-one, I adore You and I lay my life before You, How I love You!

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 3:1–17* ("For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son.")

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

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

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> 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." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> 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?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> 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.”<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?”<sup>11</sup> 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.<sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?<sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Be seated)

#### **SERMON 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 loved 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!

**SERMON “Standing in Awe Before the One True God” Isaiah 6:1-8**

(Rise)

#### **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.**

#### **OFFERING**

#### **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.

*Brief silence for personal prayers*

Pastor: Lord of hosts, your ways are beyond our comprehension and your judgments unsearchable. We praise you for being the one true God who will not give your glory to false gods.

**People: Through your Word, give us an ever-growing understanding of the depths of your riches, wisdom and knowledge, that we may glorify you forever.**

Pastor: Lord of hosts, you gave your only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Bless the work of missionaries as they carry this Gospel to the ends of the earth, especially Rachel Meyer and Pastor Chuck Ferry, our Together in Mission partners.

**People:** Grant that through pastors, missionaries, and other servants in Christ's church, many may hear of your love in your Son and be saved through faith in Him.

**Pastor:** Lord of hosts, have mercy on those who would deny the new birth of water and the Spirit to infants and children. Open their eyes and hearts to the fullness of your grace.

**People:** Bless people with the knowledge of your truth, and the blessing and gift of Holy Baptism, that they would no longer hinder these little ones from being born again and become members of Christ's eternal kingdom.

**Pastor:** Lord of hosts, we give thanks for those who have served our nation through military service, and we remember with gratitude those who gave their lives for us and for the cause of freedom.

**People:** Help us to honor their sacrifice by using our liberty responsibly. Keep safe all who travel in these days, bless our nation, and help us to protect the privileges for future generations, that they may live in freedom and always look to you, from whom these privileges come.

**Pastor:** Lord of hosts, uphold all who suffer in our midst, facing illness and affliction, especially Versa, Don, Judy, Nancy, Dorothy, Steve, Marilyn, Cindy, Jan, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Debbie, Mary, Dennis, Diane, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley and Sarah. Comfort them and heal them according to your will.

**People:** Sustain them by your truth and remind them that with Christ as their Savior, they cannot be shaken. Gladden their hearts, cause their tongues to rejoice and make their flesh dwell in hope.

**Pastor:** Lord of hosts, we give you great thanks and praise for the gift of marriage and rejoice with those who are celebrating anniversaries in these days: Bob and Sandy Reynolds celebrating 40 years of marriage and Stefan and Gertrude Strigenz who have been blessed with 65 years together.

**People:** Bless these couples and all the marriages to dwell together in love, harmony, and forgiveness.

**Pastor:** Lord of hosts, take away our guilt and atone for our sin by touching our unclean lips with Christ's body and blood, for the cleansing of our souls.

**People:** Grant us the peace of sins forgiven and grant us to live a new life in Christ until that day when we abide in your holy presence forever.

**Pastor:** All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God 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

#### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

**People:** Amen.

#### HYMN #940

#### "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Stanzas 1 & 5

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.

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)

**DISTRIBUTION** Wait for the usher to direct you to come forward. Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or elder first.

**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.

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 #907**                    **“God Himself Is Present”**

God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him,  
God is in His temple; All within keep silence; Humbly kneel in deepest rev’rence.  
He alone On His throne Is our God and Savior; Praise His name forever!

God Himself is present; Hear the harps resounding:  
See the hosts the throne surrounding. “Holy, holy, holy!”  
Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Your ear To us here; Hear, O Christ, the praises That Your Church now raises.  
Fount of ev’ry blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in Your merit.  
Like the holy angels, Worshipping before You, May I ceaselessly adore You.  
Let Your will Ever still Rule Your Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

**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!

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**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.**

### **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.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **CLOSING HYMN #794 “The Lord, My God, Be Praised”**

The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;  
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;  
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven;  
The Father’s own dear Son, whose life for me was given,  
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood  
And gives to me by faith The highest heav’nly good.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven,  
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.  
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow’r,  
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow’s gloomy hour.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the everliving,  
To whom the heav’nly host Their laud and praise are giving.  
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,  
God Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

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