

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – HOLY TRINITY

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- * Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- * The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- * We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- * If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

HOLY TRINITY – LIVING UNDER THE BLESSING OF OUR TRIUNE GOD

Our God is mysterious and majestic. He fills heaven and earth, yet is above and beyond all that exists. He is also beyond our comprehension. So it's not surprising that the idea of a triune God does not make sense to us. We simply hear what our God says about himself and with childlike faith, say, "Ok, Lord, if you say so, I believe you."



Finally, the biggest and best truth to know about our Triune God is that he loves us. That is the greatest mystery of all – that this all-powerful being reveals himself, connects with us through his words and promises he loves us. Through words, he speaks his name and his eternal favor upon us. We live under his blessing.

The Athanasian Creed

The Athanasian Creed is a longer statement of faith developed by the early Christian church to safeguard God's truth and defend it against false ideas. When we confess this creed, we are simply trying to echo what God himself says. The repetition drives the point home that God is three and one at the same time. It does not try to make him any more comprehensible for us, but he remains a mystery. The creed simply provides a guide for speaking only what the Bible says – no more, no less.

When we confess, "**Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever,**" we are simply saying that there is one true God and one saving faith. Our own faith is certainly never perfect - we all continue to grow in our faith and knowledge in God by the Holy Spirit's gracious work. God grant that!

THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type.* 

HYMN 561 Before the Throne of God Above

CW 561

Please stand.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son **✝** and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Matthew 28:19

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Psalm 32:1-2

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **✝** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

CW 484 sts. 1–2

- 1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices
 to praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
 would then proclaim in grateful songs
to all, wherever I might be,
what great things God has done for me.
- 2 Dear Father, endless praise I render
 for soul and body, nobly joined;
I praise you, guardian kind and tender,
 for all the daily joys I find
so richly spread on ev'ry side
and freely for my use supplied.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Let us pray. Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace.

Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22–27

The LORD is one. The LORD is three. Three times, the one true God speaks his loving blessing onto his people.

²²The LORD said to Moses, ²³“Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴“ ‘ “The LORD bless you
and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.” ’

²⁷“So they will put my name on the Israelites,
and I will bless them.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SONG OF PRAISE Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

CW 484 sts. 3–4

- 3 I praise you, Savior, whose compassion
 has brought you down to ransom me.
Your pitying heart sought my salvation;
 you bore the cross triumphantly,
brought me from bondage full release,
made me your own, and gave me peace.

4 Glory and praise, still onward reaching,
be yours, O Spirit of all grace,
whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching
give me among your saints a place.
Whatever good by me is done
is worked by grace divine alone.

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SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

God the Father loved us. God the Son died to bring us into forgiving grace. God the Spirit gives us faith and hope.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Please stand

SONG OF PRAISE Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

CW 484 st 5

5 Shall I not then be filled with gladness?
Shall I not praise you evermore
and triumph over fear and sadness,
although my cup of woe runs o'er?
Though heav'n and earth shall disappear,
your endless love is ever near.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:12-15

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit speak the same saving truth and make it known to us, for our life and salvation.

¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

Be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY 586 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

SERMON

ATHANASIAN CREED

- ¹ Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.
² Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.
³ **Now this is the true Christian faith:**
⁴ **We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**
⁵ For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,
⁶ **but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**
⁷ What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.
⁸ **The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
⁹ **the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;**
¹⁰ **the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;**
¹¹ yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,
¹² just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.
¹³ **In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;**
¹⁴ **yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.**
¹⁵ So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
¹⁶ **yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**
¹⁷ So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
¹⁸ **yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
¹⁹ **For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.**
²⁰ The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.
²¹ The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.
²² The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.
²³ **So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**
²⁴ And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior;
²⁵ **but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.**
²⁶ **Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.**

OFFERING



Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

To donate online, either scan the QR code on the left or text princeofpeace (no spaces) to (833) 693-7056. You'll receive a link in response. Follow the link to the Prince of Peace secure giving page.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We would not have known you if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all doubt

and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

Enlighten and empower us to worship you as the triune God, the holy Trinity.

God our Father, whatever good is in us,
whatever good things we have, and whatever
good we do comes from you alone. In you we
live and move and have our being.

**Open our eyes to see the gifts you provide
every day purely out of your own love and
care.**

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into our world
to make the Father known to us. You joined
yourself to us by taking on our humanity and
brought us back to God by shedding your blood.
In love you walked the way of suffering and
carried the wrath of God that we deserved
because of our sins. Help us believe that all you
did and all you endured you did to rescue us
and set us free.

**In the bright new hope of your resurrection
teach us to offer our lives in praise to God
and love to our neighbor.**

Creator Spirit, you breathed into us new life by
the power of the gospel, opened our eyes to see
the light of your grace, and filled our minds
with the clear sound of your voice. Through
Word and sacrament lead us to understand
more completely how broad and deep and high
is the love of God in Christ Jesus. Firm up our
resolve to do battle with Satan and sin.

**In every weakness be our strength, that we
may show ourselves to be God's children:
faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and
fervent in love.**

We pray each day that you keep in your care all
who are enduring the troubles and tragedies of
life: those whose bodies are racked with pain,
those who struggle with depression and fear,
those who endure the frustration of poverty,
those who grieve because of a sudden loss, and
those who are facing the reality of death. Let
your Spirit bring their prayers and ours to your
Father's throne of grace.

We pray for..

*Harry (Nancy Brandt's brother-in-law with serious
health struggles), Frankie (Robyn's young friend with
cancer), Tim (Paul and Emma Porter's brother-in-law
with cancer), Chaunc (Krystal's son), JoElla
(recovering from radiation treatment), Craig (chronic
back issues), Paul (Pam Farrel's nephew with serious
health issues), Angie (Mert and Francine's daughter
with health issues), Mona (health issues), Crissy
(cancer), Cindy Manning, Felix, Orion, Lindsey, and
Mike Green (recovering from cancer surgery); and the
building project at Prince of Peace*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God
of grace, and the God of all comfort.

**We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit and praise your holy name forever.
Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

Stand

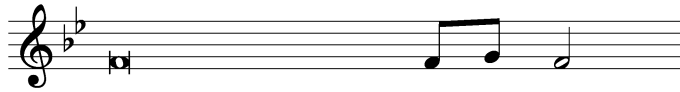




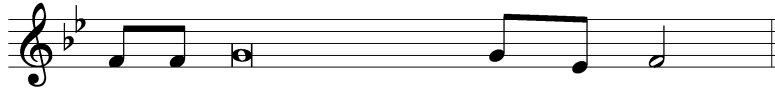
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns forever in perfect unity with you and the Holy Spirit as one God and one Lord. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -



san - na in the high - est!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering,

death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Amen.

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

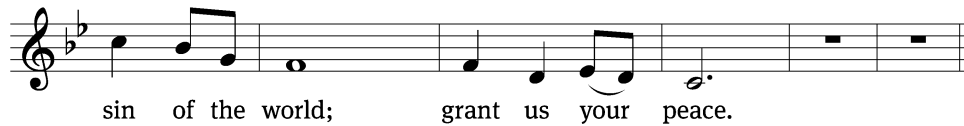
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Be seated

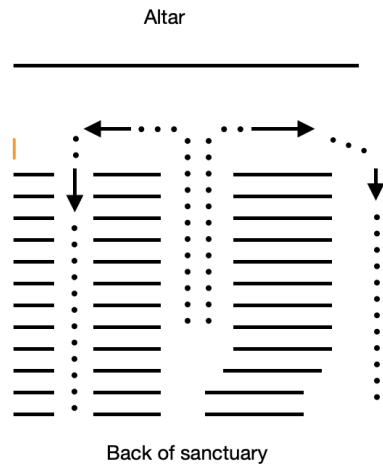
DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. Thank you for your understanding!

Please note that we will be serving the Lord's Supper on both sides of the chancel. Those seated on the left of center are invited to form a line on the left side of the center aisle. Those seated on the right of center are invited to form a line on the right side of the center aisle.



HYMN 483 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

HYMN 572 Not What My Hands Have Done

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Your ✝ sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Stand

PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN 930 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

CW 930 sts. 1, 4



Thank you to Amy Sehloff for using her gifts to serve us and our Savior with music this morning!

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