FAITH



HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

The Octave of Pentecost

WELCOME!

If you are visiting us for the first time, welcome! Please see Pastor Hendrix after the service for a special Christmas gift.

WE LOVE LETTING KIDS BE WITH JESUS

Children learn the faith by watching those around them. Our service is for kids too. If we can help you in any way, let us know.

RESTROOMS & NURSERY

Restrooms are located downstairs for your convenience. We also offer a nursery wired with audio. If you need any further assistance, please feel free to ask an usher.

MASKS

We continue to abide by current local (Dane County) and national mandates. The mandate requiring masks will end on June 2. Until then, we ask if you are medically able to do so and your conscience allows, please wear a mask while inside. In all things, "Let us excuse [our neighbor], speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything." (8th Commandment Explanation)

SERVICE NOTES

When Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he cried out "Woe is me!" For the sinner

cannot stand in the presence of a holy God and live (Is 6:1–7). But God the Father lifted up His Son Jesus for us on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:1-15). This eternal life of Christ is given us according to the Holy Spirit's good pleasure in Baptism. "Unless one is born (again) of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." To sinners in fear of death, the messengers of God place on our lips the living body and blood of Christ and speak His words of absolution, "Your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." Having received forgiveness and life from the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit, we join with the angels in praising the blessed Trinity, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!" "For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen" (Rom 11:33-36).

SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Organist: Altar Guild: Rev. Jeff Hendrix Carol Korth Hendrix Family

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SERVICE OF PREPARATION



The first part of our service prepares our hearts to come before God. God forgives our sins and the theme for the day is set in the introit.

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty | 15

CONFESSION

Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.





ABSOLUTION

P Lift up your hearts unto God!

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.



O Lord God, heavenly Father: We poor sinners confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing, and that, left to ourselves, we die and perish in sin, since that which is born of flesh is flesh and cannot see the kingdom of God. But we pray that You would grant us Your grace and mercy, and for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that being regenerate we may firmly believe the forgiveness of sins according to Your promise in baptism, and that we may daily increase in Christian love and in other good works, until we at last obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD



Our service builds towards the hearing of the Gospel. The lessons and even the chief hymn all reflect the theme of the Gospel.

OLD TESTAMENT

lsaiah 6:1-7

⁶⁻¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their faces. With two they flew. ³One called to another and said, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Armies!

The whole earth is full of his glory!

⁴The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Armies!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

EPISTLE

Romans 11:33-36

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.

SEQUENCE HYMN

GOSPEL

John 3:1–15

There 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."



Today's sermon will be a series of meditations based on the Athanasian Creed.

ATHANASIAN CREED & CHIEF HYMN

Athanasian Creed – vv. 1-19 (pg. 29-30; spoken)

Hymn We All Believe in One True God | 38 v. 1

Athanasian Creed – vv. 20-26 (pg. 29-30)

Hymn We All Believe in One True God | 38 v. 2

Athanasian Creed – vv. 27-35 (pg. 29-30)

Hymn We All Believe in One True God | 38 v. 3

Athanasian Creed – vv. 36-40 (pg. 29-30) Doxology Praise God from Whom... | 592

The Athanasian Creed, named in honor of St. Athanasius (295-373 A.D.), is one of the three "ecumenical" creeds, meaning all Christians should be able to confess them. The first Lutherans included the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds in the Book of Concord as a sign that our faith is in accord with the whole church.

The Athanasian Creed is different from the other two creeds in that it is not as much an 'I believe' statement of faith as it is an hymnic description of the faith: 'we worship one God ...' Carrying on this tradition, in our Hymnary, the Creed is pointed to be chanted. Hymn 39 is a hymn paraphrase of the Creed. Hymn 38 is Martin Luther's magnificent paraphrase of the Nicene Creed, and the chief hymnfor Trinity Sunday.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:
- To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.

Pastor prays on behalf of the congregation, each petitionending with:

- **P** ...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit ➡ be with you all.

Offering: Your offering can be placed in the plate in the back, or given online. You are also encouraged to consider setting aside your first fruits to the Lord and scheduling a recurring offering at <u>FaithLutheranOregon.com/OnlineGiving</u>

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



The third part of our service is the second high point of the service, and what everything has been building towards. Christ actually comes to us in His Body and Blood by which He cleanses us of our sins.

PREFACE & PREFACE FOR TRINITY



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 co-equal...

Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



THE EXHORTATION

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



DISTRIBUTION

- Holy Communion is limited to communicant members of our fellowship, who have properly announced themselves to the pastor beforehand.
- Please space yourselves by family about 6' apart.
- You may receive Christ's blood in the common cup it is sanitized with a purificator between each communicant.

The sign of the cross may be made by all as you are dismissed from the Lord's Table in peace.

DIST. HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name | 43

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

My Heart Has Now Become... | 313 v. 15

COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING

■ Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

🖸 🔉 Amen.

BENEDICTION

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 The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
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 and give you peace.
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CLOSING HYMN

O Trinity, Most Blessed Light | 574

CLOSING PRAYER

■ O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

NEWS & NOTES

Sunday	9:00am	Trinity Sunday Divine Service
	10:15am	Fellowship & Bible Study: 1 Corinthians
Thursday	6:30pm	Evening Service (masks required)
Sunday	9:00am	Trinity 1 Divine Service
	10:15am	Fellowship & Bible Study: 1 Corinthians

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

We would like to update our records to include Baptism anniversaries. Please look up your baptismal birthday and give the following information to Pastor: date, location, by whom.

PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor is available for private confession and absolution, and for confidential pastoral counseling. Please feel free to make an appointment to see him if you ever wish to do so.

The *Smalcald Articles* (one of our Lutheran Confessions) state: "Because absolution or the power of the keys is also a comfort and help against sin and a bad conscience and was instituted by Christ in the gospel...we should not neglect it but value it highly, just as all the other offices of the Christian church."

FUNDRAISING & FAITH IN ACTION

Many of us have received stimulus money from the government. For some of us this was very helpful, for others the reality is that God supplied us already with everything we needed. If you would be willing to donate this money to help those in need, our church has a benevolent "Faith In Action" fund that is in place to help those with a variety of needs. The more money that is in this fund will further the diaconal outreach of our church. In addition, we have a number of projects we are seeking special offerings for, including \$8000 needed for basement window replacement.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our online church directory is offline as we switch to a new program called "Servant Keeper," which will also integrate the elders' committee records as well as financial giving.

In your mailbox downstairs there is a form that we can use to record your information. There are also some forms on the table in the narthex. Please complete the form and return to the offering plate or Ed's mailbox downstairs.

SUMMER CAMP - IN PERSON THIS SUMMER!

Registration for the Wisconsin region ELS summer camp, "Camp Rise" is now online! Camp: <u>CampRise.org</u>

LUTHERAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION (LYA)

H.S. Youth have the opportunity to attend a youth retreat, July 22-25, either in the Midwest or in Florida. Transportation will be paid for. Your cost will be registration. Talk to Pastor if you are interested.

MILITARY MONUMENT AT OUR SYNOD'S COLLEGE

Please consider making a contribution to the ELS military monument to remember and honor those who served. Until May 31st your gifts to the project will be matched dollar for dollar.

For more information, check out <u>www.els.org/monument</u>