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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

THE HOLY TRINITY

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AS WE GATHER

The Holy Trinity presents profound complexities. The church wrestles to dissect and sync together the identities and the activities of the Father, Son, and Spirit. The Athanasian Creed is the treatise that sews together the equality and uniqueness of the three persons of the Trinity. With faith's assurance, the church confesses trinitarian substance, coeternal majesty, and seemingly unattainable mystery. The Uncreated, the Infinite, the Almighty are One in Three. The Holy Trinity is vested in working in our midst today, every day, and eternally. In faith, the church and its members forge ahead in life because the Holy Trinity just works! We may not understand fully, and yet, by faith we believe the Father works—creating; the Son works—redeeming; and the Spirit works—sanctifying. Our entire life of frailty and faith is only possible because the Holy Trinity just works—all the time—with us, for us, and alongside us!

Old Testament wisdom reveals, prophesies, and confirms the eternal presence of Jesus Christ, before the foundations of the world. Wisdom allows us to peer through the lens of Old Testament patriarchs, prophets, and judges, and believe in Jesus. Wisdom allows us to peer through the lens of the New Testament and believe in the sustainable eternity Christ secures through His life, death, and resurrection. This wisdom, personified and proclaimed, provides reliable truths that eclipse the distortions of the world, captivated by sin and sorrow. Trinitarian truths are indelible and deeply rooted in the Holy Scriptures. These truths accompany our tenuous lives, providing substance, solace, and promised salvation!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Johann & Duane*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN "Glory Be to God the Father" LSB 506, sts. 1-4

Please stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, who endlessly creates and re-creates all living things;

People: **Glory to God the Father.**

Pastor: and of the Son, who forever redeems, restores, and forgives;

People: Glory to God the Son.

Pastor: in of the Spirit, who continually sanctifies and calls us by name.

People: Glory to God the Spirit.

OPENING SENTENCES *based on Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31*

Pastor: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit possess all wisdom before the very work of creation.

People: Praise be to the Holy Trinity.

Pastor: Wisdom, begotten of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reveals the incarnate Christ—the appointed Messiah, working out our salvation's story.

People: Praise be to the Holy Trinity.

Pastor: Eternal wisdom delights, rejoices, and is the workman of all things created and redeemed.

People: Praise be to the Holy Trinity. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Acts 2:38–39*

Pastor: Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

Pastor: By God's work of mercy, we are granted forgiveness. By Christ's work of suffering, crucifixion, and death, we are granted eternal life. By the work of the Spirit, we are continually sanctified in the glory of God's holy triune name—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are forgiven by the work of the Holy Trinity. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

KYRIE

Pastor: Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above,

People: You abound in gracious love,

Pastor: Of all things the maker and preserver.

People: Lord, have mercy!

Pastor: Kyrie! O Christ, our king,

People: Salvation for all You came to bring.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus, God's own Son,

People: Our mediator at the heav'nly throne:

Pastor: Hear our cry and grant our supplication.

People: Lord, have mercy!

Pastor: Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost,

People: Guard our faith, the gift we need the most,

Pastor: And bless our life's last hour,

People: That we leave this sinful world with gladness.
Lord, have mercy!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting triune God, grant us abiding faith that we may steadfastly believe and confess Your divine work as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Throughout our temporal and eternal living, be our constant companion—creating and renewing, redeeming and forgiving, calling and sanctifying us. In all suffering and service, grant that we be mindful that You are the one true God, undivided, uncreated, infinite, and almighty, in whose triune name we pray.

People: Amen.

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31** (Wisdom, personified, reveals the presence and work of Jesus even before the creation of the world.)

¹Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

⁴“To you, O men, I call,

and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

²²“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.

²³Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth,

(continued...)

²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields,
 or the first of the dust of the world.
²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there;
 when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
 when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹when 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,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman,
 and I was daily his delight,
 rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
 and delighting in the children of man.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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,

EPISTLE Acts 2:14a, 22–36 (God richly supplies Jesus with the credentials to accomplish all divine works, wonders, and signs.)

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²“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—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and

killed by the hands of lawless men.

²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; (*continued...*)

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"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. ³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are

Please stand

VERSE *Isaiah 6:3b*

Pastor: Alleluia! Praise to the Holy Trinity:

People: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

Pastor: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

People: the whole earth is full of His glory! Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:48–59* (Jesus reveals His eternal identity with God the Father before the time of Abraham.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If

witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'

³⁶Let 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.

anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But 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. (continued...)

⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before

Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So 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.

Please sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" *LSB* 822, sts. 1-4

SERMON "SEIZING THE MOMENT"

The Rev. Peter Guedner

CANTICLE HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" *LSB* 507, sts. 1-4

TITHES AND OFFERING *Johann & Duane*

ATHANASIAN CREED

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's, 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.

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.

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: 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.

Please stand**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Holy Trinity, grant us truth, wisdom, companionship, and Your fatherly care. Rejuvenate our wearied and wounded spirits, that we may be refreshed with Your wisdom of forgiveness, mercy, and grace.

Father's Day Prayer...

Pastor: Holy Trinity, grant us truth, wisdom, and companionship with Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Envelope us in the gruesome wisdom of the cross, the senseless turmoil of Calvary; but also, the glorified wisdom of the empty grave, and the unimaginable glory of the heavens, yet to come.

Additional Trinity Prayers...

Pastor: Holy Trinity, by Your wisdom, transform our groans of misery into creeds of faith, our broken minds into vessels of clarity and blessed realities. Today we name before You those who yearn for the Holy Spirit's guidance and discernment.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Holy Trinity, we place all those for whom we pray.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: God—the Holy Trinity—re-create, redeem, and sanctify you in all wisdom and truth. God our Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit be your constant companion working in your heart, mind, and soul abundant mercy and grace, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** *LSB 805*

*** * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * ***