

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Observing the Feast of the Holy Trinity

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OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB 507

**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!**

Isaiah 6:2-3; Revelation 4:2-11; Exodus 15:11; Revelation 7:9-12

Please stand

ATHANASIAN CREED, Part 1

P: Whoever will be saved shall, above all else, hold the catholic* faith. Which faith, except everyone keeps whole and undefiled, without doubt, he will perish eternally. **universal*

C: And the catholic * faith is this, that we worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

P: Which is one of the reasons we make our beginning each Lord's Day in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. [Psalm 130:3-4]

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. [Luke 18:13]

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen. [John 20:19-23]

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

P: Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us. I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

C: 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.

P: Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because He has shown His mercy to us. *Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

KYRIE [*Mark 10:47*]

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS [*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*]

**To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing
our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heavenly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high.**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with You.

P: 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,

C: Amen.

Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 6:1–8

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. 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. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 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!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned

for.” And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ATHANASIAN CREED, Part 2

P: The Father is uncreated, incomprehensible, eternal.

Men: The Son is uncreated, incomprehensible, eternal.

Women: The Spirit is uncreated, incomprehensible, eternal.

P: So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty.

C: And yet they are not three almighties but one almighty.

P: So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.

C: And yet they are not three gods but one God.

P: So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord.

C: And yet they are not three lords but one Lord.

P: For we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge every person of the Godhead by Himself to be both God and Lord,

C: So we cannot by the catholic* faith say that there are three Gods or three Lords. *universal

SECOND READING: Acts 2:14a, 22–36

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— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 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; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “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. 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, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 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. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.’ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

THE ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. [John 20:31]

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 3:1–17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 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." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 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?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 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." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 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. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

ATHANASIAN CREED, Part 3

P: The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten. The Son is of the Father, not made nor created but begotten. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten but proceeding.

C: So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits. And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another.

P: But the whole three persons are coeternal together and coequal,

C: So that in all things, as has been said, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshiped.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Father Most Holy"

LSB507

**Father most holy, merciful, and tender; Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender, Light never waning;**

**Trinity blessed, unity unshaken, Goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,
Light of the angels, joy of those forsaken, Hope of all living,**

**Maker of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee; All for Thy worship were and are created;
Now, as we also worship Thee devoutly, Hear Thou our voices.**

**Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory, One in three persons, over all exalted!
Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee, Now and forever.**

Isaiah 6:2-3; 2 Corinthians 3:14; Psalm 145:10; Psalm 145:21; Psalm 86:12

SERMON

Your offering may be placed in the collection plate in the Narthex as you depart the church.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord. [*Colossians 3:1*]

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise. [*Psalms 136*]

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto You O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored,
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

You once revealed Your name to Moses in the burning bush; and through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You unveiled the mystery of Your holy name in the Trinity of persons and the Unity of being.

Grant that we, who have been baptized and instructed in the triune name, may faithfully eat and drink of Your Son's body and blood and worship You in spirit and truth, O Father, through Your Son in the Holy Spirit,

Here us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *John 1:29*

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Distribution today is by station communion. Ushers will invite people to the front by family or individual. Pastor will drop the wafer into your cupped hands and you may take the individual cup yourself and dispose of it into the basket provided.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

LSB 637

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**

**He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Psalm 34:8; 1 Corinthians 10:16

Please stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29-32*

**O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding, through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

ATHANASIAN CREED, Part 4

P: Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man.

C: God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and man of the substance of His mother, born in the world; perfect God and perfect man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.

P: Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead and inferior to the Father as touching His manhood; who, although He is God and man, yet He is not two but one Christ.

C: One, not be conversion of the Godhead into flesh but by taking the manhood into God; one altogether, not by confusion of substance but by unity of person.

P: For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ;

Men: Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.

Women: He ascended into heaven, He sits at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Men: At whose coming all men will rise again with their bodies and will give an account of their own works.

Women: And they that have done good will go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire.

P: This is the catholic* faith which, except a person believe faithfully and firmly, he cannot be saved. *universal

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"

LSB 941

**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!**

Rev. 7:9-17; Phil. 2:5-11; Ps. 89:26