

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 31, 2026

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder. Or you can follow the projections on the front wall.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: THE TRIUNE GOD WORKS FOR YOU

Today marks the transition from one half of the church year to another: the “Festival Half” (Advent through Pentecost), to the “Non-Festival Half” which consists of “Sundays after Pentecost” and is also called the “Ordinary Time” or “Time of the Church”.

Whereas the Festival Half of the church year focuses on the life and work of Christ, the Non-Festival Half focuses on the response of believers to this salvation as they live their earthly lives in Spirit-worked faith in Jesus.

We begin with the first Sunday after Pentecost, also called “Trinity Sunday”, in which we focus on the Bible’s teaching that our God is one, yet has revealed himself as three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And this Triune God, beyond our human comprehension, is at work for us and for our salvation.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF “CLOSE COMMUNION”

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you’ve had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

ATHANASIAN CREED

Trinity Sunday is one of few occasions where we use the Athanasian Creed for our confession of faith during the worship service. This is one of the three “ecumenical creeds” (along with the Apostles Creed & Nicene Creed), to which all major denominations of Christianity subscribe.

Title and Authorship

This creed is named after Athanasius (296AD-373AD), who is, besides St. Nicolas of Myra, the most well-known defender against a false teaching called Arianism. Arianism denies that Christ is truly and fully God. While his name is used in the title, Athanasius was NOT the author of this creed.

Purpose

This creed was named after Athanasius because its purpose is very clearly to defend against the false teaching he so actively combatted: Arianism, especially in the second part of the creed. The first part of the creed also defends against a false teaching known as “Sabellianism” or “Modalism” which blurs the distinctions between the persons of the Trinity by stating that there is only one God who simply acts in three different ways or modes (hence “MODalism”). These false teachings still exist in various forms today.

Origin

Earliest documented uses of the Athanasian Creed date to the 6th century AD (500’s). The date of its original composition is unknown, with estimates between 380AD and 450AD.

Value For Today

The Athanasian Creed continues to help the church clearly confess what the Bible teaches about God and the person and work of Jesus. You will find no greater explanation of the Bible’s teaching of God being three persons yet one God than the Athanasian Creed.

The Word “Trinity”

Did you know that you will not find the words “triune” or “trinity” in the Bible? This doesn’t mean we are adding something to the Bible. These words are simply terms used to encapsulate what the Bible teaches about God in one word. After all, speaking of the “Triune God” is much less verbose than, “The God who reveals himself as three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, united in one Godhead”).

Please stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

DIALOGUE FOR HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

GOD THE FATHER

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

-Luther's Small Catechism, 1st Article

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

-Hebrews 11:3

God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.

-Luther's Small Catechism, 1st Article

The Lord makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth.

-Psalm 104:14

GOD THE SON

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

-Luther's Small Catechism, 2nd Article

When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

-Galatians 4:4,5

Christ has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

-Luther's Small Catechism, 2nd Article

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

-Matthew 20:28

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

-Luther's Small Catechism, 3rd Article

No one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

-John 3:5,6

In the same way, the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

-Luther's Small Catechism, 3rd Article

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

-Ephesians 4:4-6

DOXOLOGY

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! From him and through him and for him are all things.

-Romans 11:33,36a

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

-Romans 11:36b

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

CW 1002

Tune: WEBB



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1—2:3

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was undeveloped and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

³God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” There was evening and there was morning—the first day.

⁶God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters, and let it separate the water from the water.” ⁷God made the expanse, and he separated the water that was below the expanse from the water that was above the expanse, and it was so. ⁸God called the expanse “sky.” There was evening and there was morning—the second day.

⁹God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear,” and it was so. The waters under the sky gathered to their own places, and the dry land appeared. ¹⁰God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathering places of the waters he called “seas.” God saw that it was good. ¹¹God said, “Let the earth produce plants—vegetation that produces seed, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it—each according to its own kind on the earth,” and it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth plants, vegetation that produces seed according to its own kind, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it, each according to its own kind, and God saw that it was good. ¹³There was evening and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to divide the day from the night, and let them serve as markers to indicate seasons, days, and years. ¹⁵Let them serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to give light to the earth,” and it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set these lights in place in the expanse of the sky to provide light for the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. ¹⁹There was evening and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰God said, “Let the waters swarm with living creatures, and let birds and other winged creatures fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky.” ²¹God created the large sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their own kind, and every winged bird according to its own kind. God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them when he said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³There was evening and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴God said, “Let the earth produce living creatures according to their own kind, livestock, creeping things, and wild animals according to their own kind,” and it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their own kind, and the livestock according to their own kind, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its own kind. God saw that it was good.

²⁶God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls on the earth.”

²⁷God created the man in his own image.

In the image of God he created him.

Male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹God said, “Look, I have given you every plant that produces seed on the face of the whole earth, and every tree that bears fruit that produces seed. It will be your food. ³⁰To every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

¹The heavens and the earth were finished, along with everything in them. ²On the seventh day God had finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had been doing. ³God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as holy, because on it he rested from all his work of creation that he had done.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11–14

¹¹Finally, brothers, rejoice. Set things in order. Be encouraged. Agree with one another. Be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All the saints greet you.

¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain. ¹⁸Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Galilee's High Mountain | CW 742

SERMON

Matthew 28:16-20

Make Disciples of the Triune God

Please stand

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.
27 It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation that one faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.
28 Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.
29 He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother,
30 fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh;
31 equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;
32 and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one:
33 one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;
34 one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;
35 for just as the rational soul and flesh is one human being, so God and man is one Christ.
36 He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.
37 He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.
38 At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.
39 Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.¹
40 This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.²

¹ Believers in Jesus are forgiven by God's grace through faith in him. This faith produces good works. If works are present, that means faith in Jesus is present. A good axiom to remember this is, "We are saved by faith in Christ alone, and saving faith is never alone. It produces works." (Eph 2:8-10, Phil 2:12-13, James 2:14-25)

² Lines 2, 26, & 40 are stark warnings. Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Recall also Acts 4:12, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Please be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION (9:30 AM Service)

MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.

As we worship God in word and song we also worship Him with our offerings. Everything belongs to God – our hearts, our voices, even our possessions. Offering plates are by the doors.



This QR code may be used to give an offering using your phone.

Please stand

The Sacrament

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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.

LAMB OF GOD

CW 1031

Tune: ST. CRISPIN



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled



cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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Please be seated

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | CW 624
Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us | CW 566

DISMISSAL BLESSING

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go ☩ in peace.

Amen.

Please stand

THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

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

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

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.

CLOSING HYMN

May the Peace of God | CW 929

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