

TRINITY SUNDAY

Saturday, May 26, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 27, 2018 - 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Based on the Service of Prayer & Preaching LSB pg. 260

As We Gather

In the cry of the angels calling “Holy, holy, holy” in Isaiah 6 there is an eternal echo that announces the presence and power of our God, the Holy Trinity. There is a sense of both majesty and mystery as Isaiah the prophet is commissioned to go and speak on behalf of the Lord. He is set apart for a holy purpose, a purpose that is ours to share. We are called to proclaim that God is Three in One, known and praised as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Joining our voices with the hosts of heaven, we proclaim the truth that God has revealed Himself to us.

Prelude, Video Clip & Welcome

Entrance Hymn (Please stand on last verse) “Loving Father, You Have Made Me” tune LSB 706



1. Lov - ing Fa - ther, You have made me, As a pot - ter
2. Je - sus, Shep - herd, You have sought me, When I wan - dered
3. Ho - ly Spir - it You have called me, Brought me to my
4. God the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Three in One and



forms the clay, Mold - ed for a spe - cial pur - pose;
from Your fold; Lay - ing down Your life as ran - som
Sav - ior's side; Branch up - on the Vine now grow - ing
One in Three: Lord, ac - cept the thanks I of - fer



That I might Your love dis - play.
Shed - ding blood worth more than gold!
By Your grace all needs sup - plied.
Serv - ing You my joy shall be!

Opening Sentences

L: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C: **Teach me Your paths.**

L: Sanctify us in Your truth.

C: **Your Word is truth.**

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

All: **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.**

Hymn of Praise

“Glory Be to God the Father”

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1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!

✠ The Word of the Lord ✠

Old Testament *(Please be seated)*

“Holy is the Lord”

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In 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. ²Above 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. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And 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!” ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” ⁸And 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.**

Epistle

“God is Love”

1 John 4:7-9

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn Verse *(Please stand and sing)*

“Glory Be to God the Father”

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4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

Holy Gospel

“Whoever Believes in Him...”

John 3:1-16

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² 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.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ 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?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ 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.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ 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. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer of Response & Lord's Prayer

L: Blessed Lord, You have given us Your Holy Scriptures, so that we may rightly know You and worship You in our lives. As we have now heard Your Word of forgiveness and truth, may it find rich soil within our hearts and minds that it may flourish in all aspects of our being. May the roots of our identity grow deep into Your promises, relying upon You for direction and guidance each day. This we ask in the name of Jesus, knowing that You will hear us as we pray:

C: 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.

Children's Message *(Please be seated)*

Hymn of the Day

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

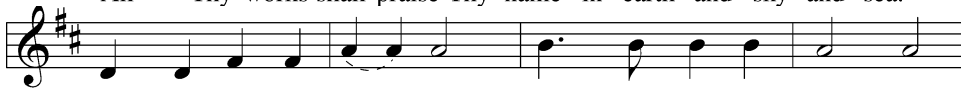
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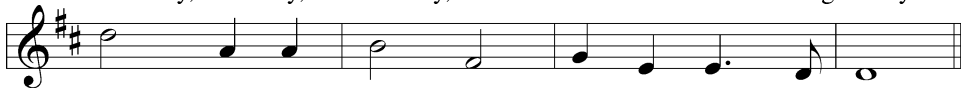
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

“Belief: Grappling with God” (John 3:1-16)

Series: “Conversations with Jesus” (Week 1 of 3)

1) A simple _____ does not mean a simple _____.

⁴ 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?” ...⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?” (John 3:4, 9-10).

2) There is but one _____; that is _____.

Everything else is _____ when it looks to Him and _____ when it turns from Him.

[Jesus said:]¹¹ “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.¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life” (John 3:11-15).

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Athanasian Creed (Please stand)

(Early in the 4th century, a North African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. At a church council in AD 325, fellow church leaders responded with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God and true Man. Toward the end of the 5th century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a 4th century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed came from a later stage in the debate. The word ‘creed’ comes from the Latin word meaning “I believe.” A creed is a statement of belief. Throughout the history of the church, Christians have sought to give a clear confession of what the Bible teaches about the Triune God—Father, Son, & Holy Spirit—using particularly the Apostles’, Nicene, & Athanasian. The first of three sections is used here.)

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

C: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

P: And the catholic faith is this,

C: that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

P: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

C: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

P: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

C: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

P: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite.

C: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

P: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

C: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

P: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

C: and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.

P: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

C: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

P: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

C: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Confession of Sins and the Announcement of God’s Forgiveness

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for Your forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Pastoral Greeting & Rite of Fellowship *(Please be seated)*

(Welcome! Please add your name to the fellowship pad.)

Gathering of Offerings

(As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our lives, time, talents and financial gifts. We trust Him to supply all our needs. If you would like to give your offering electronically, you can use www.clcs.org/donate or the QR code here.)



Prayer of the Church *(Please stand)*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For (...*special petitions*), let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

The 8:00 a.m. service continues on page 10.

Holy Communion - Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life. He says: "Come, for those who eat this bread and drink this cup will never hunger or thirst, but be raised up on the Last Day" (John 6). Whoever receives the Lord's Supper must be a believer in Christ (Hebrews 11:6); be sorry for their sins (Proverbs 28:13); believe that Christ offers His body and blood with the bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:16); and be willing to forgive those who have sinned against you (Matthew 6:14-15). Come with faith in His promises to you and His presence in this holy meal.

As you approach the Lord's table, please move to the cross on the center rail.

Gluten-free wafers are available on the two stands at the front of the church.

Worshippers with a gluten allergy may pick up a sealed packet on their way to the communion rail.

✠ Service of Holy Communion ✠
6:30 p.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The Words of Institution & the Peace of the Lord

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

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei *(Sung)*

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

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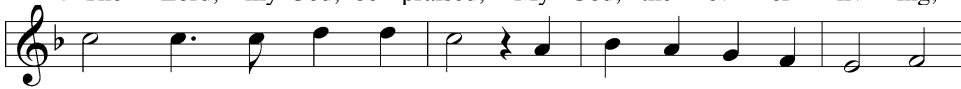
- 1 Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Distribution Hymns *(Please be seated)* **“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”**

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- 1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
- 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
- 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
- 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



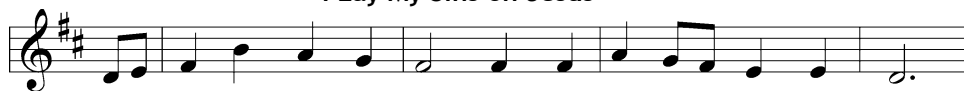
My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

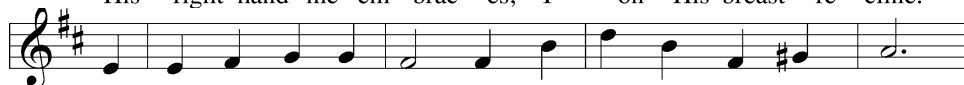
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1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
 He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
 His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
 He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
 Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

Post-Communion Hymn (Please stand) “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly



host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Communion Blessing

Evening Prayer (6:30 p.m.)

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

8:00 a.m. service continues here

Morning Prayer (8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.)

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

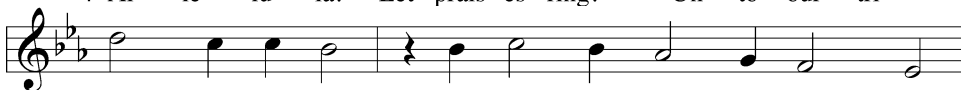
Sending Hymn

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”

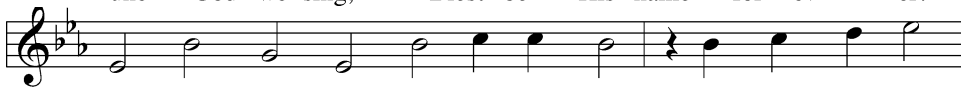
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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
 une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



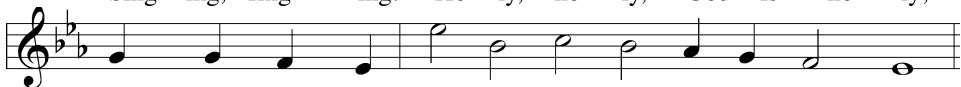
To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
 With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

Postlude