



# **FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT**

*The First Sunday after Pentecost — Holy Trinity*

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Kearney, Nebraska*

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*Sunday, May 22, 2016*

## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

For your convenience, **Listening Devices** are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak with an usher if you need one. A **Nursery** is also available and is equipped with a speaker so that a minimal amount of the service is missed. The nursery is located in the hallway just off the entryway (first door on left).

## SERVICE NOTES FOR HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Sin is rampant. The godless get ahead. Deception succeeds. The believer suffers...or so it would seem. But the Word sets forth testimony to the truth of the Triune God through the Holy Spirit. For the Spirit works through the means of grace—the Gospel found in the Word and in the Sacraments—proclaiming the message of the Christ in the waters of baptism and the blood of the Lord's Supper. This is the Spirit's message: the Father has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

## THE ATHANASIAN CREED

The Athanasian Creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without saving faith.

Our congregation uses the Athanasian Creed once a year on Holy Trinity Sunday. However, this should not underscore the importance of such an important and necessary doctrine. Especially in modern society and culture, the message of true salvation through Christ alone is

a message that continually needs to be underscored. Perhaps this Creed should even be used more often!

**HOLY COMMUNION WILL NOT BE OFFERED TODAY**

The Lord’s Supper would normally be offered this morning. However, because Pastor Seelow has been asked to preach at the graduation service of Great Plains Lutheran High School, he is not available to preside over the Sacrament. The Augsburg Confession, a Lutheran confession of faith to which this congregation has vowed to uphold, says: *“Our churches teach that no one should publicly teach in the Church, or administer the Sacrament, without a rightly ordered call.”* (AC XIV) This does not mean that a layman could not administer the sacrament of the Supper. But because God is a God of good order (1 Corinthians 14:33), our church body and congregation has decided that in order to keep good order, we reserve the responsibility of administering the Sacrament to the office of Pastor.

**The Sacrament of the Holy Supper *will be* offered in the Divine Service next Sunday, May 29.**

**SERVING US TODAY**

**Service Leader** .....  
**Pianist** .....Michelle Reinsch  
**Ushers** .....Randy Kahle & Chaden Darby  
**Greeters** .....Oscar & Arleta Bauch  
**Sound Technician** .....Jamie Scott

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# THE DAILY OFFICE — MATINS



*Traditionally, the one of the first services of the morning—called Matins—was celebrated mid-morning. Joined to Christ, their risen Lord, Christians glorify God as they rise to the activities of this new day.*

## OPENING HYMN

*Come, Now, Almighty King* | **CW 193**

## INVOCATION

*Please stand.*

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## RESPONSES

**L** In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; *Psalm 5:3*

**C** **in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.**

**L** We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, *Daniel 9:18*

**C** **but because of your great mercy.**

**L** May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; *Psalm 90:17*

**C** **establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.**

**L** Let me live that I may praise you, *Psalm 119:175*

**C** **and may your laws sustain me.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** 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.

**C** Amen.

*Be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON

*Numbers 6:22-27*

<sup>22</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup> “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup> “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 150* | **CW p. 122**



### *Refrain*

Praise God in his sanctu- | ary;\*  
praise him in his mighty | heavens.

Praise him for his acts of | power;\*  
praise him for his surpassing | greatness.

### *Refrain*



Praise him with the sounding of the | trumpet,\*  
 praise him with the | harp and lyre,  
 praise him with tambourine and | dancing,\*  
 praise him with | strings and flute,  
 praise him with the clash of | cymbals,\*  
 praise him with resounding | cymbals.

***Refrain***

Let everything that has breath | praise the LORD.\*  
 Praise | the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit,**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

***Refrain***

**SECOND LESSON**

*Romans 5:1-5*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 16:12-15*

*Please stand.*

**[L]** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter sixteen.

**[C]** **Praise be to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said,] <sup>12</sup> “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**[L]** The Gospel of our Lord.

**[C]** **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest* | **CW 177**

## DEVOTION

*Numbers 6:22-27*

<sup>22</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup> “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup> “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

***See How Blessed You Are!***

## OFFERING

*Moved by God’s love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

## ATHANASIAN CREED

*Please stand.*

- C** Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.  
Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,  
without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,  
but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,  
equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;  
yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,  
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.

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;  
yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;  
yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;  
yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

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.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,  
but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons;  
one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,  
but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,



so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,  
is both God and man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;

and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one,  
one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;  
one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;  
for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being,  
so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

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.

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies  
to answer for their personal deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life,  
but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

*Be seated.*

**HYMN**

*Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices* | **CW 194**

**LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER**

*Please stand.*

**C** In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C** 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.

## BLESSING

**L** 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.

**C** Amen.

*Be seated.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost | CW 190*



## Announcements

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**NO BIBLE CLASS TODAY** Because Pastor Seelow is out of town, no Bible Classes will be held this morning. The final class of *Romans 1-8* will be held next Sunday, May 29.

**SUMMER SESSION OF BIBLE CLASSES** The Summer Session of Bible Class begins on Sunday, June 5. The class will last 19 minutes (we promise!) and will cover some *Very Important Chapters of the Bible*. Please make time in your schedules to attend one or both of these great opportunities to continue to grow in faith and fellowship.

**CHURCH PICNIC ON JUNE 5** A church picnic has been scheduled for June 5. Following Bible Class that day a picnic will be held here on the church grounds. The meal will be potluck and games and fellowship will be enjoyed that afternoon. All members, family, friends, non-members, and visitors are welcome! Please consider staying and making time for fun and fellowship with your fellow members and friends!

**500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION TOUR** Pastor James Humann, a retired WELS pastor, invites you to join him on a tour celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. The tour is for twelve days and leaves June 19, 2017. This tour will visit the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany where Luther nailed the 95 theses on the church door; the Wartburg Castle where he lived in disguise and translated the New Testament into German; Eisenach where he was born and died; and other important Reformation sites.

In addition to the Reformation sites we'll visit Leipzig where Bach worked and is buried; Munich and Berlin, two of the worlds great cities for history, shopping and enjoying great German cuisine and drink; Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic; the magnificent city of Vienna in Austria; and Salzburg in the beautiful Bavarian Alps where the Sound of Music was filmed.

For a brochure describing the daily itinerary, reservation form and costs, please e-mail Pastor James Humann at [Jhumann383@aol.com](mailto:Jhumann383@aol.com). If you'd like a hard copy, be sure to include your name and mailing address. Space is limited!

**KIDS AND TEENS SUMMER CAMP** Once again, Camp Jefferson will be holding Youth and Teen Camps this summer. The 2016 Theme is "Super Savior," based on Luke 1:49: "The mighty one has done great things for me." The Youth Camp will be held July 15-17, and the Teen Camp will be held July 17-20.

Camp Jefferson is a three-day WELS camp located outside of Fairbury, Nebraska. It offers children and youth an opportunity to have fun and fellowship in a safe and controlled environment. These three day camps offer Bible studies, swimming, crafts and outdoor games during the day and campfires, movies, and other activities in the evening. Camp concludes with a worship service for the campers, family and friends.

A dedicated volunteer staff of adults direct the programs under the leadership of the Camp Directors. The Youth Camp is open to children entering 3rd through 8th grade. The Teen Camp is open to all kids entering 9th grade through age 19.

More information, as well as registration forms, can be found at [www.welscampjefferson-welsne.org](http://www.welscampjefferson-welsne.org).

**NEW MEDITATIONS AVAILABLE** The next series of Meditations devotion books are available on the table in the entry way. If you do not receive a copy and would like a copy, please let Pastor Seelow know.

**CONGREGATION AT PRAYER** A copy of the newest “A Congregation at Prayer” is available on the table in the entryway. This packet is not only a good outline for personal and family devotions, but it also includes an up-to-date prayer list for those in (and outside) our congregation.

## *This Week’s Calendar*

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**Wednesday, May 25**.....AM — Hospital/Shut-in Calls  
7p — *Connecting Sinai to Calvary* Bible Class

**Sunday, May 29**.....9:30a — Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45a — Sunday School  
10:55a — *Romans 1-8* Bible Class

**Ushers:** Logan & Tom Hansen  
**Greeter:** Brei Family  
**Sound Tech:** Jamie Scott

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**Cleaning (5/22-5/28)** .....*Church*—Webb; *Fellowship*—Wenz; *Ed. Bldg.*—Adelung  
**Mowing**.....Scott

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