

# Trinity Sunday

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Liturgy: Trinity; TLH p. 24

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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #246

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

**C** The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

**P** What is man that You are mindful of him,

**C** And the son of man that You visit him?

**P** O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth,

**C** Who have set Your glory above the heavens! *(Ps. 8:1, 3-4)*

### Confession of Our Sins

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**P** Let us go to our great Three-in-One God, confessing our sins.

**P** Heavenly Father, Creator of all that exists, in deep humility we approach Your presence, for though You shower us with blessings, we have rebelled against You and Your just reign over us.

**C** We have sinned against You, against one another, and even against Your good creation in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Forgive us, and teach us again to be Your true sons and daughters.

**P** Lord Jesus, Savior sent from the Father, in deep humility we confess that we have neglected to appreciate Your great sacrifice—entering time and space to die for us.

**C** We have failed to love You with our heart, soul, and mind, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to live as Your loving brothers and sisters. Forgive us, and grant us Your own determination to love our neighbors in Your name.

**P** Holy Spirit, giver of every good gift,

**C** In deep humility we confess that we have let the faith You have planted within us to be covered with our own wants and desires. Without Your help we cannot be free; we are bound to sin. Forgive us, and renew in us clean and upright spirits.

## Absolution from Our God

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**P** The eternal God, our Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier, has not forsaken us in our sin. For the sake of the Son, who became one of us to die for us, God offers full and free pardon. As a called servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## The Gloria Patri

TLH #244:1,4

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*Latin for "Glory be to the Father."*

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**C** *♩* **Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit:  
Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

**Glory, blessing, praise eternal!  
Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, power, dominion!  
Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!**

## Collect Prayer of the Day

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*A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.*

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**P** 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.



### Genesis 1:1, 26-31

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. . . <sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let

us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and

over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup> And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.



### **Matthew 28:16-20**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



### **Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them. . . <sup>22</sup> "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-- <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> 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; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' <sup>29</sup> "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. <sup>30</sup> 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, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.'" <sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

## **Confession of Faith**

*The Athanasian Creed (Excerpts)*

**☐ Whoever will be saved must hold to the true Christian faith. Now this is the 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, Son and Holy Spirit – is distinct, yet 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 – infinite, eternal, almighty. So, the Father is God, the Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God—yet they are not three Gods, but one God. And within this Trinity none comes before or after; None is greater or inferior, but all three Persons are coequal and coeternal. Whoever will to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.**

**It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation to truly 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, divinely existing from all eternity, and He is Man, born of His mother in time—fully God and fully Man. Yet Christ is not two Persons but One—One not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God. He suffered for our salvation, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. All who believe in Him will enter eternal life and all who do not will enter eternal hellfire. This is the true Christian faith in which all who believe this will be saved.**

**Hymn: TLH #43**

*“We Sing the Almighty Power of God”*



## **Psalm 8**

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory

above the heavens. <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### **Our Majestic Lord is Incomprehensible**

(And Our Majestic Lord Does the Incomprehensible)



**C** ♪ *Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: WS #744

"How Great Thou Art"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** ♪ *And with thy spirit.*

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** ♪ *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, Our God.

**C** ♪ *It is meet and right so to do.*

**P** It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C** ♪ *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.*

The Order of Holy Communion



The Words of Institution

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed 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! **C** ♪ *Amen.*

## The Agnus Dei

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- C** *♩ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God That takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world. Grant us Thy peace. Amen.*
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### **Communion Today is for Members Only Please**

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30 & more.) If you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

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### **✠ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper ✠**

**Distribution Hymns:**

*TLH #245; TLH #237; TLH #311*

### **The Nunc Dimittis**

*Luke 2:29-32*

- C** *♩ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant Depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation; Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, A Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.*

### **The Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

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- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C** *♩ Amen, amen, a – men.*

**Hymn: LSB #941**

*"We Praise You and Acknowledge You"*



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
 2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;  
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
 4 You sit in splen-did glo - ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.  
 The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.  
 Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:  
 Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,  
 The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,  
 You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,  
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:  
 Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:  
 Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;  
 So help Your ser - vants You have re - deem - ed by blood, we pray;



"O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 "O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,  
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—  
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"  
 You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.  
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!



**The Special Voters' Meeting** that recessed two Sundays ago will reconvene briefly this morning after church to clarify the two part-time teaching calls that were issued two weeks ago.

**Family Bible Class** – Today's Family Bible Class topic will be the Miracle of Butterfly Transformation and Migration. How do butterflies taste their food? How much do a caterpillar increase in size before it pupates? What happens inside the chrysalis? How far do Monarchs migrate? How do they navigate? Find out the answers to these questions and more as we marvel at God's creative design this morning after the conclusion of the worship service.

**MN Delegates Conference** will be this coming Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Berea, Inver Grove Heights, beginning at 10:00 am.

**VBS** is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Sign-up sheets are in the church entryway for VBS volunteers. Help is needed for advertising, lesson assembly, decorations, crafts, music, and recess; if you would be able to help in any of these areas, please sign up! If you would be interested in being a teacher for any particular age level, please speak with Pastor *before* signing up.

**Joint Bridal Shower** – The Ladies of the Congregation are cordially invited to "Croquet & Tea With The Brides Times Three." Please join us at 11 AM Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, on the back lawn for a card bridal shower to celebrate Hannah, Faith, and Lydia Kazemba. Please RSVP at the back of the church and contact Rebecca Schrader with any questions - 512-966-2156.

<b>Ushers</b>	5/31	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	6/7	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	6/14	Kendall B, Larry B.
<b>Cleaning</b>		This Week – Fogelman, Ahrens, Sullivan (wk. 4)
		Up Next – The Voits

**Subscription Renewals** – If you are subscribed to *Daily Rest* or *The Lutheran Spokesman*, it's time to renew for another year. We will send a check to renew everyone in the congregation, but if you are able to offset that payment in your offerings, we'd ask you to do so. The annual price for a subscription is \$15 for *Daily Rest* and \$20 for *The Lutheran Spokesman*.

If you are not subscribed to these, but would like to be, OR if you are currently subscribed but would like to be removed from the mailing list, please speak with Pastor.

(*Daily Rest* is a quarterly five-day-per-week devotional periodical written by Pastors of the CLC. *The Lutheran Spokesman* is a CLC monthly magazine with devotions and other thought-provoking articles.)

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**CLC Call News** – Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Iron River, MI, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has **returned** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has **returned** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of the Western Wisconsin Quad Parish has also **returned** the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

June 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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**Mon John 3:1-15** The triune God whom we worship is all about saving mankind for eternity. Thus Jesus points Nicodemus to being born of the Spirit (v8) without which he cannot see or enter the kingdom of God.

**Tues Romans 11:33-36** To sit in judgment of God, His words, or His actions, on the basis of our human knowledge and reason is really ridiculous. He is so far above us! We always do better to learn from Him.

**Wed Ezekiel 18:30-32** The Lord God calls upon His people to repent and turn away from rebellious acts. He does this not because they could ever overthrow Him, but because He wants them to live (v32)!

**Thurs Psalm 115:1-8** The name of God is glorious because He acts in great mercy and truth. How unlike Him are mankind's idols, who cannot speak or grunt, see or hear, smell or feel, or even walk around!

**Fri Psalm 115:9-18** The Lord is worthy of His people's trust, for He actively helps them and also shields them. He is worthy of their praises, for He remembers them and blesses, blesses, and blesses them more!

**Sat Psalm 67** May the shining face of God ever smile upon us. His way is the path of salvation. He deserves the praise of people – all of them (v3,5). God's ruling on earth means blessing for His people (v6,7).

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