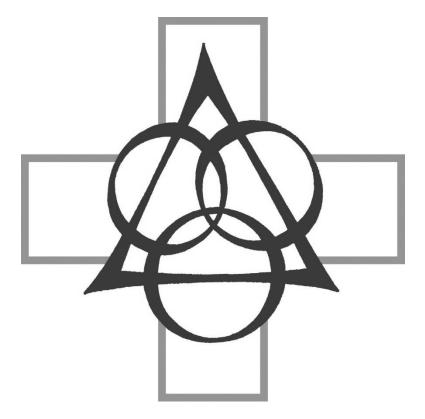
The Lutheran Church of the Savior A Community of Faith: Centered in Christ – Called to Serve



Order of Worship

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Introit

Liturgical Text; Psalm 16:8–11

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.

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- · who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service. Thank you.

The Holy Trinity

Welcome

Divine Service

Invocation

- P This is the day the Lord has made;
- **G** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

- Confident of the Lord's presence with us here in His house, we make our beginning in His powerful name; in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19
- C Amen.







Prayer of Confession

- Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.
- **G** We have not always lived our lives according to your will.
- P We have often failed to live up to your expectations.
- **G** We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- P But we know your promise, that if we confess our sins,
- **G** you will hear our cry, and grant us your forgiveness.

Silence for confession and reflection

- P Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess our failings to you...
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Jesus has carried our sins to His own death. His sacrifice is complete and full it is finished! The victory is won!
 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.
- G Amen.

Kyrie

- **P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- **C** Christ, have mercy upon us.
- P Lord, have mercy upon us.



Song



Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

¹Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice?
²On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:
⁴"To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.... ²²"The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

²³Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,

²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

 $^{14}\mbox{Peter},$ standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²"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— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

²⁹"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. ³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"'The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 8:48–59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died?

And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to You, O Christ.





Sermon



The Athanasian Creed: The Church's Confession of the Holy Trinity

Early in the fourth century, a new teaching appeared which claimed that Jesus was not true God. Arius, the north African priest who first proposed this theory, was extremely persuasive, and soon the controversy was so widespread that a church council was called to settle the matter. Out of that meeting in A.D. 325 came the Nicene Creed, which clearly confesses Jesus to be true God. That creed, which was expanded in A.D. 381 in order to defend the divinity of the Holy Spirit, is still widely used today as a confession of the triune faith.

Despite the clarity of the Nicene Creed, the controversy continued for some time. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that marveled at the mystery of the Trinity in a way that no creed had ever done. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.

The Athanasian Creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are the catholic *(that is, the universal, Christian) faith. In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than 15 centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given himself for our salvation.

- L Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic* faith.
- Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- L And the catholic faith is this,
- that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

- **L** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- L Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- Ithe Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- L the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- **G** the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- L And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

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

- L In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- **G** and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- L So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- **G** and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- L So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- **G** and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- L Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- **G** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- L The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- Thus, 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;

- L but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- C Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- **L** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

L He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

- L equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- L one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- L ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- L And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Prayer of the Church

Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend ... and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Blessing

P The grace of our Lord
→ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

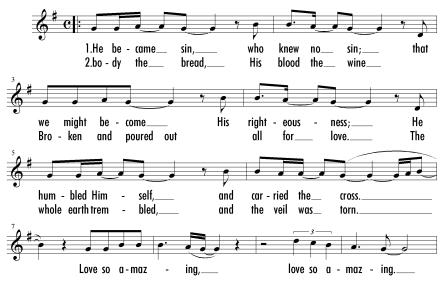
C Amen.

Song

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus

Tomlin, Carson, Cash, Reeves

Jesus Messiah





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Resources for Meditation this Week

THE HOLY TRINITY

Readings

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31 Acts 2:14a, 22–36 John 8:48–59

The Triune God Reveals Himself in Christ Jesus

The divine Word of the Father also is the holy wisdom who "was beside him, like a master workman," who "was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always" (Prov. 8:30). This Word became flesh and suffered death in order to bestow life by the preaching of His Gospel "to the children of man" (Prov. 8:4). He honors the Father, and the Father glorifies Him by raising Him from the dead, so that all who keep His Word "will never see death" (John 8:51). Long ago, "father Abraham rejoiced" in the day of Christ, for "he saw it and was glad" (John 8:56). Though Christ was "crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men," "God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death" (Acts 2:23, 24). As He "received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:33), so it is by and through the Son that God the Father pours out the Holy Spirit upon His Church.



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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings Isaiah 65:1–9

Galatians 3:23–4:7 Luke 8:26–39

Jesus Brings Release from the Bonds of Sin, Death and the Devil

The Lord finds those who did not seek Him or ask for Him. He spreads out His hands "to a rebellious people" (Is. 65:2) and calls them to be His people and to dwell in peace upon His holy mountain (Is. 65:9). For wherever Jesus Christ enters in, Satan is cast out. Those who were enslaved and driven mad by the assaults and accusations of the devil are set free by the Word of Christ. He drowns and destroys the old Adam in us with the waters of Holy Baptism and thereby brings us out of death into life. No longer naked in our shame, living "among the tombs" (Luke 8:27), we are brought into the Lord's house, fully clothed by Christ; He has come in "the fullness of time" (Gal. 4:4) to fulfill the Law on our behalf and to redeem us from its every accusation. Therefore, having been justified by His grace through faith in His Gospel, "you are no longer a slave, but a son" (Gal. 4:7).

