

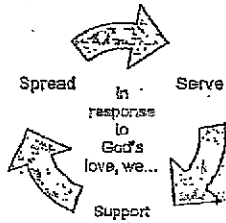
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## THE HOLY TRINITY

Order of Worship - 9 AM

**AS WE GATHER** – *In the cry of the seraphim calling “Holy, holy, holy” 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 blessed with a holy vocation, a vocation 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 praise with the hosts of heaven, we proclaim the truth that God has revealed Himself to us. Like Isaiah, we are the called people of God.*

### PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

by Paul Manz

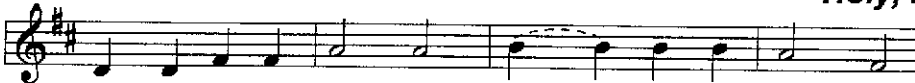
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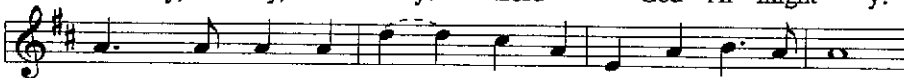
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### ♯OPENING HYMN

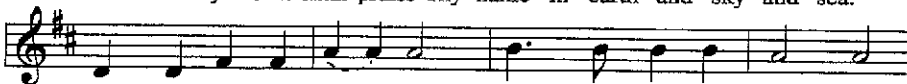
*Holy, Holy, Holy*



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!

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## INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 6:3b, Psalm 38:21–22; 43:3–4; 41:13

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\div$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;*
- C** **the whole earth is full of His glory!**
- P** *Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from me!*
- C** **Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**
- P** *Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;*
- C** **let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**
- P** *Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,*
- C** **and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.**
- P** *Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,*
- C** **from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

- P** *Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Let us with true hearts confess together that we, through sinful thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds, have transgressed God's righteous Law and deserve His punishment now and eternally.*
- C** **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and in eternity.**
- P** *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  $\div$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.*
- C** **Amen.**

## INTROIT

Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

- C** **Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.**

Women: I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Men: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

Women: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.

*Men: You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

**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.**

**☑ Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## Glorify Thy Name

Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You.  
Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You.  
Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You.

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

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Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** *The Lord be with you.*      **☑** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

**All: 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. Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**☑** **And also with you.**

**P** *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Isaiah 6:1–8**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**L** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**☑** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON

**Acts 2:14a, 22–36**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**L** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**☑** **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA VERSE

☐ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty. The whole earth is full of His glory. Amen! Amen! Amen!

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 3:1-17*

☐ *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.*

☐ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

☐ *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

☐ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## ☐ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

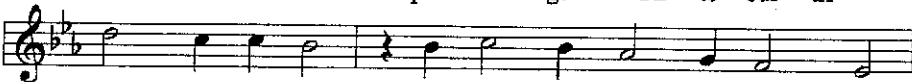
*[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Alleluia! Let Praises Ring*



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



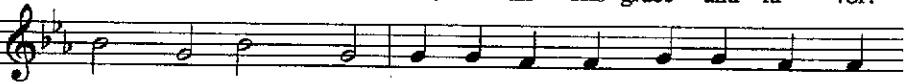
ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.  
of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.  
ly Ghost we sing, For our re - gen - er - a - tion.  
une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -  
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in  
The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to  
With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.  
that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.  
the Bride-groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.  
es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;  
Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.  
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;  
Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;

(continued)



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.  
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.  
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.  
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

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**SERMON**

**"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

- I. Like us, Isaiah could not approach God and live on his own in his sin.
- II. Like us, God's gift of Christ's atonement allows us to stand in the presence of the Holy Trinity.

**ATHANASIAN CREED** (Please see insert)

**OFFERING**

**"Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr"**

**by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau**

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Stephen P. Starke

DOROTHY  
Ralph C. Schultz



1 Lov - ing Fa - ther, You have made me,  
 2 Je - sus, Shep - herd, You have sought me,  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, You have called me,  
 4 God the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it,



As a pot - ter forms the clay,  
 When I wan - dered from Your fold;  
 Brought me to my Sav - ior's side;  
 Three in One and One in Three;



Mold - ed for a spe - cial pur - pose:  
 Lay - ing down Your life as ran - som,  
 Branch up - on the Vine now grow - ing,  
 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!

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. As we grow in the Christian faith, we pray for an increase of the Word, that it be freely shared and bring the good news of sins forgiven through Christ to every place. Triune God in mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *We pray for the world in which we live, asking that there would be times of peace and security in our days and that we know days of blessings and joy. Triune God in mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *We pray for the Church and for this household of faith, that we be the radiant Bride of Christ, daily growing in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Triune God in mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *We lift our petitions now for the sick, the shut-in, and all who this day are in need of our intercession, [especially . . .], that their prayers soon be answered and that they be supported by God's people as they honor Christ. Triune God in mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *As we pray, we remember with gratitude those valiant people of the armed forces of our nation who have fought and died to protect the liberties that are central to our way of life. Triune God in mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *In our time of prayer, we give thanks for the countless saints who lived out the faith in their time and who have entrusted it to us. Grant us courage to be faithful in confessing God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, looking forward to our eternal reunion in the courts of heaven. Triune God in mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to 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.**

## BENEDICTION

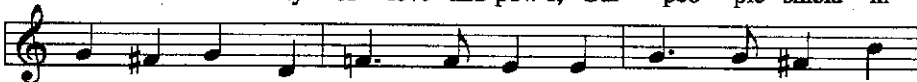
- P** *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.*
- C** **Amen.**

# CLOSING HYMN

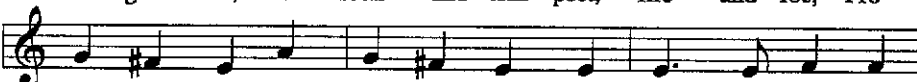
## Eternal Father, Strong to Save



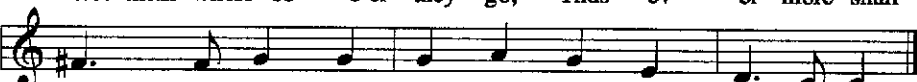
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the  
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic  
 3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its  
 runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -  
 fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save  
 dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
 ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy  
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.  
 watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.  
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: Cameron Hatton]

### POSTLUDE

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

by Joseph Prentiss

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### THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE

**KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM**

June 3: "*The Battleground of Time*"; Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer; Guest Speaker

Military personnel know what it means to be on the front line in combat. This message is about a battleground where we're between opposing forces and could easily lose our life, the Battleground of Time. (Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Mark 2:23—3:6)

# 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 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.
- C: **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
- L: 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.**
- L: 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.**
- L: 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;**
- L: The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C: **The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- L: 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.**
- L: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C: **And yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.**
- L: 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.**

*(continued on back)*

\*universal, Christian



- L:** 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.**
- L:** Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,
- C:** **So also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.**
- L:** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- Men:** **The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.**
- Women:** **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
- L:** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- Men:** **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
- Women:** **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.**
- All:** **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.
- C:** **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.**
- Men:** **He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;**
- Women:** **And He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:**
- All:** **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.
- Men:** **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- Women:** **One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;**
- All:** **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- L:** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C:** **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.**
- C:** **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.**
- C:** **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**