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The Holy Trinity

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Divine Service I

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

ATTENDANCE REGISTER: During the offering we ask that you sign the attendance register located at the center aisle of each pew. **Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the service.** Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION may be found in the opening cover of the hymnals in each pew. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

+SERVING TODAY+

Greeter: Garrett & Brooke Koch

Elder: Scott Tobalsky

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Ushers: Mark Mielke & Mark Bernhardt

Altar Guild: Bonnie Griepentrog & Kate Tobalsky

Cookies: Today's cookies and juice are provided by Sandra Babel, Donna Boyd, & Linda Polcin.

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Jerry & Kris Kochman in honor of their birthdays.

Invocation

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 8:1–2a, 3–5; antiphon: Liturgical Text



Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

O | LORD, our Lord,*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

You have set your glory above the | heavens.*

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have es- | tablished strength.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,*

the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place.

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glory and | honor.

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.

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

Kyrie

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This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect 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.

Old Testament Reading*Isaiah 6:1–7*

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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old**LSB 960*

YOUTH CHOIR:

*Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
The Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a throne, in splendor bright,
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;
One to the other called and praised the Lord:*

ALL:

**“Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!”**

YOUTH CHOIR:

*The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.*

Epistle

Romans 11:33–36

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This 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.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁴Nicodemus 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?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The 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.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, 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. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that 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. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Athanasian Creed

- 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 Infinities, 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.**
- 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, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- C** **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.
- C** **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.
- C** **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.
- 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.**
- 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:
- C** **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.
- C** **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;
- C** **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.**

Alleluia and Verse

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Sit

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Sanctus

Youth Choir

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay

LSB 505, v. 1-3

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Michael Shafer, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Kevin Boyd, Rianon Padro, Sean Gleason, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Richard Cleereman, George Metallo, and Howard Britten.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Angela Wilz (sister of Monica Scholz), Katy Billings, Rhoda (friend of Anita Brothers), Helga Schriener (mother of Monica Scholz), David Scholz (Ted's brother), Vern and Judy Stern (uncle and aunt of Sarah Billings), Matthew Orr (grandson-in-law of Betty Boness), Mike Caparelli (Paul Hegland's brother-in-law), Debbie Snodgrass, Jessica Peterson (granddaughter of John Hernandez), Carlos Hernandez (John's brother), Lindsey Fox (granddaughter of Karen Nichols), Thomas Kotenko (colleague of Jeff Zuehls), and Ron DelFrate (John's father).

The Lutheran Church has always been a church that confesses the eternal truth of God's unchanging Word. Therefore, it is good, right, and salutary that even our buildings be a confession of the Truth. We have had many opportunities to strengthen the confession our sanctuary makes over the years, the most recent being the new windows. The old colored glass windows were lovely, but did not really make a strong confession (and they were nearly 60 years old and in terrible shape). Our new windows are not only a good, practical replacement for the old, but they also make a clear, though subtle, confession of our faith. The windows have three crosses on either end, reminding us that we preach Christ and Him crucified (1 Cor. 2:2), and that Christ remains the same, yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). In the middle of these crosses are the initials VDMA. They stand for the Latin *Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum* (The Word of the Lord Endures Forever) from 1 Peter 1:24–25. This is a powerful reminder amidst the Church Year shields that no matter what happens in the world, the Word of the Lord endures forever through the proclamation of the Gospel and the right reception of the sacraments in this church.

The bottom portion of each window has a rain or waterfall effect. This is a subtle, yet powerful reminder that, having been washed in the waters of Holy Baptism, we are preserved from God's righteous wrath in the ark of the Holy Church (as we pray in the great Flood Prayer from the liturgy for Holy Baptism: Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life...).

As we are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit in Christ's Church, let this confession of our holy Christian faith continually strengthen you as you boldly confess in your lives the eternal truth of the blessed and holy Trinity.

The banners hanging in the chancel are given in loving memory of +Carol Hernandez+ by her siblings and friends. The two outer banners show Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, the four Holy Evangelists, St. Matthew, represented by the angel, St. Mark, by the winged lion, St. Luke, by the winged ox, and St. John, by the eagle. These banners also have the verses Matthew 11:29-30: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light," and Romans 1:16-17: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation

to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

They also have the names of the major prophets, reminding us that Christ is the fulfillment of all prophesy, as well as symbols for Holy Baptism, the Holy Eucharist, and a lamp, reminding us that God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

The Sanctus banners on either side of the crucifix depict the holy seraphim that were seen in Isaiah's vision from our Old Testament reading for today. We join in their angelic hymn in the Holy Liturgy as we come into God's presence in the Sacrament of the Altar.

We are blessed as a congregation to have these beautiful memorials to our dear sister Carol and we thank her family and friends for these gifts given in her name.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 16, 2019+

- ✘ **CHURCH PICNIC & SOFTBALL GAME:** Please join us next Sunday, June 23rd for our annual church picnic. The highlight of the picnic will be a softball game against Good Shepherd. Brats will be provided; please bring a side dish, dessert, or beverages to share. If you have camp chairs, bring them for watching the softball game. Anyone planning to play softball, please bring any equipment you may have: balls, bats, bases, gloves, etc. It is sure to be a great time and we look forward to getting to know our friends at Good Shepherd.
- ✘ **KINGFISH GAME:** Our group outing to the Kingfish game is Sunday, July 21st at 1:05 pm. Each ticket includes all-you-can-eat food and soda one hour before the game starts. Our seats are guaranteed to be in the shade. Tickets are \$19 each. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway; please sign-up ASAP if you would like to go.
- ✘ **MEETINGS:** The Parish Planning Committee and the Spiritual Life Council will both meet this Thursday, June 20th.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,330
Lord's Work Received 6/9-6/15:	2,817
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-1,513
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+1,624

ATTENDANCE 6/9: 141 Communed: 121

+THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH+

Wednesday	June 19	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	June 20	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
		7:00 pm	Spiritual Life Council Mtg
Sunday	June 23	11:00 am	Church Picnic & Softball Game

+JUNE EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Friday	June 28	6:00 pm	Biergarten Meet-Up
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BIRTHDAYS

6/16 Jerry Kochman
Cheryl Moe

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

6/17 Andrew Griepentrog
6/19 Ted Scholz
6/20 Eva Roemke
6/22 Cody Weathersby

ANNIVERSARIES

6/22 Chuck & Kathy Leisten (34 years)