

***Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Arvada, Colorado***

Family Devotion in Absence

***The Holy Trinity - June 7, 2020
The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH)***

OPENING HYMN *TLH 541 “O Blessed Holy Trinity”*

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

INTROIT *Psalm 8:1-2a, 3-5; Liturgical Text*

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy 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 established strength.

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

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

what is man that you are mindful of him,

and the son of man that you care for him?

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 beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 *Isaiah 6:1-7*

¹ In 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. ² Above 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. ³ And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And 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!”⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar.⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” (ESV)

GRADUAL *Liturgical Text*

Blessed are You, O Lord, who beholds the deep,
and who dwells between the cherubim.
Blessed are You, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven,
and greatly to be praised forever.

EPISTLE *Romans 11:33-36*

³³ Oh, 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?” ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (ESV)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 3:1-17*

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This 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.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus 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?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The 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.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, 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. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that 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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (ESV)

SERMON HYMN *TLH 251 “We All Believe in One True God”*

SERMON

Today we celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday, which focuses on the one true and eternal God, the Holy Father, Holy Son, and Holy Spirit. As we heard in the Old Testament reading from Isaiah 6 and also see in Revelation 4 the angels in heaven continually sing the praise of the Triune God in what we call the sanctus, the “Holy Holy Holy.” This phrase has made its way into our Communion liturgy following the proper preface for each season as it concludes

“...therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying, Holy Holy Holy,” that is, Holy Father, Holy Son, and Holy Spirit.

This super-holy God, sent forth the Holy Son into our world to be incarnated, to become a man by taking from his virgin mother the flesh of our humanity. As we heard on Good Friday, he died to make atonement for our sins, to pay for our sins to the Holy Father. He fulfilled the Sabbath rest in the tomb on Holy Saturday; and he was resurrected from the dead on that first Easter Sunday to offer to all eternal and new life by the power of his new, eternal, and indestructible life in the flesh as a man. Forty days later, the Holy Son ascended into heaven to glorify and exalt our human nature at the right hand of the Holy Father even now by faith for us Christians as we live in the certain hope of our own glorification and exaltation in our own bodies on the Last Day. Then, the Holy Father and the Holy Son poured out the Holy Spirit on Pentecost ten days after Christ’s ascension in order to bring eternal salvation to the ends of the earth.

The Gospel reading for today also speaks of the saving activity of the Triune God. The Father loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish forever, but have eternal life. Unlike the Last Day when Christ will reappear in glory to judge the world, the Father sent His Son into the world some 2000 years ago, not to judge the world but to save the world through him, through his life, suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension. And as Jesus indicated to Nicodemus, we are born again of the water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism so that we are now holy sons of the Holy Father in his Holy Son. Having made us children of our Holy Father in Baptism, the Holy Spirit continues to be poured out upon us through the Holy Word of God to nourish us by its Spiritual milk and through Holy Communion, the strong food of Christ’s holy people. Just as the Father has created us for eternal life, and just as the Son has redeemed us from our sins, so also the Holy Spirit sanctifies us as we receive in faith the Word, Baptism, Absolution, and Communion.

I pray that you will continually join together with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, both in this life through the divine service and in heaven for all eternity, singing Holy Holy Holy to the Holy Father, Holy Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

ATHANASIAN CREED

¹ Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

² Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

³ And the catholic faith is this,

⁴ that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

⁵ For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

⁶ But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

⁷ Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

⁸ the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

⁹ the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

¹⁰ the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

¹¹ And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

¹² just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

¹³ In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

¹⁴ and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.
¹⁵ So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
¹⁶ and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
¹⁷ So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
¹⁸ and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
¹⁹ 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.
²⁰ The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
²¹ The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
²² The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
²³ Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
²⁴ And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
²⁵ 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.
²⁶ Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
²⁷ But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
²⁸ 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.
²⁹ 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:
³⁰ perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
³¹ equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
³² Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
³³ one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
³⁴ one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
³⁵ For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
³⁶ who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
³⁷ 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.
³⁸ At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
³⁹ And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
⁴⁰ This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

PRAYER HYMN TLH 238 “All Glory Be to God Alone”

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *TLH 250 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Genesis 15:1-6; 1 John 4:16-21;
Luke 16:19-31.

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