



### **OUR SAVIOR EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH**

(Wisconsin Synod) 1332 Arrowhead Rd. Grafton, Wisconsin 53024 Website: www.OurSaviorGrafton.org Church: 262-377-6363 School: 262-377-7780 **WORSHIP NOTES** We worship the Holy Trinity not only because he is the one true God but because he is our Savior from sin and death. Needing nothing and no one, all three Persons of the one true God have loved us from eternity. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have graciously rescued us for eternity. For that marvelous work we will praise the Triune God forever.

GUESTSWelcome to our visitors!Restrooms:At the far (south) side of the entry area.Parents' Room:Also at the far (south) side of the entry area.Hearing Help:Enhanced hearing units are available. Contact an usher.Large Print Hymnal:On table in the entryway..

Holy Trinity

**OPENING HYMN** "Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" (p.12) *CW,* #195

#### INVOCATION

- **P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen. (spoken)

#### PSALM OF REPENTANCE Psalm 32:1-5

- **P:** Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
- C: Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.
- **P:** When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- C: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
- ALL: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

#### CONFESSION

- **P:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
  For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
  For sins of habit and sins of choice,
  For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
  You should cast me away from your presence forever.
  O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

#### ABSOLUTION

**P:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY** (spoken in unison)

- **P:** Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: In mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, being free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.
- C: Amen. (spoken)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 6:1-8

In bringing us into his kingdom the Holy Trinity employs both the law and the gospel. The law shows us God in all his majesty and terror; it kills us and makes us despair of our own goodness, even of the vain delusion that we enter his kingdom by our merit or decision. No, it is all his work and doing when he forgives our sins by purging that comes from his altar, ultimately the altar of the cross. Then, moved by the gospel, we both trust in him and desire to serve him in his kingdom in accord with what he will say in his Word —not on the basis of our own feelings or reasoning.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

## PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 150 (p.11)

The Holy Trinity receives endless praise for the "acts of power" by which he has rescued us.

#### GOSPEL JOHN 3:1-17

Faith in the divine mystery of the Holy Trinity is a miracle beyond all other miraculous signs and wonders. It is a miracle of new birth, altogether the doing of the Spirit when and where it pleases him. Its miraculous nature is evident in the mystery of the Trinity itself and in the core message of the Spirit: We worship God who has been surrendered by his Father to die and give eternal life only to those who trust in him alone for their salvation. The author of our salvation and the author of our trust is one and the same: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. St. Bernard says that there are three great miracles that should astonish us: That the Christ Child is God and man in one person; that Mary is at the same time a mother and a virgin; that faith in the heart of man can embrace such things! The Half Year of the Church focuses on the last of the three.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again. " "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven-- the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

#### **RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

- **P:** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God! (spoken)

#### ATHANASIAN CREED

This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the Fourth Century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person.

The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith. At the same time the Church boldly proclaims her confidence in the mystery of the triune God, the Holy Trinity who has given himself for our salvation.

- **P:** Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.
- C: Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.
- **P:** Now this is the true 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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit -- is distinct, but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.
- C: What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.
- **P:** The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal. Yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty; yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; yet they are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords. The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

- C: Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.
- **P:** It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith:
- C: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God' s Son, is both God and man.

**P:** He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity; and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one; one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person; for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead. At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

C: This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Come, Now, Almighty King" (p. 14) CW, #193

#### SERMON

#### **ROMANS 8:14-17**

#### "THE VOICE CALLS US TO BE HIS OWN"

In that kingdom of the Father, created by the work of the Son and brought to us by the Spirit in the gospel, we are not fear-driven slaves. No, so great is the love described in the gospel lesson that God even makes us his adopted sons. We are brothers of Christ the King, children of God the Father, impelled to live and work and pray by the Spirit who lives and works and prays within us. As sons we strive to live not according to our old lusts and desires, but as befits those whose Father is God, whose brother is Christ, whose leader is the Spirit in the Word. Paul is not sexist with his use of the word sons; he is describing a relationship not just of children but of heirs; and that's what sons were, heirs (owners) of the father's estate.

Because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, *"Abba*, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

#### PRAISE AND PRAYER

#### OFFERING

Online or in the entryway. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Please fill out a Guest Card located in the entryway, and drop it in the box on the Welcome Center so we can connect with you – thanks!

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH -- Holy Trinity

Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We could not have known you, our only Savior, if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Spirit -- three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all unbelief, and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery. Scatter all those who are wise in their own conceits.

# Give each of us a simple, childlike trust to worship you as the one and only true God, the Holy Trinity.

God our Father, whatever good is in us, whatever good we have, and whatever good we do comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being.

# Open our eyes to see the gifts you shower down on us daily -- purely out of your own fatherly love and care.

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into our world to make the Father known to us; you joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity; you brought us back to God by shedding your blood. In love you walked the way of suffering and carried alone the wrath of God that we by our sins deserved. Help us believe that all you did, all you suffered, and all you endured you did for us, to rescue us and set us free. Fill our hearts with the bright new hope of your resurrection.

#### Teach us to offer our daily lives to praise the Lord and love our neighbor.

Creator Spirit, you have opened our eyes by the bright light of your Word; you have burst through our deafness with the clear sound of your voice in the Scriptures; you have breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel. Through Word and sacrament, help us grow in understanding the breadth and depth and height of the love of God.

#### Make us firm in our resolve to do battle with our sin. In every weakness be our strength.

O triune God, lead us to show ourselves to be your true children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and fervent in love.

### Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

#### Silent prayer

O Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, the God of every comfort. From you and through you and to you are all things.

# We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and so to praise your holy name 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.

**HYMN** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (p.15) *CW, #* 332:3-4

#### PRAYER

- P: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C:** Amen. (spoken)

#### BENEDICTION

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



SILENT PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS

# TRINITY

The Bible and Lutherans teach that there is only one true God. This God is invisible, holy, eternal, and has all power and wisdom. In the Bible God reveals himself as three persons— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is why he is called "Triune." These three persons in one God are all God. They are equal in power, glory, and in every other quality. To deny or ignore one person is to deny all of them. It is God who created, redeemed, and sanctified us.

Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 5:23; Genesis 1:1; 1 John 2:2; Romans 15:13

# JUSTIFICATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

1. We believe that God has justified all sinners, that is, he has declared them righteous for the sake of Christ. This is the central message of Scripture upon which the very existence of the church depends. It is a message relevant to people of all times and places, of all races and social levels, for "the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men" (Romans 5:18). All need forgiveness of sins before God, and Scripture proclaims that all have been justified, for "the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men" (Romans 5:18).

2. We believe that individuals receive this free gift of forgiveness not on the basis of their own works, but only through faith (Ephesians 2:8,9). Justifying faith is trust in Christ and his redemptive work. This faith justifies not because of any power it has in itself, but only because of the salvation prepared by God in Christ, which it embraces (Romans 3:28; 4:5). On the other hand, although Jesus died for all, Scripture says that "whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). Unbelievers forfeit the forgiveness won for them by Christ (John 8:24).

3. We believe that people cannot produce this justifying faith, or trust, in their own hearts, because "the man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him" (1 Corinthians 2:14). In fact, "the sinful mind is hostile to God" (Romans 8:7). It is the Holy Spirit who gives people faith to recognize that "Jesus is Lord" (1 Corinthians 12:3). The Holy Spirit works this faith by means of the gospel (Romans 10:17). We believe, therefore, that a person's conversion is entirely the work of God's grace. Rejection of the gospel is, however, entirely the unbeliever's own fault (Matthew 23:37).

4. We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone. Grace is the undeserved love of God for sinners. This love led God to give sinners everything they need for their salvation. It is all a gift of God. People do nothing to earn any of it (Ephesians 2:8,9).

5. We believe that already before the world was created, God chose those individuals whom he would in time convert through the gospel of Christ and preserve in faith to eternal life (Ephesians 1:4-6; Romans 8:29,30). This election to faith and salvation in no way was caused by anything in people but shows how completely salvation is by grace alone (Romans 11:5,6).

**Intro:** Voices are soothing, emotive, and compelling. Some sound harmless but they are not. Some sound terrible and they are. One voice changes our life completely. He proclaims truth, the power of God that transforms sinners into the children of God.

# The Voice Calls Us His Own

## 1. The Spirit's call makes us an "adopted" child of God. (vs. 14 & 16)

- 1.1 We need to be told that we are part of the family.
- 1.2 In this family all are heirs of a new life.

**App:** When a stranger speaks the heartbeats slow down. When a pre-born hears his or her mother's voice, it quickens. We hear God's voice in the Bible and we know who he is!

## 2. The Father's invitation is to ask and he will listen. (v. 15)

- 2.1 The Father is in fact our eternal "daddy" in whom we feel secure.
- 2.2 We are confident in his attention to us and his care for us.

**App:** Through the chaos of the crowd comes "The Voice" of our Father, "I have redeemed you, you are mine. You matter to me and I will always come to your rescue."

## 3. The Son's offer brings us into the voice of truth. (v. 17)

- 3.1 Jesus came to "deliver" the Father's promise a life-saving voice.
- 3.2 When he says, "I have done it," he assures us that everything is made new.

**Conclusion:** This voice of truth says that we belong to him and can live with him forever (Luther's explanation) in true righteousness, innocence and blessedness.

# Psalm 150



Praise God in his sanctuary;\* praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;\* praise him for his surpassing greatness.

#### Refrain

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,\* praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and dancing,\* praise him with strings and flute,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,\* praise him with resounding cymbals.

#### Refrain

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.\* Praise the LORD.

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.

Refrain







HOLY TRINITY







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CLOSE OF SERVICE



# THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (5/30)	8:00	am	Worship Service
	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30	am	Worship Service
Monday	Memorial Day – Church Office Closed		
Wednesday	6:30	pm	Men's Softball
Thursday	7:00	pm	Worship Service w/ Communion
Saturday	7:00	am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study
Sunday (6/6) Installation Sunday			
	8:00	am	Worship Service w/ Communion
	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30	am	Worship Service w/ Communion
	11:30	am	Teacher Farewell

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson 1 Samuel 21:1-6 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Colossians 2:13-17 Mark 2:23-28 Gospel Psalm Psalm 122

LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday This service is also recorded for review after livestream. Link on our website (see below).

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#### THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE GOD CALLS US TO BE HIS

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HYMNS: 195, 193, 332:3-4,

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:14-17

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 3:1-17

SERMON: Romans 8:14-17

> "THE VOICE CALLS US TO BE HIS OWN"