

THE HOLY TRINITY
St. John's Lutheran Church

May 26-27, 2018

The First Sunday After Pentecost
Red Bud, Illinois

arranged by John Eggert

The Prelude: "Father, Most Holy"

The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy and joyful worship.

Processional Hymn: 965 "God Bless Our Native Land" (*Please stand as the cross and flags enter.*)

Our Pledge to the American Flag: (*spoken in unison*)

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Our Pledge to the Christian Flag: (*spoken in unison*)

I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, King eternal, with mercy and grace for all. So help me God.

The Call to Worship: (from *The Athanasian Creed*)

Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the universal Christian faith.

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

P: The universal Christian faith is this,

C: that we worship one God in three Persons and three Persons in one God, neither confusing the Persons nor dividing the substance.

The Invocation, Confession and Absolution: (from *The Athanasian Creed*)

P: For there is one Person of the Father, another of the (+) Son, and another of the Holy Spirit.

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

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

C: The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated.

P: The Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Spirit almighty.

C: And yet they are not three almighties, but one almighty.

P: So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.

C: And yet they are not three Gods but one God.

P: So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord.

C: And yet they are not three Lords but one Lord.

P: We are compelled by Christian truth to acknowledge each Person of the Trinity to be both God and Lord.

C: We cannot say that there are three Gods or three Lords.

P: But the whole three Persons are coeternal together and coequal,

C: So that in all things the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshiped.

P: The one, therefore, who will be saved is to believe this way of the Trinity.

C: We have sinned against You, our Triune God, in thought, word and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us to delight in Your will and to walk in Your ways.

P: 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 God's Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

The Introit: Psalm 16:8-11



Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.

Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mer- | cy to us.

I have set the Lord always be- | fore me.

He is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.

My heart is glad, my whole being re- | joices;

my flesh also | dwells secure.

You will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,

or let Your holy one see cor- | ruption.

You make known to me the | path of life;

in Your presence there is full- / ness of joy.

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.

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The Collect of the Day:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: 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. (please be seated)

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

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." ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual:

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
On Your wondrous works I will meditate,

**and His greatness is unsearchable,
and I will declare Your greatness.**

The New Testament Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴Peter, 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.” P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(10:30 a.m.) Baptism Hymn: 605 “Father Welcomes” and Holy Baptism page 268ff.

The Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17 (please stand if you are able)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

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. ⁷ Do 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? ¹³ No 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.

¹⁶For 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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Our Confession of Faith: (from *The Athanasian Creed*)

It is necessary for everlasting salvation that one also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man. God of the substance of the Father, begotten before all worlds; and man of the substance of His mother, born in the world.

Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven. He sits at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

At whose coming all people will rise again with their bodies and will give an account of their own works. They that have done good will go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire. This is the universal Christian faith which, except one believe faithfully and firmly, he cannot be saved. (please be seated)

The Sermon Hymn: 507 “Holy, Holy Holy”

The Festival Sermon: “Hear, Love, Teach, Talk, Bind, and Write God’s Words” Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The Prayer Of The Church (please stand if you are able)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Alvin Moeller, Carl Zschiegner, C. John Prigge, Edward Luttmann, Pearl Luttmann, Fred Wiegand, Jane Donjon, Larry Ebers, Susie Harms; Family and Friends of St. John’s Members: Lori Voges, Rev. Mike and Melanie Maddick, Dwain Schrader, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Donna Sandersfeld, Caleb Oakley, Robin Steinmann, Bobby Wood, Kate Snyder, Jeff Westbrook, Joanie Frey, Bob Stirnaman. Help us keep this list current!

MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) Army- Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallett, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis
+favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields this week
+thanksgiving for those who gave their lives in military service +for our local graduates

(please be seated) The Offering: “Triune God, O Be Our Stay”

arranged by Allan Mahnke

The Service of the Sacrament Lutheran Service Book, pages 208ff. (please stand if able)

Distribution Hymns: (please be seated)

506 “Glory Be to God the Father”

625 “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

948 “All Glory Be to God Alone”

The Closing Hymn: 504 “Father Most Holy”

The Postlude: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

arranged by James W. Kosnik