



# Trinity Sunday

## Order of Worship

May 27, 2018

10:00 am

## Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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# *Welcome to God's House today!!!*

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

## ***Today's Focus                      Trinity Sunday***

Today we begin what is called the "non-festival" half of the church year. The first half of the church year took us through the events in our Lord's life – from Advent/Christmas through Epiphany and Lent to Easter/Ascension/Pentecost. Now we begin the time when we focus on the Lord's teaching. Where better to begin than the Holy Trinity, one of the central doctrines of the Christian faith. The Holy Trinity is a mystery but it is a mystery we can embrace, confess, and proclaim because at the heart of this mystery is the Good News of the Gospel.

***Children are welcome in worship!*** If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

***Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? "Prayer Request"*** cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

***The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays*** of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

**The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)**

# HOLY TRINITY

## **AS WE GATHER:**

One of the most beloved hymns of the Church is "Holy, Holy, Holy."

The threefold holy we sing in this work echoes the praise of the seraphim in today's Old Testament Reading. As we listen in on Jesus' nighttime conversation with Nicodemus, we learn that we can believe heavenly things only by birth from above, only by a washing of water and Spirit, and only because Jesus speaks for the Father. On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we give thanks for these gracious gifts from the only true God—the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

✠ *WE ENTER TO WORSHIP & BE BLESSED* ✠

## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

### **WELCOME**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

**LSB 507**

### **INVOCATION**

*Deuteronomy 6:4-5*

### **OUR CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Psalm 96:13**

### **GOD'S ABSOLUTION**

*based on Romans 8 and John 3*

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"Praise God From Whom"*

**LSB 805**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

✠ *THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD* ✠

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

**ESV**

### **EPISTLE READING**

*Acts 2:14a, 22-36*

**ESV**

### **GOSPEL ANTHEM "Let Every Tongue Confess" Tune: LSB 649**

### **HOLY GOSPEL READING**

*John 3:1-17*

**ESV**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Trinity Hymn"*

**Tune: LSB 793**

### **SERMON**

*"An Incomprehensible Truth"*

✠ *OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD* ✠

### **OFFERTORY**

*"Create in Me"*

**LSB 192**

### **ATHANASIAN CREED**

### **OFFERING of GOD'S PEOPLE**

*2 Corinthians 8:7*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

### **PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

**LSB 803**

*+ Silent Prayer +*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE**

✠ *WE DEPART TO SERVE* ✠

## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**May 27**

**"Impossible"**

**(Acts 2:22-24)**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus  
Can death hold us? Experience says, "Yes!" the Apostle Peter says, "No." Today's sermon talks about making possible that which can't happen.

## **NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

**June 3**

**"The Battleground of Time"**

**(Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Mark 2:23-3:6)**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

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.

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: May 27**

"Would you be willing to take a little bit of time on Memorial Day to do two things? One is to thank God for the successful outcomes of the sacrifices that these graves represent. Our country is a free and blessed place, and our freedom was bought at a terrible price. Second, will you rededicate yourself to sharing the good news of Jesus so that as many people as possible will be rejoicing on resurrection day? As you think about cemeteries, realize that God has the last word: 'Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt' (Daniel 12:2 NIV). All Christian warriors will awake soon to new life." *Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

## **STEWARDSHIP: May 27: Trinity**

**John 3:6** – "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." In Holy Baptism we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense: the total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God's math works differently (as we might expect from the Trinity!): a blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>5/27 Sun</b>	<b>The Holy Trinity</b>
	<b>Note: NO Education Hour (resumes after Labor Day)</b>
	<b>10:00 am Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm NA</b>
<b>5/28 Mon</b>	<b>Happy Memorial Day</b>
	<b>Office Closed</b>
	<b>6:30 pm AIAnon 1</b>
	<b>8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2</b>
<b>5/30 Wed</b>	<b>10:00 am BIBLE STUDY</b>
	<b>6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study</b>
<b>6/01 Fri</b>	<b>5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice</b>
	<b>8:00 pm AA/AIAnon</b>
<b>6/02 Sat</b>	<b>10:00 am TLWCC Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm TLWCC Worship &amp; Fellowship</b>
<b>6/03 Sun</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	<b>10:00 am Worship w/HC</b>
	<b>6:00 pm NA</b>

### SERVING TODAY

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Ushers: Bill Woll and Verlayne Sather**

**Counters: Pat Scott and Shirley Holzinger**

**Altar Care: Verlayne Sather**

**Attendance: 5/20/2018: 34**

**Offerings -- Regular \$1,750; Loose Plate \$16;**

**May Mission \$25**

**Total: \$1,791**

**Needed each week for 2018: \$3,480.87**

### Wednesday Bible Study

**Philemon**

### Sunday Bible Study will begin again after Labor Day

**Counters, as a reminder, if you don't recognize a donors name as a member, please add their address on the back of the tally sheet, so a personalized giving statement can be sent. Thanks, Nanc Rixe**



**Hosts for July 8<sup>th</sup> Fellowship still needed**

**BIRTHDAYS:** 29<sup>th</sup> Andrew Panning, 29<sup>th</sup> Pat Scott, 31<sup>st</sup> Susan Hansen, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Verlayne Sather

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** Lil Troiden – In Honor of Grandson, Andrew

**FLOWERS:** None

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson,  
Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Deb Forsberg, Harriet Harris,  
Robert & Delores Kluwe, Nanc Rixe, Ada Samson,  
For the family of Margaret Maxwell who was lead home to heaven  
on May 18<sup>th</sup>

**REQUESTED PRAYERS:**

**Larry Derksen** (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery

**Dr. Lori Ongeri** (Debra Forsberg's niece) – for a baby boy

**Jeffrey Lucero** (Debra Fosberg's nephew) – Ulcer

**Vera Gade** (Pastor's mother) hospitalized w/ broken hip

**John Gillund** (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

**Dick Gillund** (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

**Elaine Gillund** – surgery and radiation

**Brandon Johnson** (son of Lori Sharbono) continued good results

**Roxie Johnson** (Morelli's niece) heart issues

**Steve Kaiser** (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD

**Amy Price** (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

**Jimmy Royal & Dave** (friends of Dick Gillund)

**Marvin & Norma Thor** – poor health/stomach cancer

**Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker** – Chronic Illness

**Nancy Tousant** (Krystal Kruse's co-worker) – Cancer

**Doris Rixe**, (Nanc's mother) – heart related emergency

**"IN OUR PRAYERS" AND "REQUESTED PRAYERS"**

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the Ushers' counter and give to the office. They will be added to the Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

***During the Sunday Fellowship on June 10<sup>th</sup> Angie and Karmon will entertain us with music and song.***

***They will be doing songs from the 30's, 40's and 50's, etc. See you there!!***

***Hosted by Social Ministry***

## **Spring Offering -- May/June**

This year's Spring Offering, being held through the end of June, will benefit **Bethesda Lutheran Communities**.

Every day they are making a difference in the lives of people in communities across the country, it is for that reason, the Board of Stewardship decided on Bethesda Lutheran Communities as the recipient of the Spring Offering. Bethesda is a Christian organization that provides homes and other services for people with developmental disabilities to help them live the lives they want. Feel free to use your May/June Offering envelopes or another envelope marked as such. Thanks!

***Together, the best life is possible.***

### **Indoor Walking Group - Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 pm**

Come for a walk on the smooth and climate controlled indoor track at Bottineau Park, 2000 Second Street NE, Minneapolis. After your walk, catch up with the news and have a cup of coffee. Donations are appreciated. Sponsored by Northeast Senior Services and Bottineau Park.

### **Nutritious Meals Delivered**

Eastside Meals on Wheels delivers meals to homebound persons living in NE and SE Minneapolis, and St. Anthony Village. Contact Eastside Meals on Wheels at 612-277-2529 or via email at [info@eastsidemeals.org](mailto:info@eastsidemeals.org) to register.

**Ice Cream Socials: Tuesday, June 5 | 1:30 to 3 p.m.  
Crestview Senior Community in Columbia Heights  
4444 Reservoir Blvd. NE, Columbia Heights**

## **Johnstock**

**Annual Art, Craft and Music Fair on Johnson Street NE  
Saturday, June 2 | 10:00 AM 4:00 PM**

Annual outdoor fair, taking place in the Johnson Street NE parking lot between 28th & 29th. There will be artists, music, and food.

**Friday night movie (free) will be Toy Story.**

**\*\*\* Altar Care needed for July! \*\*\***

# **Catechesis Note for the Week**

## **What is the Trinity?**

In Christianity, the word "trinity" describes the belief in Christian theology that the one God of the universe is comprised of three persons: the God the Father, the Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. It has been the conviction of Christians throughout the centuries that this is what the Bible teaches. "

The word "trinity" doesn't appear in the Bible; but instead comes from the Latin word **trinitas**, meaning "three and summarize the passages of the Bible, which teach that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are each fully God. The early church father Tertullian (155-230 AD), who wrote in Latin, is believed to have first used the term Trinity to describe the God of the Bible.

The doctrine of the Trinity distinguishes Christianity from other religions including, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Unitarian Universalism. These groups reject the doctrine, in part, because the word Trinity isn't used in the Bible, it doesn't make philosophical sense to them, and they don't believe that it's compatible with monotheism.

### **What Does it Mean That God is a Trinity?**

The doctrine of the Trinity means that there is one God who eternally exists as three distinct Persons — the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Stated differently, God is one in essence and three in person. These definitions express three crucial truths: (1) The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons, (2) each Person is fully God, (3) there is only one God.

### ***The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons.***

The Bible speaks of the Father as God (Philippians 1:2), Jesus as God (Titus 2:13), and the Holy Spirit as God (Acts 5:3–4). Are these just three different ways of looking at God, or simply ways of referring to three different roles that God plays?

The answer must be no, because the Bible also indicates that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons. For example, since the Father sent the Son into the world (John 3:16), He cannot be the same person as the Son. Likewise, after the Son returned to the Father (John 16:10), the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit into the world (John 14:26; Acts 2:33). Therefore, the Holy Spirit must be distinct from the Father and the Son.

# Today's Scripture Readings

**ISAIAH 6:1-8:** The events of this account are special to Isaiah because of the divine choice laid on him to be a prophet. God's all-encompassing power and holiness is emphasized by the fiery and winged holy beings, by their reticence to behold God, yet also by their quickly devoted energies to praise and serve Him. Isaiah is also overwhelmed by the fearsome natural phenomena which denote the Lord's special presence, and the vision afforded him. This awakens him to his own personal sinfulness and guilt, as deep as that of those to whom he must go. His cleansing is effected by a symbolic gesture; a coal taken from the altar of sacrifice, from which forgiveness was sought and graciously given. His lips are declared to be clean. When the awesome question is put forward, Isaiah can express his willingness to be a prophet to represent the Lord.

**ROMANS 8:12-17:** We do not owe our wonderful standing as God's children to our own inborn powers. We owe it to the blood of Christ which was expended solely by the loving grace of the heavenly Father. Our 'flesh', given the chance, will take us back into empty fear which belongs to being dead to God. Therefore rather than 'pay' our old fleshly inclinations we move to kill off the immorality which belongs to the old sinful life. Those whom the Spirit has enlivened are able to view God as a 'dear Father' and to call Him 'Dad' (Abba). As then the Spirit works within us we are enabled to see ourselves as children of God. Even though that is by adoption, we are nothing less than heirs who have this incredible standing together with God's own Son.

**JOHN 3:1-17:** This response of Jesus to Nicodemus is in sharp contrast to His recorded denunciations of the Pharisees' hard-headed hypocrisy. Nicodemus is a sincere searcher. Though he recognizes the divine origin of Jesus' teaching, his faith needs to be radically redirected. He needs to see firstly that the kingdom of God is not a politically constituted bond of national ties, but is rather the reign of God in the heart of the individual. A new spiritual life is called for, but can only be generated from above by the Spirit. Jews saw baptism as a cleansing of heathen Gentiles who wished to become Jewish believers. Nicodemus is being told that new spiritual life of the Kingdom can only come about through baptism and the conviction of repentance and faith. While this is a mystery beyond human understanding (v8), yet the Spirit brings about this miracle through earnest trust in the informed testimony of the Son of Man.

## Lessons for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Deut. 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Cor. 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:1-6

# Our All-Encompassing God

No matter how we stretch, we cannot wrap our imaginations around Almighty God.

He is God our Father and Creator. The physical world is a picture of His generosity, His wisdom, and His unbounded power. The seasons and centuries sing His faithfulness. The heavens are a tiny window to the mystery and infinity of His being. Every moment, from birth to death, He wraps us in the light and texture of His love.

He is God the Son. He is all of God become completely human...just like us but without sin. He emptied Himself to become our Brother, our Savior, our Sacrifice, our Healer. He is the new Adam, inviting us to be born again into a whole new race of holy, glorified beings filled with His endless life.

He is God the Spirit. He is the breath of God within us. He is love, wisdom, and power uniting with who we are, giving us everything we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3, NIV).

Our imaginations cannot encompass the Almighty Triune God. But He encompasses us, body and soul, imagination and spirit, every breath and throughout eternity.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
I love the truth about You!  
Your truth is beautiful, gracious, and life-giving!  
Praise to You!