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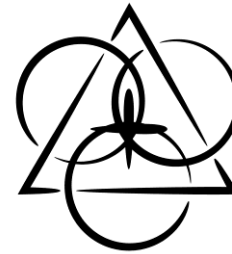
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THE HOLY TRINITY
"Lord and Messiah"



5:30PM — June 10, 2017

8:00AM — June 11, 2017

THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall	Senior Pastor
Rev. Earl Brown	Assistant Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller	Organist
Holly Hulskotter.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Dave Wall	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Tori Budde	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Blaine Flach	8AM Acolyte
Mr. John Jackson.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Ella Niebrugge	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Gayland Bourland 343-4366	Elder on Duty for June 12 – June 16, 2017
Missionaries from Pakistan	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation	in Blidene, Latvia
Mrs. Arnetia Osborn.....	(342-2210) Prayer Chain Coordinator

WELCOME To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the stranger, we extend our sincere greeting. If you are a visitor, please understand that you are our guest and we want you to feel welcome and comfortable. We are happy you chose to be with us in this service, and pray you have been blessed by our Lord today as He has blessed us by your presence.

CHRIST is important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

YOU are important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

HOLY COMMUNION – When the members of St. John’s Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord’s Supper, we confess the Real Presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (*1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26*) We believe that Christ’s Body and Blood are present “in, with and under” the elements of the Holy Supper. (*Luther’s Small Catechism*) Members should register their intent to commune on the pew card. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to one of the Pastors or the elder on duty before the service.

HIS VISION FOR US:

St. John’s will be known for being involved in our changing community, for providing leadership in our changing world, and for serving others in Christian love.

We will welcome our diverse guests with open arms. Our friendly, loving and accepting people will engage our guests, mentor them in the faith, and inspire many to become members.

Our members will be motivated by the cross to be actively engaged in ministry, showing love and care to others. We will encourage one another, nurture one another, and enthusiastically serve our God together!

HIS GOAL FOR US:

We will pray and work with singleness of purpose to expand the impact of our ministry to God’s children of all ages, with special emphasis on young families, by developing new ways to strengthen the relationship between St. John’s, our members and our community, providing the facilities and resources to involve more people in ministry and outreach.

WELCOME CENTER Greeters are present at the Welcome Center in the atrium adjacent to our sanctuary before and after the service to answer any questions you may have, provide directions to restrooms, classrooms, etc. If you are a first time guest, we also have a gift for you. If you live in our community or surrounding area and you do not have a church home, we welcome your consideration. We offer true fellowship with a living Savior and membership in His Church.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER Kindly fill out a registration card (welcome side) located in the pew rack. Our guests are also asked to complete the address and phone number portion. Please pass your card to the center aisle to be gathered during the offering.

CELL PHONES Please turn your cell phones off before the service begins.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers which grace our altar are in honor of the 90th birthday of Ilda Wendling and are given by her family.
The centerpiece is given by Howard & Laura Janis in honor of their 39th wedding anniversary.

AS WE GATHER Today the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday. It is a day to bask in the wonder of knowing the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who has been revealed to us in the Scriptures. While we often think about the three persons of the Trinity having their own areas of expertise (the Father creates, the Son redeems, the Spirit sanctifies), the Readings for today focus on how the three persons of the Trinity work together in every task. In the Old Testament Reading from Genesis, we see all three persons are present and active in the creation of the world. In our Reading from Acts, we see all three persons active in the salvation of the world. And in the Holy Gospel from Matthew, we see that all three persons are active in the new life we have as baptized children of God.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN **“Come, Thou Almighty King”**..... **[LSB 905]**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

People: **Through His Word, God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.**

Pastor: The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.

People: **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

Pastor: Creation begins with the presence and activity of all three persons of the Trinity.

People: Our lives as Christians begin in Baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: We are gathered to worship and glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: The Trinity acts together to begin creation, to begin our Christian lives, and to begin our worship today.

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Despite the perfect creation by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we all have fallen into sin and failed to live as holy and perfect creatures. Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens! Yet we have failed to proclaim Your majestic name in our communities. We have denied Your glory and sought our own glory. We see Your mighty works, wonders, and signs every day, but we often fail to find delight in them. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus. Lead us by Your Spirit.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for Your sins. Jesus Christ was crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men, but God raised Him up, loosing the chains of death. God has given all authority in heaven and on earth to Jesus, who is both Lord and Christ. He has sent the Holy Spirit, who has called, gathered, and kept you in the one true faith of your Baptism. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We are forgiven. The Holy Trinity works together to accomplish our forgiveness and salvation.

+ WORD +

CREED *Athanasian Creed, Part 1*

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

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

Pastor: And the catholic faith is this,

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

Pastor: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
People: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Pastor: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
People: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

Pastor: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
People: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

Pastor: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
People: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

Pastor: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
People: and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
People: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

Pastor: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
People: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Pastor: 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE..... "All Glory Be To God On High" [LSB 947]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1-5, 26-2:1-3
(Our triune God creates the heavens and the earth.)

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. 6 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 7 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 8 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 9 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 10 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 11 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. 12 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 13 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 14 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN..... “How Great Thou Art”..... [St. 1: LSB 801]

**O Lord My God, my when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.**

CREED *Athanasian Creed, Part 2*

Pastor: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

People: **The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.**

Pastor: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

People: **Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

Pastor: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

People: **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.**

Pastor: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

SECOND READING..... Acts 2:14a, 22-36
(Peter’s Pentecost sermon focuses on Jesus as both Lord and Christ.)

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 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— ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my

right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You 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. ³⁰ Being 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, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being 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. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.” ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL..... **Matthew 28:16-20**
(Jesus sends His disciples to make disciples by teaching and baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.)

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED *Athanasian Creed, Part 3*

Pastor: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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:

People: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

Pastor: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

People: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

Pastor: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

People: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

Pastor: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
People: who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

Pastor: 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.

People: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

Pastor: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

People: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

***HYMN OF THE DAY* “Holy, Holy, Holy” [LSB 507]**

***SERMON*..... “Trinity Is An Action Word”Matthew 28:16-20**

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY* “Create In Me” [LSB 956]**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, all authority in heaven and on earth comes from You. Provide Your holy instruction and wisdom to all those elected to public office, including senators and representatives, judges and magistrates, our governor and our president. Lord, in Your mercy,

People respond: hear our prayer.

- Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, as the Father sent You, so You send Your disciples. Raise up pastors and missionaries to bring Your saving Gospel to the ends of the earth, so that all may know You are both Lord and Messiah. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Pastor: Holy Spirit, You are our guide. Help all people to live out their vocations with discernment and faithfulness. Today we especially remember musicians and marketers, parents and children, cashiers and construction workers, husbands and wives, writers and researchers. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Pastor: Heavenly Father, You preserve creation with continual care, yet have entrusted us to be stewards of creation. Lead us to make wise choices that reflect Your love and care for all creatures. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You are our great physician. Bring healing and comfort to those who are suffering from mental illnesses, physical disabilities, stress, and every disease. Today we ask Your prayers for [*names*]. Restore them to health, if it be Your will. Grant them grace to endure their sufferings until You heal them in this life or the next. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Pastor: Holy Spirit, You are our comforter. Be with those who mourn the deaths of loved ones, [*especially . . .*]. Bring them the comfort and consolation only You can give. Point them to the hope of the promised resurrection, which we see fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Pastor: Heavenly Father, on the sixth day You proclaimed Your creation was “very good.” Though creation has fallen into sin, You still provide many moments of wonder and goodness. We praise and thank You today for all that You have given us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You revealed the mystery of the Trinity as You sent Your disciples to teach Your Word and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Support us as we share with others the story of salvation accomplished by our triune God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Pastor: Holy Spirit, You are our counselor. Help us in a world full of division to bring unity and peace to our homes and schools, our workplaces and communities, our country and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: Into Your hands, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we entrust all for whom we pray, knowing that You work together to deliver and defend us.

People: **Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (p. 195 in hymnal)

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI..... (p. 198 in hymnal)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Just As I Am Without One Plea” [LSB 570]
“Draw Near And Take The Body Of The Lord” [LSB 637]**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Receive the blessing of our triune God: The grace of our Lord and Messiah, Jesus Christ, the love of our heavenly Father, and the communion and comfort of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

HYMN..... “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” [stz 1,3,5,7 LSB 813]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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