Our Savior Lutheran Church Mankato, Minnesota

The Holy Trinity June 4, 2023

At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.

Monthly Memory Verse:

12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

1 Corinthians 2:12

Weekly Discussion Question:

How would you describe the spirit of the world?

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn: "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

- Creator Spirit, by whose aid
 The world's foundations first were laid,
 Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;
 Come, pour Your joys on humankind;
 From sin and sorrow set us free;
 May we Your living temples be.
- O Source of uncreated light,
 The bearer of God's gracious might,
 Thrice-holy fount, thrice-holy fire,
 Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire;
 Your sacred, healing message bring
 To sanctify us as we sing.
- Giver of grace, descend from high; Your sev'nfold gifts to us supply; Help us eternal truths receive And practice all that we believe; Give us Yourself that we may see The glory of the Trinity.
- △ 4 Immortal honor, endless fame
 Attend the almighty Father's name;
 The Savior-Son be glorified,
 Who for all humankind has died;
 To You, O Paraclete, we raise
 Unending songs of thanks and praise.

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 1631-1700. alt. Text: Public domain
- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

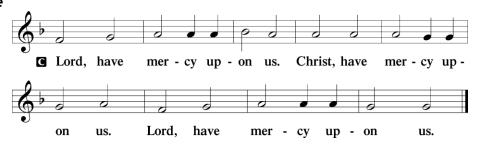
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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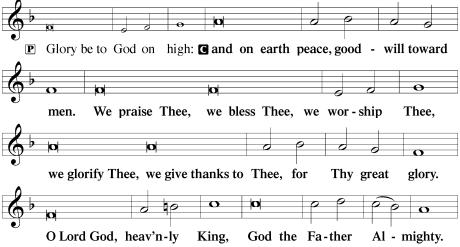
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Service of the Word

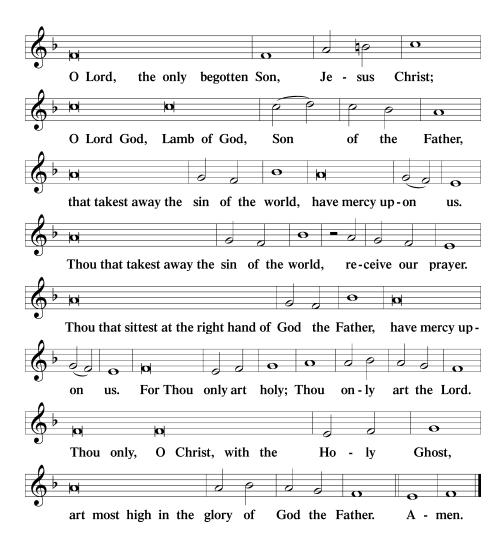
Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187



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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P 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.



Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The 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.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according

to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then 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."

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸And 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." ²⁹And 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And 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. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

¹O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

²Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,

to still the enemy and the avenger.

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?

⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

⁷all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

8the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Gloria Patri 186

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.

Second Reading Acts 2:14a, 22–36

14Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . 224 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;

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."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia LSB 190



Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.



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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Athanasian Creed Page 319

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

Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally. And the catholic faith is this,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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.

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:

perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person. For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.

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.

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

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

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

Hymn of the Day: "I Bind unto Myself Today"

- I bind unto myself today
 The strong name of the Trinity
 By invocation of the same,
 The Three in One and One in Three.
- 2 I bind this day to me forever, By pow'r of faith, Christ's incarnation, His Baptism in the Jordan River, His cross of death for my salvation, His bursting from the spiced tomb, His riding up the heav'nly way, His coming at the day of doom, I bind unto myself today.

- 3 I bind unto myself today The pow'r of God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to hearken to my need, The wisdom of my God to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to ward, The Word of God to give me speech, His heav'nly host to be my guard.
- 4 Against the demon snares of sin, The vice that gives temptation force, The natural lusts that war within, The hostile foes that mar my course; Or few or many, far or nigh, In ev'ry place and in all hours, Against their fierce hostility, I bind to me those holy pow'rs.
- I bind unto myself the name, \triangle 5 The strong name of the Trinity By invocation of the same, The Three in One and One in Three, Of whom all nature has creation. Eternal Father, Spirit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my salvation; Salvation is of Christ the Lord! Text: attr. Patrick, c. 372-466; tr. Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-95

Sermon

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Offertory C Cre-ate in a clean heart, and 0 God, me re new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir - it



Prayer of the Church

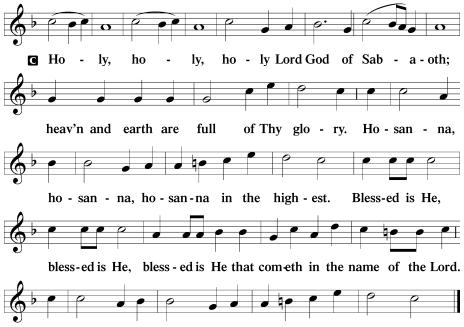
Service of the Sacrament

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It is truly meet, 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 saying:

Sanctus LSB 195



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

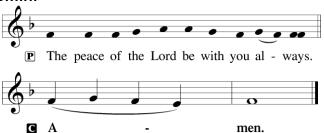
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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



The Words of Our Lord





Agnus Dei 0 Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world. Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that have mer-cy up - on us. O tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the O sin of the

peace.

Distribution Hymns:

"All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

world, grant us Thy

All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation.

Through Christ's redemption they shall stand

Among the glorious, heav'nly band Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

LSB 601

LSB 198

With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

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A

"Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious"

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious;
 See the Man of Sorrows now!
 From the fight returned victorious,
 Ev'ry knee to Him shall bow.
 Crown Him! Crown Him!
 Crown Him! Crown Him!
 Crown Him! Crown Him!
 Crowns become the victor's brow.
 Crowns become the victor's brow.

2 Crown the Savior! Angels, crown Him!

Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
On the seat of pow'r enthrone Him
While the vault of heaven rings.
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown the Savior King of kings.
Crown the Savior King of kings.

LSB 495

- 3 Sinners in derision crowned Him,
 Mocking thus the Savior's claim;
 Saints and angels crowd around Him,
 Own His title, praise His name.
 Crown Him! Crown Him!
 Crown Him! Crown Him!
 Spread abroad the victor's fame.
 Spread abroad the victor's fame.
- 4 Hark, those bursts of acclamation!
 Hark, those loud triumphant chords!
 Jesus takes the highest station;
 Oh, what joy the sight affords!
 Crown Him! Crown Him!
 Crown Him! Crown Him!
 King of kings and Lord of lords!
 King of kings and Lord of lords!

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LSB 810

"O God of God, O Light of Light"

- O God of God, O Light of Light,
 O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
 To you in heaven's glory bright
 The song of praise forever rings.
 To Him who sits upon the throne,
 The Lamb once slain but raised again,
 Be all the glory He has won,
 All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.
- 2 For deep in prophets' sacred page, And grand in poets' wingèd word, Slowly in type, from age to age The nations saw their coming Lord; Till through the deep Judean night Rang out the song, "Goodwill to men!" Sung once by firstborn sons of light, It echoes now, "Goodwill!" Amen.

3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in hate and scorn— These all are past, and now above He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O mighty gates! So sang that host beyond our ken. Lift up your heads, your King awaits. We lift them up. Amen, amen.

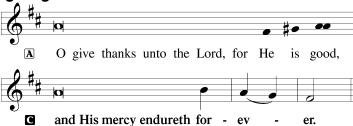
Then raise to Christ a mighty song, 4 And shout His name, His mercies tell! Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong, And all on earth, your anthem swell! All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend! Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign, All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

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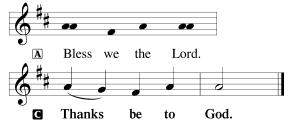
A Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.



Benedicamus LSB 202



Benediction LSB 202

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Closing Hymn: "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth"

ISB 834

- O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth,
 Thy living finger never wrote
 That life should be an aimless mote,
 A deathward drift from futile birth.
 Thy Word meant life triumphant hurled
 In splendor through Thy broken world.
 Since light awoke and life began,
 Thou hast desired Thy life for man.
- Our fatal will to equal Thee, Our rebel will wrought death and night. We seized and used in prideful spite Thy wondrous gift of liberty. We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had royal scope and room, Until Thy servant, Prince of Peace, Breached all its walls for our release.
- Thou camest to our hall of death,
 O Christ, to breathe our poisoned air,
 To drink for us the dark despair
 That strangled our reluctant breath.
 How beautiful the feet that trod
 The road that leads us back to God!
 How beautiful the feet that ran
 To bring the great good news to man!
- △ 4 O Spirit, who didst once restore
 Thy Church that it might be again
 The bringer of good news to men,
 Breathe on Thy cloven Church once
 more.

That in these gray and latter days There may be those whose life is praise,

Each life a high doxology To Father, Son, and unto Thee.

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