# THREE IN ONE

#### **Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer**

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The Holy Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

**Prelude** 

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (arr. Harris & Lowe)
"Father Most Holy" (arr. Johnson & Krapf)

#### Welcome

Inspired by the abundant hospitality of Jesus Christ, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church as 'we make God known through words and deeds'.

#### **Call to Worship**

We worship this day a God beyond our understanding.

We worship a God who has revealed to us both love and power.

We worship a God who created us, who has redeemed us and who sustains us.

We worship a God who is beyond us and yet understands us.

Let us worship God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

When we gather to worship we trust that our God, who is present everywhere, is present here, and is at work, through the power of the Holy Spirit, breathing new life into us and the entire creation. Let's make this song our prayer as we enter into a time of confession.

Come, Holy Spirit, and breathe life into us. You are the breath of creation and the root of all life. You are creator and cleanser, anointer and healer. We confess the sin of our human condition and the reality that we cannot save ourselves. Come, Holy Spirit, and forgive us.

Our God is a Three-in-One God; the creator of the universe who came among us in Jesus Christ to save us from sin and death, who now lives with us and in us through the Holy Spirit. This Father, Son and Holy Spirit loves us and stirs us into deeper love for one another. And all God's Spirit-filled, forgiven people agree together, "Amen."

**Opening Hymn** 

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>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!" Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** 

**Psalm** Psalm 29

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

# **Second Reading**

Romans 8:12-17

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** 

"Alleluia"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

**Gospel Reading** 

John 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you. 'You must be born from above.' 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, 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 a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Three in One" Pastor Overbo

**Hymn of the Day** "Father Most Holy" #415 vs. 1, 2, 4

Athanasian Creed (see insert)

# **Prayers of the Church**

Hospitalized/Ill: Marlowe Ronke, De Ann Fylling- Niece of Deanna & Dan Hickel, Tori Simon,

Ric Holmquest- Brother of Jack Holmquest, Kevin Stark- Brother of Carol (Ron) Bergan, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler

<u>Death:</u> Sharon Gainor- Mother of Roman (Sheila) Gainor,

Evelyn Likness- Mother of Clark (Gerry) Likness

Offering

Text to Give: 605-250-6765 or Scan the QR code located in the pew Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month:

Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center



#### **Offering Prayer**

You have breathed into us, O God, breathed the breath of life into our lungs, the breath of salvation into our souls, the breath of your presence into our hearts. And so we exhale, O God, to sound forth your praises. Hear their echoes in the giving of these gifts. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.** 

# **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

#### **Announcements**

#### **Blessing**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  $\oplus$  be upon you now and forever. **Amen.** 

**Sending Hymn** 

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

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#### Call to Service

Go, now, in the embrace of the Three-in-One, following God's example of community, wherever you go. May the blessing of the Trinity go with you and strengthen you to do God's will in the world. Amen.

Please share the peace, as well as your name when you leave today.

#### **Postlude**

Festive Processional (arr. Asper)

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#### Serving

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; Organist: AJ Sherrill; Sound & Projection: Sam Langner;

Ushers: Darren Likness; Lector: Marian Neshiem;

# ATHANASIAN CREED

Quicunque Vult

Whoever wants to be saved should above all ding to the catholic faith. Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally. Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another. But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty. What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit. Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit. The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite. Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit: And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal; as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited. Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit: And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty. Thus the Father is God; the Son is God;

the Holy Spirit is God: And yet there are not three gods, but one God. Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord: And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord. As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords. The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten: the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father; the Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son. Thus there is one Father, not three fathers: one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits. And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons. Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity. It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh. For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man. He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and he is man, born in the world

from the being of his motherexisting fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body; equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity. Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ. He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not transform deity into humanity. He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures. For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

He suffered death for our salvation. He descended into hell and rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, those who have done evil will enter eternal fire. This is the catholic faith. One cannot be saved without believing this

firmly and faithfully.

### THE WEEKLY WORD- ANNOUNCEMENTS

# COTTON T-SHIRTS NEEDED

ALTAR GUILD IS IN NEED OF COTTON T-SHIRTS TO POLISH AND CLEAN WITH. PLEASE CUT T-SHIRTS INTO RAG SIZED PIECES AND DROP THEM OFF IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.







#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 26 - September 1

5:30 p.m. IN TOWN

9:00 a.m. MEMORIAL

Sunday

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

IN TOWN PARK

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-3:00; Friday 8:30-12



# COOKIES

Sandwich Ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the

# NEEDED

Welcome Center or church office

# Global Health **Ministries**



Please leave items

in the basket labeled

at the Welcome Center.

"Global Health Kits"

#### The following items are needed:

- PILLOW CASES
- · BABY HATS
- ONESIES
- TOWELS
- WASH CLOTHS

\*Any color, new or gentle used.



# We Need Piano Players!

To play with our Worship **Teams on Wednesday Evenings & Sunday Mornings.** 

> Contact Megan in the church office at 886-2696 or meganelcoorwatertown.org

## TIMMERMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

More information and applications are available in the church office, at the Welcome Center or online at lcoorwatertown.org under the resources tab.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 30, 2024



Luther League 2.0 will meet at various times throughout the summer months. Gathering times will be announced through the "Luther League not already included in the 'Remind" notification, please contact Philip.

#### MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH

Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center



Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!

# May 26 - June 2

Print too small? Large print bulletins are available at all worship services.

#### Sunday May 26

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

#### Monday May 27

Church Office Closed (Memorial Day) 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

#### **Tuesday May 28**

9:00 a.m. Sewing Ministry Group 11:00 a.m. Text Study 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

#### Wednesday May 29

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 5:00-8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

#### Thursday May 30

Timmerman Scholarship Deadline 5:00-8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

#### Friday May 31

Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

#### Saturday June 1

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal

#### **Sunday June 2**

Communion

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park with Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy



# Attendance & Offering

May 12 Live Stream- 96 Saturday, May 18- 62 Sunday, May 19- 268

#### Offering (5/19):

General Fund: \$8,396; Debt Reduction: \$20;

Mission of the Month: \$36.47;

Other: \$655;

Simply Giving Offering (5/13-5/17):

General Fund: \$9,848.88; Debt Reduction: \$115;

Other: \$335;

Mission of the Month: \$80;

# Staff

#### Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

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#### Sound & Technology

Zach Stanton

#### Custodian

Roman Gainor

# MAY 26, 2024 **HYMN OF THE WEEK**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

#### **WEEKLY MILESTONES**

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

#### **CARING CONVERSATIONS**



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something that is hard for you to understand or believe?
- Jesus compared the Holy Spirit to the wind (John 3:8). How is the Holy Spirit like the wind?

#### **DEVOTIONS**



Read: John 3:1-17.

The Holy Trinity, God in three persons, is a mystery. Who can fully understand or describe God? No one! Trinity Sunday is about more than a mystery. It gives us an opportunity to recognize and celebrate that we are born of God, we are given new life through water and the Spirit, and we are made part of the kingdom of God through Jesus Christ. We have a dynamic, relational God who becomes flesh so that we may be born of the Spirit and enjoy eternal life. Like a child, we are given an intimate relationship with God based on trust, dependence, and belonging. Yes, this awesome God can leave us confused and asking questions like Nicodemus. However, what started for Nicodemus with confusion in the dark of night eventually led to his defense of Jesus (John 7:50-52) and his taking the risk of joining Joseph of Arimathea in preparing Jesus' body for burial (John 19:39-42). Jesus' life and work is all about overcoming the judgment of the world with a living faith in him, the Son of God, so that our lives may be filled with abundance, grace, and truth.

Discuss: How does God as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit fill you with trust, dependence, and a sense of belonging? Pray: Creator God, for your Holy Spirit and your Son, our Savior and Lord, we thank you for giving us a relationship to you based on trust, love, and mercy. Amen.

#### SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you walk alongside others in their faith journey?

#### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



A doxology is an expression of giving praise to God. One of the most treasured doxologies sung around the world each week in Christian congregations and homes was written by Anglican Bishop Thomas Ken and published in 1709. It is often used as a mealtime prayer. Light three candles to symbolize the Holy Trinity. Then sing or read the doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org





# **MAY 26, 2024 TRINITY SUNDAY**

We are born for a relationship with God.

#### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday John 3:1-17 Born of the Spirit
Monday Isaiah 6:1-8 A vision of God
Tuesday Romans 8:12-17 Life in the Spirit

Wednesday Deuteronomy 31:1-8 Joshua becomes Moses' successor

Thursday Zephaniah 3:14-20 A song of joy
Friday 1 John 3:1-3 Children of God
Saturday Psalm 29 The voice of God

Sunday Mark 2:23–3:6 A question about the sabbath

#### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

Jesus answered him [Nicodemus], "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." John 3:3 (NRSV)

#### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

#### A Prayer for the Week:

God of mystery and love, we thank you for coming to us in three persons that we may be born to a living hope through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Triune God, we thank you for this gift of food that reminds us of our relationship to you based on trust, dependence, and belonging. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May you trust in Jesus Christ and enjoy eternal life.



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