

THE HOLY TRINITY
Beyond Comprehension
May 31, 2026

DIVINE SERVICE 3

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

**HYMN OF INVOCATION 901 OPEN NOW THY GATES OF
BEAUTY**

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty;
 Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
 Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessèd is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee;
 Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
 There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!

- 3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
 Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
 Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken;
 Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
 May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
 Let Thy will be done indeed.
 May I undisturbed draw near Thee
 While Thou dost Thy people feed.
 Here of life the fountain flows;
 Here is balm for all our woes.

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

People Amen.

Pastor 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.

Pastor Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Pastor O almighty God, merciful Father,

People 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.

Pastor Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

SENDING HYMN 506 GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
 2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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Pastor 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.

A - men.
 The Lord be with you.
 And with thy spir - it.

BENEDICAMUS *LSB 202*

Bless we the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *LSB 202*

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit (*Psalm 16:8-11; Antiphon: Liturgical Text*)

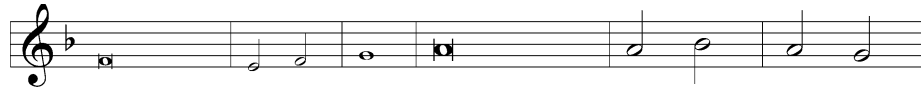
Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
 People Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.
 Pastor: I have set the LORD always before me;
 People: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
 Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
 People: my flesh also dwells secure.
 Pastor: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
 People: or let your holy one see corruption.
 Pastor: You make known to me the path of life;
 People: in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
 Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
 People: Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE *LSB 186*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.
 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 187*



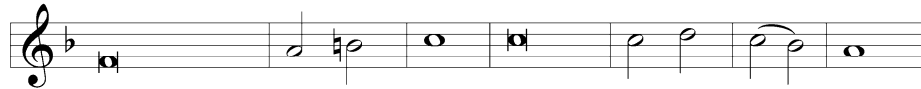
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



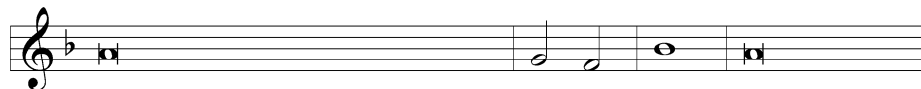
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



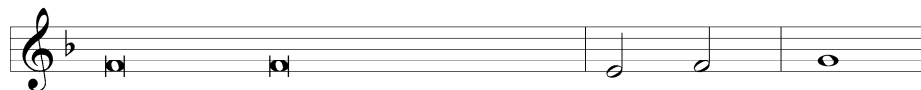
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



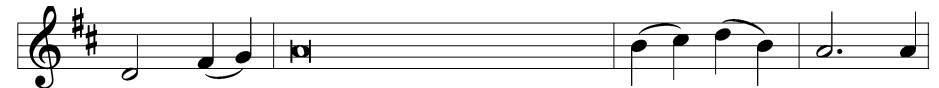
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



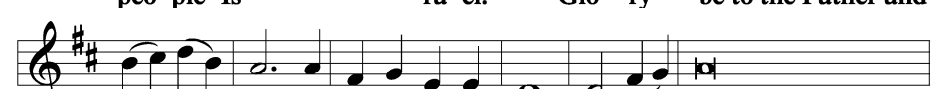
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



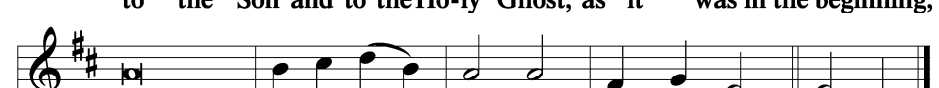
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



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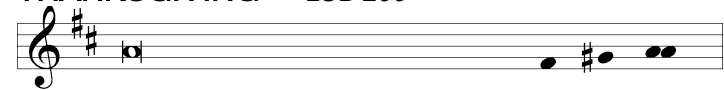


to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

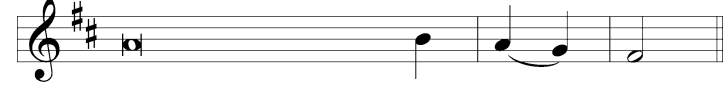


is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING *LSB 200*



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.

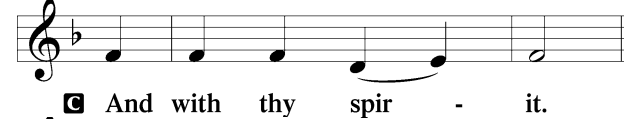


2 To You, the Counselor, we cry,
To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



3 In You, with graces sevenfold,
We God's almighty hand behold
While You with tongues of fire proclaim
To all the world His holy name.



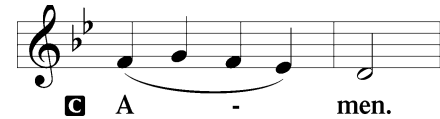
4 Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.



5 Drive far away our wily foe,
And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.

Pastor 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.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.



△ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 1:1-2:4a* (God creates all that exists.)

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.”⁷ And 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

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87 Text and tune: Public domain

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN 498 COME, HOLY GHOST,
CREATOR BLEST**



DISTRIBUTION HYMN 940 HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME

- 1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!
- 3 Lo, the apostles' holy train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.
- 4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900, alt. Tune: Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna Text and tune: Public domain

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 700 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVE EXCELLING

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.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

READING Acts 2:14a, 22-36 (Peter tells the Good News to those who crucified our Lord.)

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

and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *LSB 197*

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI *LSB 197*

The musical notation for Pax Domini consists of two staves. The first staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It contains a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The second staff is a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It contains a melody of quarter notes: G3, A3, Bb3, C4, Bb3, A3, G3. Below the second staff, the lyrics are: "The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways." and "A - men." with a square symbol under the 'A'.

AGNUS DEI *LSB 198*

The musical notation for Agnus Dei consists of four staves. The first staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It contains a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The second staff is a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It contains a melody of quarter notes: G3, A3, Bb3, C4, Bb3, A3, G3. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us." and "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us." with a square symbol under the 'O'.

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 - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER *LSB 196*

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
**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**

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."

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.
 People Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA *LSB 190*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 28:16-20* (Jesus promises to accompany His followers.)

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

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

ATHANASIAN CREED

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 Almighty's, 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;

to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Lord God, heavenly Father, You have called Your Church from every tribe and nation. Grant that Your people throughout the world would rejoice in the death and resurrection of Christ and live as those who have died and risen with Him in Holy Baptism; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE *LSB 194*



☐ The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.



☐ Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.



☐ Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor 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

walk in a manner worthy of Him. Bless the floor committees who prepare the work of our Synod convention, that all they decide may be guided by Your Word and undertaken in prayer, and that Your good and gracious will be done among us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor Creator God, You ordered this world according to Your good and gracious will, crowning Your creation with man and woman. Give us faith to cherish the holy estate of marriage, its union of husband and wife, Your call to be fruitful, and the promise that You will bless what You have made. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor Almighty God, You are over all things. We pray for nations and governments, for leaders and civil servants, and for peace and justice here in our own land and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor Loving Lord, You promise to be with Your people always, to the end of the age. Comfort those afflicted in body or mind, soul or spirit [*especially* _____]. Give them grace to entrust themselves into Your Son's loving hands and await relief according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor Father, in the blessed Sacrament Your Son gives His body as the bread of heaven and His blood as the cup of salvation. Help us to receive this blessed Sacrament with faith and show forth the fruits of the Spirit in lives of faith, repentance and goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor Lord Most High, in six days You created all that has been made and commanded us to fill the earth and subdue it. Grant us wisdom, that we may govern Your creation as faithful stewards, using the earth's resources in a manner that is pleasing

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Pastor 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.

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

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.

Message Box

HYMN OF THE DAY 507 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky
and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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SERMON Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a "Let There Be light"

OFFERTORY *LSB 192*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and 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
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth, we bless Your name. You have called us out of darkness into Your marvelous light. Guard Your Church, purchased with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Keep her in the true faith, without error, schism or compromise, until that day when You welcome her home as Your spotless bride. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Lord, as You have delivered us from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of Your Son, help us to