



On the Majesty and Mystery of Our God

PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Houghton, Michigan
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Welcome to Worship

God's grace welcomes you, and so do we — the pastor and members of Peace! Jesus Christ is the only Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death and triumphant resurrection, Jesus saves all sinners. We learn these truths from the Bible — God's complete plan for our salvation and his guidebook for our lives. Peace greets you with a warm welcome. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

About Our Service

The gospel (or good news) is not just information about what Jesus did to save sinners. It is also the power God uses to work faith in our hearts, transform our lives, and give us lasting peace. Therefore, Lutheran Worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. In the message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news about Jesus from start to finish. Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out on the following pages. If a song is not found in this service folder, it can be found in the red or blue hymnals located on the chair in front of you.

Current Worship Series: Undivided Attention

June 15: (Holy Trinity) On the Majesty and Mystery of Our God

June 22: On the Mission Right Before Us

June 29: On Christ's Call for Commitment

July 6: On the Want for Workers

July 13: On a Neighbor In Need

July 20: On the One Thing Needed

July 27: On the Privilege and Purpose of Prayer

August 3: On Useful Resources

August 10: On Heavenly Treasure

Today's Focus: On the Majesty and Mystery of Our God (Holy Trinity Sunday)

At the top of the list of things worthy of our undivided attention: God. That does not mean if we focus long and hard, we will understand all there is to know about God. That is impossible! For example, Scripture teaches that there is one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our reason objects, "How can three be one?" So, God's very existence is a mystery, far beyond our ability to comprehend, no matter how long we ponder it. Yet, while we cannot understand everything about our God, he is still worthy of our undivided attention. For there is plenty about God's majesty that we can understand. We can understand that God provides for us as a loving Father. We can understand how much God loves us, for that was proven in the sacrifice of God the Son. We can understand that every time we gather in the name of our Triune God, the Holy Spirit grants us the greatest of blessings. These truths are worthy of our undivided attention!

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

God wants his people to prepare the sacrament of Holy Communion because it's a powerful meal. See page 156 in the red hymnal for a personal examination guide.

Service Participants:

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Pastor of Peace: Pastor Welch



THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR

Trinity Sunday

The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

Please stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Dialogue for Holy Trinity Sunday

Blessed are you who by speaking created all things;

Blessed are you, O Lord!

Hymn

Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices st. 1

I Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es
To praise my God with thou - sand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord re - joic - es,
Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs

To all, wher - ev - er I might be,
 What great things God has done for me.

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Blessed are you who maintains all of creation;
 Blessed are you whose word is deed, whose decrees are fulfillments;

Blessed are you, O Father!

Hymn

Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices st. 2

2 Dear Fa - ther, end - less praise I ren - der
 For soul and bod - y, no - bly joined;
 I praise you, Guard - ian kind and ten - der,
 For all the dai - ly joys I find
 So rich - ly spread on ev - 'ry side
 And free - ly for my use sup - plied. 5

Blessed are you who has compassion on all people.
To you, O Son of God, we confess our sins.

Silence for confession

In you, we have forgiveness.
Blessed are you, our Savior and Lord;

Blessed are you, O Christ!

Hymn

Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices st. 3

3 I praise you, Sav - ior, whose com - pas - sion
Has brought you down to ran - som me.
Your pit - ying heart sought my sal - va - tion;
You bore the cross tri - um - phant - ly,
Brought me from bond - age full re - lease,
Made me your own, and gave me peace.

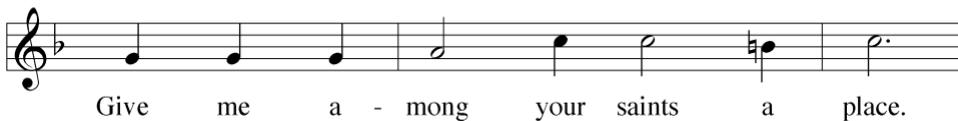
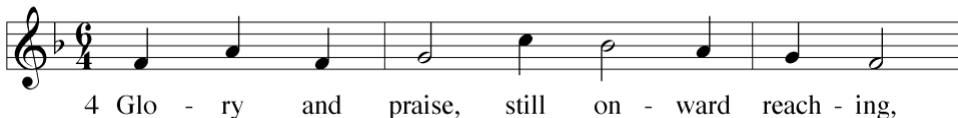
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Blessed are you who richly blesses all who serve you;
Blessed are you who lives forever and exists from all eternity;

Blessed are you, O Spirit of God!

Hymn

Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices st. 4



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Blessed are you, O Lord, our God; we your people glorify you and worship
in the mystery of the most high and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Blessed is God's holy name!

Hymn

Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices st. 5



5 Shall I not then be filled with glad - ness?
Shall I not praise you ev - er - more
And tri - umph o - ver fear and sad - ness,
Al - though my cup of woe runs o'er?
Though heav'n and earth shall dis - ap - pear,
Your end - less love is ev - er near.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Word



First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

²²The Lord said to Moses, ²³“Tell Aaron and his sons, “This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴“ ‘ “The Lord bless you
and keep you;
²⁵the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
²⁶the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.” ’

²⁷“So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Lord charges his priests to speak a threefold blessing upon the people. We close our services confident that our Triune God gives us the majestic things these words pronounce.

Children’s Lesson

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We have peace because the love of the Father has been demonstrated in his Son and poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Please stand

Verse of the Day

Isaiah 6:3

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.

3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights
of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the
dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your
Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

The Son
receives what
he has from
the Father.
The Spirit
receives what
he has from
the
Son. We
receive what
we have from
the Spirit.

Gospel

John 16:12-15

¹²“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell

you what is yet to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Holy God, We Praise Your Name sts. 1, 3-5



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your
 4 You are King of glo - ry, Christ, Son of
 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly



all, we bow be - fore you. All on
 sa - cred name they hal - low; proph - ets
 God, yet born of Mar - y, for us
 Spir - it, three we name you, though in



earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -
 swell the glad re - frain, and the white - robed
 sin - ners sac - ri - ficed, on the cross our
 es - sence on - ly one, un - di - vid - ed



bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do -
 mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to set of
 sins did car - ry; first to break the bars of
 God we claim you, and, a - dor - ing, bend the



main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign. 11
 sun through the Church the song goes on.
 death, you have o - pened heav'n to faith.
 knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined biblical teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith. This morning we confess part of the creed that is devoted to the Holy Trinity.

Sermon

Romans 5:1-5

Athanasian Creed

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, **but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,
just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,
but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

in the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;
yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,
so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.
The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.
The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

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

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior;
but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,

so that in every way, as stated before, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

Offering

The members of Peace have joined together in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7) to do the Lord's work of sharing the message of Jesus. Visitors need not feel obligated. You are our guests!

Kindly fill out one of our Connection Cards. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

Prayer of the Church

Please stand.

Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We would not have known you if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, yet one God. Remove from us

all doubt and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

Enlighten and empower us to worship you as the triune God, the holy Trinity.

God our Father, whatever good is in us, whatever good things we have, and whatever good we do comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being.

Open our eyes to see the gifts you provide every day purely out of your own love and care.

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into our world to make the Father known to us. You joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity and brought us back to God by shedding your blood. In love you walked the way of suffering and carried the wrath of God that we deserved because of our sins. Help us believe that all you did and all you endured you did to rescue us and set us free.

In the bright new hope of your resurrection teach us to offer our lives in praise to God and love to our neighbor.

Creator Spirit, you breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel, opened our eyes to see the light of your grace, and filled our minds with the clear sound of your voice. Through Word and sacrament lead us to understand more completely how broad and deep and high is the love of God in Christ Jesus. Firm up our resolve to do battle with Satan and sin. **In every weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves to be God's children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and fervent in love.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, and the God of all comfort.

We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and praise your holy name forever. Amen.



The Sacrament

We believe what God's Word says. God's Word clearly teaches that along with the bread and wine we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:26,28; Mk. 14:22,24; Lk. 22:19-22). God's Word also tells us that those who take Communion together are to:

- 1. Recognize that Christ's true body and blood are miraculously present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 10:16; 11:29),*
- 2. Examine their hearts (1 Cor. 11:28), and*
- 3. Be united in faith with the congregation with which they commune (1 Cor. 10:17).*

Therefore we ask that those who have not had the opportunity to understand our Scriptural confession would speak with the pastor before participating in the Lord's Supper this morning. If you would like to come forward to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms as the pastor approaches. It is our sincere desire to share in the blessings of the Lord's Supper with you according to the pattern Jesus himself has given in his Word.

Introduction to the Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

The pastor speaks the words of institution according to 1 Corinthians 11. Afterward, the congregation will sing the next song.

Lamb of God

John the Baptist declared Jesus to be God's Lamb (Agnus Dei), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,
ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.
All sin you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:
have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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Distribution

After the song, please be seated. Communicants will come forward at the usher's direction.

Thanksgiving

Psalms 136:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

1 Cor. 11:26

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever!

Ephesians 3:20-21

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Numbers 6:22

Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you and give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.
Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren; I will keep you and give you peace.

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Announcements

Foundations of Faith

Foundations is for everyone: people interested in becoming members, those looking to build their faith, or the curious observer who wants to study the Bible without feeling obligated to join a church. This study is Bible-based and discussion-centered. Classes can be arranged to fit personal schedules

To get plugged in or to request more information, contact Pastor Welch (pastor@peacehoughton.org). Childcare is available upon request.

Online Offering Option

If you would like to give an online offering today, please scan the QR code. All online donations are safe and go directly to Peace.



New Member Welcome Next Week!

Peace hosts a new member welcome potluck about twice a year. Since there are quite a few new faces at Peace these days, our next new member potluck will be on June 22nd after worship. A signup sheet will be on the table in the entryway.

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Our mission is to spread the gospel of Christ, to gather college students and the local community into a family of believers, and to share the message of hope and the promise of salvation through grace.