

# ✠ The Feast of the Holy Trinity ✠

## June 15, 2025

**Hymn of Invocation:** *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

*LSB 507*

- 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!

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Exhortation

LSB 184

**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,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

## Confession of Sins

LSB 184

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **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.**

## Absolution

LSB 185

**P** 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.  
**C** **Amen.**

# Introit

*Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*



Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- cy to us.

**I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;\***

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices,\*  
my flesh also | dwells secure.

**For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,\***

**or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.**

You make known to me the | path of life;\*

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- cy to us.

# Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

# Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our  
prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have  
mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**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.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31*

*(Wisdom personified recalls creation and God's delighting in humanity.)*

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup>On the heights beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

<sup>4</sup>“To you, O men, I call,

and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

<sup>22</sup>“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,  
 the first of his acts of old.  
<sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up,  
 at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
<sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
 when there were no springs abounding with water.  
<sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped,  
 before the hills, I was brought forth,  
<sup>26</sup>before he had made the earth with its fields,  
 or the first of the dust of the world.  
<sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there;  
 when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above,  
 when he established the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
 so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
 when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
<sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master workman,  
 and I was daily his delight,  
 rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world  
 and delighting in the children of man.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Romans 10:8b, 10*



The word is near you, in your mouth and | in your heart,\*  
 the word of faith that | we proclaim.  
 For with the heart one believes and is | justified,\*  
 and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.

*(Peter continues his Pentecost sermon, proclaiming  
that Jesus is both Christ and Lord.)*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>22</sup>“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—<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>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;  
<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“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. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’  
<sup>36</sup>Let 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.

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*John 8:48–59*

*(“Before Abraham was, I am.”)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’” <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’” <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”

<sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Athanasian Creed

**P** 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.

**C** And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,

**P** neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

**C** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

**P** But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

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

**P** 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.

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

**P** just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

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

**P** and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.



**C** 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;

**P** 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.

**C** 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.

**P** 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.

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

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

**C** 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.

**P** 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.

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

- P** 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,
- C** 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.
- P** This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day:** *“O Blessed, Holy Trinity”*

*LSB 876*

- 1 O blessèd, holy Trinity,  
Divine, eternal Unity,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
This day Your name be uppermost.
- 2 My soul and body keep from harm,  
And over all extend Your arm;  
Let Satan cause me no distress  
Nor bring me shame and wretchedness.
- 3 The Father’s love shield me this day;  
The Son’s pure wisdom cheer my way;  
The Holy Spirit’s joy and light  
Drive from my heart the shades of night.

- 4 My Maker, hold me in Your hand;  
O Christ, forgiven let me stand;  
Blest Comforter, do not depart;  
With faith and love enrich my heart.
- 5 Lord, bless and keep me as Your own;  
Lord, look in kindness from Your throne;  
Lord, shine unfailing peace on me  
By grace surrounded; set me free.

**Sermon:** *“The Unchanging, Unpackaged God”*

*Text: Jn. 8:48-59; Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31; Acts 2:14a, 22-36*

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**Preface**

*LSB 194*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

**P** 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, Your eternal Wisdom present before all creation, and the Holy Spirit, are one glorious God, one boundless Lord. For Your Son, the great I AM, boldly stepped into our flesh, fulfilling Your divine purpose and foreknowledge as He suffered and died for our salvation. Then, rising in triumph and ascending to glory, He poured out Your Holy Spirit, drawing us—once scattered—into Your unending, perfect life. 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*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the  
name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## Lord's Prayer

**P** 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.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 197*

**P** 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*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 198*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn:** *“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”* LSB 622

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared  
This feast for our salvation;  
It is Your body and Your blood,  
And at Your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
We come to You for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although You did to heav’n ascend,  
Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in Your presence they behold  
Your glory, all excelling,  
And though Your people shall not see  
Your glory and Your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined  
To any habitation;  
But You are present even now  
Here with Your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,  
Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
Your precious Word believing  
That Your true body and Your blood  
Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true;  
All things are possible with You,  
For You are Lord Almighty.

- 5    Though reason cannot understand,  
      Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is even now  
      At once in many places.  
I leave to You how this can be;  
Your Word alone suffices me;  
      I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6    Lord, I believe what You have said;  
      Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust,  
      And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears  
Refreshes me and stills my fears  
      And is my priceless treasure.
- 7    Grant that we worthily receive  
      Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
      May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
      In holiness increasing.
- 8    For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
      Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
      The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessèd comfort unto me  
      When living and when dying.

**Distribution Hymn:** *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

*LSB 621*

- 1    Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
      And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
      For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
      Comes our homage to demand.

- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending  
From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish  
As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

- ☐ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast  
prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people  
Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**



## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## Post-Communion Collect

- 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.

## Salutation

LSB 201

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P** 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.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

- 1    Glory be to God the Father,  
      Glory be to God the Son,  
      Glory be to God the Spirit:  
      Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
      Glory, glory  
      While eternal ages run!
- 2    Glory be to Him who loved us,  
      Washed us from each spot and stain;  
      Glory be to Him who bought us,  
      Made us kings with Him to reign!  
      Glory, glory  
      To the Lamb that once was slain!
- 3    Glory to the King of angels,  
      Glory to the Church’s King,  
      Glory to the King of nations;  
      Heav’n and earth, your praises bring!  
      Glory, glory  
      To the King of glory sing!
- 4    Glory, blessing, praise eternal!  
      Thus the choir of angels sings;  
      Honor, riches, pow’r, dominion!  
      Thus its praise creation brings.  
      Glory, glory,  
      Glory to the King of kings!