

# 1st Sunday after Easter—The Holy Trinity

June 1 & 4, 2023

**The Season** After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons teach us the characteristics of the Holy Ministry, the Christian, the Church, our God, and the Christian life.

**The Sunday** We believe in the Triune God. The third and longest of the ecumenical creeds underscores the importance of this Sunday's message. The doctrine of the Trinity is not a logical exercise or a dogmatic excursion. It's central to our salvation. The Triune God is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Lose this doctrine, and as the Creed says, you lose it all. A Jesus who is less than God is also less than Savior. *The Holy Ministry proclaims the Triune God.*

## Hymn

*Baptized into Your Name Most Holy* CW 294



1 Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To  
3 My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your  
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re -



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a  
be hence - forth your child and heir. My faith - ful  
prom - ise sure - ly will en - dure. Oh, cast me  
ceive it all, O Lord, from me. Let me con -



place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your saints, your  
Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of all your  
not a - way for - ev - er If words and deeds be -  
fess my faith sin - cere - ly And help me your own



cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to  
sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort  
come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -  
child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or



sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.  
filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.  
own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

Text: Johann J. Rambach, 1693–1735, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (KÖNIG) (98 98 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

Stand

## Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**

as we  
**Gather**

around the Gospel  
to help people

**Grow**

in the **Gospel**  
and

**Go**

with the **Gospel**

**Welcome!** We  
thank God that you  
have joined us at  
worship today.

Restrooms are  
located in the  
basement. Hearing  
loop headphones and  
Large Print Hymnals  
are available from an  
usher.

If your children  
need to leave worship,  
please take them to  
the basement. A TV  
broadcasts the  
service in the  
basement.

Today we gather  
together in the  
presence of God. He  
is present among us  
in a special way  
through his Word and  
Sacrament. We  
acknowledge our sin  
and rejoice in the  
good news of  
forgiveness through  
the life and death of  
Christ. This is the  
focus of our worship.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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### CONFESSION OF SINS

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M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

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### PRAYER AND PRAISE

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M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**Oh, Taste and See**



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



## Prayer of the Day

**M:** Let us pray.

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.

**C:** Amen

*Be Seated*

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## THE WORD

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### First Lesson:

### Genesis 1:1-2:3

When we read the account of creation, we see all three persons of the Godhead at work. We read verse 1 in the context of Psalm 104 and John 1. God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—created a home for the crown of his creation. The Trinity was speaking to itself and of itself in the amazing words that displayed God’s intent for humankind: Let us make man in our image. The Triune God planned for creation’s crown to conform to His image. When Adam fell, it was the Triune God who resolved to restore man to the perfection in which he had been created. This plan to restore holiness to the world would involve all three persons to choose us, to redeem us, to call us to himself.

**1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

**3** And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

**6** And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” **7** So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. **8** God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

**9** And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. **10** God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the

creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

**2** Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

<sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. (NIV)

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 150 CWS

*Refrain*

Ho - ly is God, the Lord of hosts! Ho - ly is

God, the Lord of hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of hosts!

*Psalm Tone*

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

### *Refrain*

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and dancing,  
praise him with strings and flute,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.  
Praise the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### *Refrain*

## Second Lesson

## 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

The grace, the love, the fellowship. That is the story of the Trinity in the lives of believers. Grace is that which we don't deserve; God's love is what drove it; our fellowship with God and with each other is its result. We trust in God the Father, who fills us with hope. We trust in the Lord Jesus Christ: Lord—the one who bought us; Jesus—the name he carried here on earth when he came to save us; Christ—the office he filled for our salvation. We trust in the Holy Spirit, who called us by his power and causes us to overflow with hope and love for our fellowman.

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All God's people here send their greetings.

<sup>14</sup> May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (NIV)

## Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia. (Isaiah 6:3b)

*Stand*

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 28.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel:

## Matthew 28:16-20

On a mountain in Galilee they met a man who had died, but lived again. Some of his disciples doubted, but the ones that believed his word bent the knee and worshipped this man as God. If what this man said was true, then God had died for them; God had risen for them; and now, God himself was calling them to a ministry for all nations. God reveals himself as triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The God who made us is the God who saved us and is still the God who sets us apart. Many ancient heresies wanted to make Jesus less than a man. Most modern heresies don't bother making him anything more than a man. But the Church teaches all nations to obey everything Jesus commanded us.

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest* CW 177



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our  
2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the  
3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your  
4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -  
5 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And you, from



hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and  
gift of God most high; The fount of life, the  
love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our  
bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -  
both, as Three in One That we your name may



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.  
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - o - rate.  
tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.  
ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.

6 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!

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.  
Tune: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER (LM) Klug, *Geistliche lieder auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1533.

## Sermon

## Everything?

**Matthew 28:16-20**

*Stand*

## The Athanasian Creed

Read responsively. The Congregation will read the indented lines.

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 Bible 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.

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

**Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish**

**forever.**

Now this is the true Christian faith:

**We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, 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, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God

and one God worshiped as three persons.

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

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.



Now this is the true Christian faith:

**We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,  
is both God and man.**

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time

from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh,

**equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;**

and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one,

**one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;**

one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;

**for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being,  
so God and man are one Christ.**

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,**

**and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.**

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies

to answer for their personal deeds.

**Those who have done good will enter eternal life,**

**but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.**

This is the true Christian faith.

**Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.**

*Be Seated*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**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.**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**Benediction**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

**C: Amen**

*Be Seated*

# Hymn

May the Peace of God CWS 745

I May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -  
 peace which pass - es un - der - stand -  
 ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en  
 ing, And this grace which makes us what we  
 Son, And the fel - low-ship of God the  
 are, And this fel - low-ship of his Com -  
 Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his  
 mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in  
*Refrain*  
 love. And to him be praise for his  
 heart.  
 glo - rious reign From the depths of earth to the  
 heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the  
 Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of  
 kings.  
 2 May this kings.

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