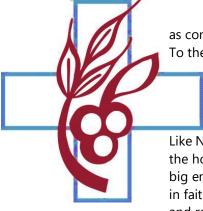


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May 30, 2021 AD | The Holy Trinity • First Sunday after Pentecost | 8:00 am & 1:30 pm



On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we do not so much explain God as confess Him. We testify to Him who has revealed Himself to us. To the mind in search of reasonable answers, God will always be a question or riddle to be solved. But to the empty heart, the Holy Spirit leads us to see with faith the God whose majesty has worked for our salvation and whose mercy has rescued us sinners from sin and the grave.

Like Nicodemus of old, we want to know how, yet our Lord gives us not the how, but the who; not the explanation, but the mystery of mercy big enough to save us. We come today confessing with our fathers in faith the Athanasian Creed, singing "Holy, Holy, Holy,"

Divine Service 1 and rejoicing in the God who is bigger than we are,

LSB pgs. 151-166 but who becomes one of us to save us.

## To Our Congregation and Guests about the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is Jesus' meal of forgiveness and strength. However, because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because we also believe that receiving the Lord's Supper together is an outward profession of unity with one another in faith and doctrine, we would therefore only invite communicant members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive this gift with us.

If you still desire to receive the sacrament, please first speak with the pastor.

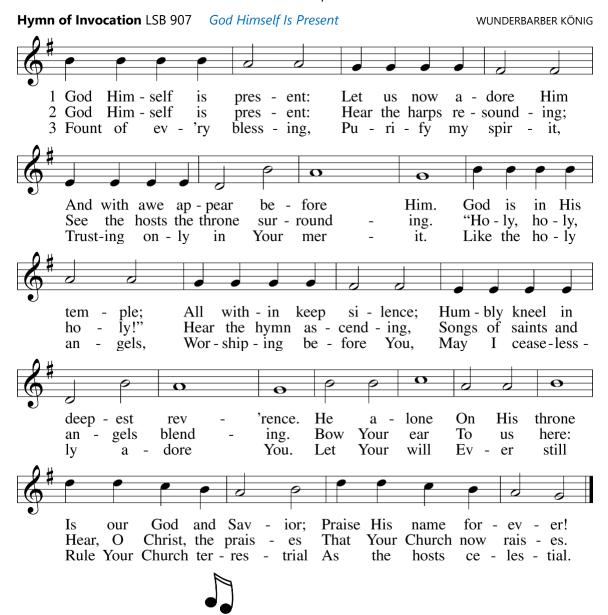
Guests are still encouraged to come to the altar, cross their arms over their chests, and receive a special blessing.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper can be made by reading the front inside cover and pp. 326-327 of the hymnal along with reaffirming the following statements:

- I am baptized.
- I repent of my sins, trusting in Jesus' atoning sacrifice for forgiveness and eternal life.
- I believe that I will eat Jesus' actual flesh and blood in, with, and under bread and wine.
- As Jesus has forgiven and loved me, I do not refuse to forgive and love.
- By God's grace I will continue to frequently receive Word and Sacrament, and I will strive to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus' holy name.

#### Welcome and Announcements

🔀 Service of Preparation 🔀



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## Confession and Absolution X

L In the name of the Father and the  $\oplus$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- L If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

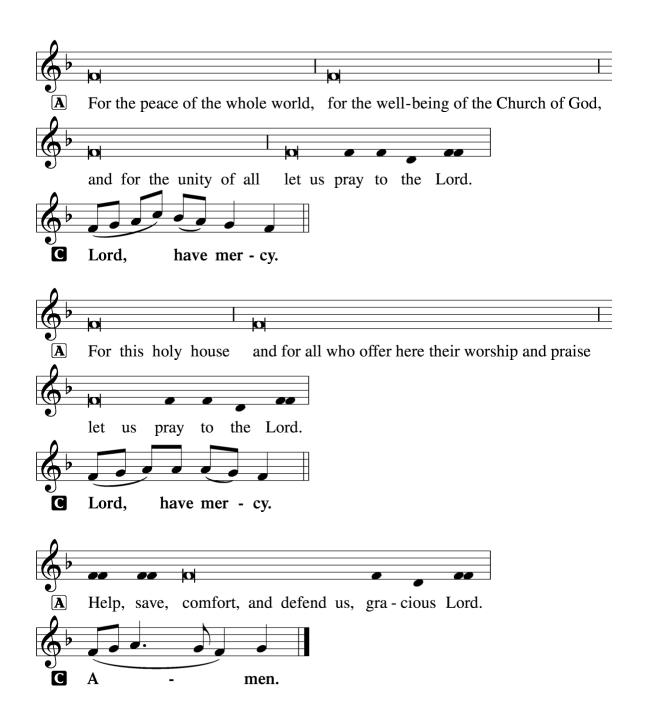
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- L Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 🕆 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- С Amen.

LSB pg. 151 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

# 🗏 Service of the Word 🗏







## **Collect of the Day**

- L The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- L 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.

- C Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities;
- L for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# Old Testament Reading Isaiah 6:1–8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.







## Epistle Reading Acts 2:14, 22–36

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

"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— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death,

because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 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;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One see corruption.

You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"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. 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, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

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. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"'The Lord said to my Lord,

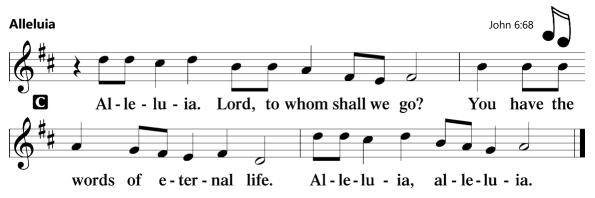
Sit at my right hand,

until I make your enemies your footstool.'

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God

has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



## Gospel Reading John 3:1-17

- R The Holy Gospel according to St. John the third chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."



- R This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

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Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

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- And in our lives the truth confess. D 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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#### Sermon

### **Apostles' Creed**

L Christian, what do you believe?

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life 🕆 everlasting. Amen.



THANKS BE TO GOD

## **Prayer of the Church**

- Blessed be the kingdom of our God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- C Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, to the end of all the ages!
- L Grant to us grace, O Lord,
- C that we trust in You and confess without fear the name of the triune God with which we were marked in Baptism.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Grant to us grace, O Lord,
- C that we approach the mystery of Your presence with awe, confident of Your mercy that forgives our sins and comforted by Your power that delivers us from everlasting death.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Grant to us grace, O Lord,
- **C** that Your Church be firmly established in this faith, united in the truth of Your Word, and served by faithful pastors and church workers who will faithfully minister to us in Your name.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Grant to us grace, O Lord,
- C that missionaries far and near be protected by Your power and blessed in their service so that many may hear, and hearing, believe in Your name.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Grant to us grace, O Lord,

that those who suffer afflictions of body and mind be delivered according to Your will, sustained by Your presence, and delivered to everlasting life, [especially . . ., and those we name in our hearts . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- L Grant to us grace, O Lord,
- C that knowing Your goodness in creation, we use Your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all people and bring to You the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.



- L Grant to us grace, O Lord,
- C that we approach Your Table in humble repentance and receive in faith the very body and blood of our Savior in this Holy Communion.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Grant to us grace,
- C O Lord, to remember those who went before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, and guide us that we faithfully confess Your name until we join them in Your nearer presence forevermore.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Grant to us grace,
- C O Lord, that we find contentment of heart and that we know the riches of Your mercy as our greatest treasure in life and our hope in death.
- L Lord in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Blessed be the kingdom of our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- C Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, to the end of all the ages!



**Offering** -the offering is being collected at the Narthex-Sanctuary door.

# Offertory Special Music

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Numbers 4:24-26 MIXED CHORUS | Peter C. Lutkin



The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord be gracious unto you. Amen.

# 🔀 Service of the Sacrament 🔀



# **Proper Preface**

- L It is truly good, 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 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.
- C Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



# Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior.
 With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us



by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## Words of our Lord

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 <sup>®</sup> 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  $\oplus$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Proclamation of Christ**

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## The Lord's Prayer

C 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



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.

### Pax Domini

The Peace of the Lord

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

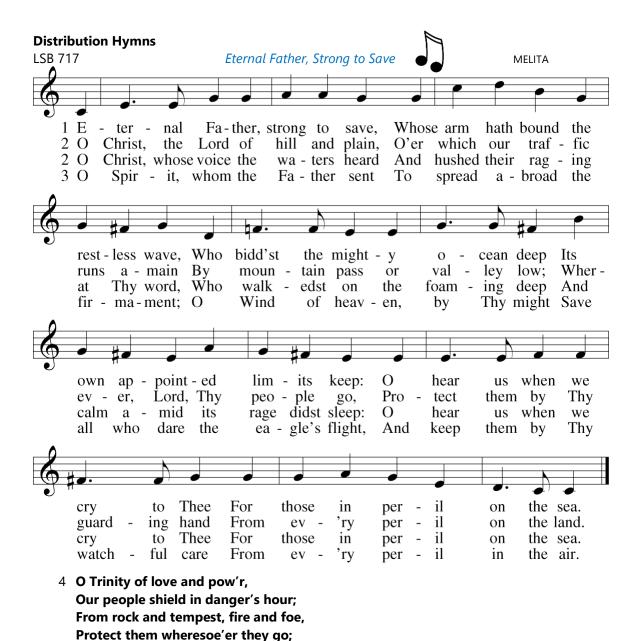
Matthew 6:9-13

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John 20:19

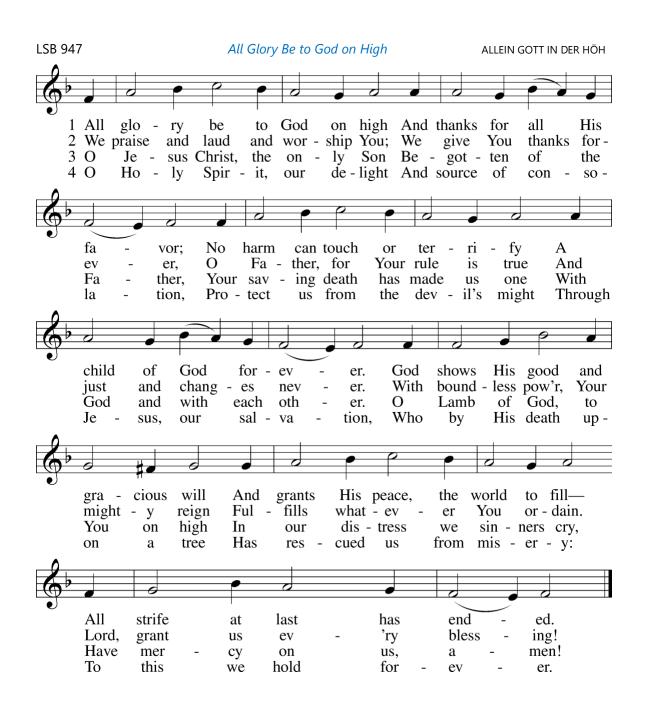
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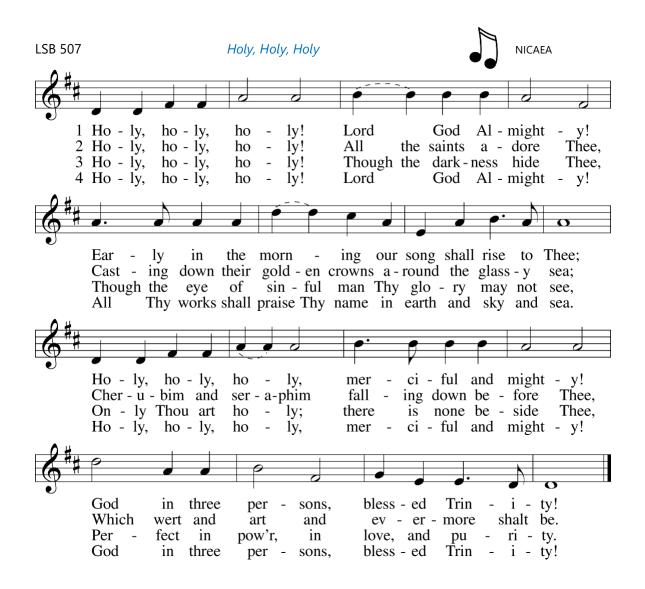


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Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.



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Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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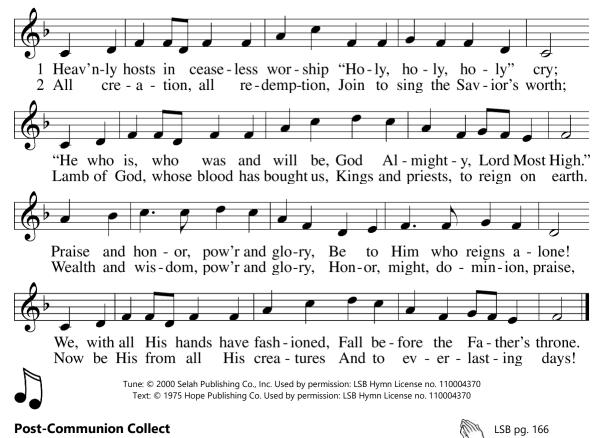


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- L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.
  - C Amen.

### Post Communion Hymn LSB 949 Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship

LOVES'S LIGHT



L Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

- C 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;
- L through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

## Benediction

- L 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.
- C Amen.

I Bind unto Myself Today

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE



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#### Dismissal

- L Go in peace, and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

Holy God, We Praise Your Name