



St. John's Lutheran Church
June 4, 2023

Welcome to St. John's

Enjoy

We feel blessed that you're here. We want you to feel comfortable in worship. Participate as much or as little as you feel comfortable. To help out, everything for our worship is projected on the screens up front and printed here in the service folder.

You and your kids are welcome

We enjoy having you and your kids in worship. And yes, that means that we don't even mind if kids want to be heard in worship in their own special way. Special Children's messages are offered on non-communion Sunday's. If they are comfortable, they are invited to come to the front of the church for a special message. If you do need a quiet place to calm a child, a nursery room is available immediately to the left as you exit the sanctuary. There are also changing stations in each bathroom.

Fill out a Connection Card

We'd love to know you were here and help you take the next step. There are Connection Cards inserted in the worship folders, or they can be completed online. Text "Connect" to 651-401-1400, scan the QR code, or visit www.StJohnsLutheran.com/connection-card to complete the card online.



Today's Worship: GOD IN THREE PERSON'S, BLESSED TRINITY

In the first half of the Church Year (Advent through Pentecost) we look at the life of Christ—his birth, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. In the second half of the year, we look at the teachings of Christ. We begin by looking at one of the most mind-blowing truths: that God is triune.

Already in the very first chapter of the Bible we read, "Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image..." (Genesis 1:26). Note the singular "God" and the plural "us." Scripture teaches us that there is only one God but that he exists as three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is triune (three-in-one). This teaching is not some logical exercise or philosophical excursion. The doctrine of the Trinity is central to our salvation. The triune God is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Lose this doctrine, and as the Athanasian Creed says, you lose it all. A Jesus who is less than God is also less than a Savior.

So often, when life gets hard, we get frustrated. We don't understand how God is working always for our good. But the doctrine of the Trinity teaches us we cannot even comprehend God's existence. How then, could we ever comprehend all his workings? On this Holy Trinity Sunday, let it be enough to know that all three persons—Father, Son, and Spirit—love us with an everlasting love.

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We Worship with God's Blessing – From Isaiah 12

We worship today, without any fear and with full confidence in the name of the Triune God who saves –

the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Surely God is our salvation;

We will trust and not be afraid!

(sung) **Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,

And he will be my Savior...

The LORD is my strength and my song;

He has become my salvation.

With joy (we) will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day (we) will say:

“Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done...

...and proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;

Let this be known to all the world.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,

For great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

(sung) **Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,

And he will be my Savior...

(we pray) - Surely, O God, we have no power to defend ourselves. It is only to you that we can turn for protection from all physical and spiritual danger – from the things that may hurt our bodies, and more importantly, those that will hurt our souls. But it's our own sin that harms us the most. Today we confess the depths of our depravity to you...

Merciful God, from my very beginning I am a lost creature. My sin is proof of my guilt and therefore I have no right to claim a place in your family.

I do not deserve to be called your child but your enemy. Yet, you promise mercy and forgiveness to me through your Son, Jesus. Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love.

Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Dear believers, your heavenly Father has FORGIVEN all your sins. Jesus' perfect life and innocent death is the proof that he has removed your guilt forever. You are not his enemy but his own dear children. May our loving God give you joy to do his will!

It is our God who has saved us – we will trust in him without any fear – Amen!

(sung) **Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,

And he will be my Savior...

Prayer of the Day

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, living and reigning, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

God's Word

Genesis 1:1—2:3

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

³And God said, "Let there be...", and there was... ⁴God saw that (it) was good...And there was evening, and there was morning—the ____ day.

³God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Profession of Faith

(sung) **We believe in God the Father, Maker of the universe**

And in Christ the Son, our Savior, come to us by virgin birth.

We believe he died to save us, bore our sins was crucified;

Then from death he rose victorious; 'scended to the Father's side.

We believe he sends his Spirit on his church with gifts of pow'r.

God, his word of truth affirming, sends us to the nations now.

He will come again in glory judge the living and the dead;

Ev'ry knee shall bow before him, then must ev'ry tongue confess.

(tune: CW 748)

God's Word

Matthew 28:16–20

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

CW 483 sts. 1–3



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.

Today's Message based on 2 Corinthians 13:11–14

¹¹Finally, 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.

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

¹⁴May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Message Notes: *Things for me to remember this week...*

Our Confession of the Triune God

ATHANASIAN CREED: Select portions for Trinity Sunday *This creed is named for St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century A.D. It was written to combat two errors that undermined the Bible's clear teaching: One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus is true God and man in one person. The wording of the Creed strikes some as harsh. The Creed isn't condemning those who are still growing in their faith (for example, our children or new Christians), but reminds us that no one can reject what the Bible teaches without losing the salvation God gives.*

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 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 & 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 worshipped as one God and one God worshipped as three persons.

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

Be seated

Our Offering of Thanks & Love

“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” - Colossians 3:17

Our offerings are both an expression of thankfulness for what our Savior has done for us, and a way of supporting the spread of the gospel through the Church’s work. Guests need not feel obligated to contribute.

Ways to Give Electronically

Choose one of 3 Simple, Safe Options for Offering Thanks



- Text “give” to 651-401-1400
 - Go to www.StJohnsLutheran.com/give
 - Scan the QR code
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Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns forever in perfect unity with you and the Holy Spirit as one God and one Lord. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name as we hear your promises in this Supper:

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, grant us your peace.
a tempo
A-men. A-men. A-men.

Be seated

A note to our guests: God's Word speaks of the spiritual blessings of this Sacrament (Matthew 26:28). God's Word also warns us against the spiritual danger in sharing this Holy meal (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Because we deeply care about you and don't want to see anyone's faith harmed, we ask that only those persons who are members of our church or fellowship join us in this intimate expression of oneness (1 Corinthians 10:17; Amos 3:3). We are not judging your love for Jesus; we are showing our love for Jesus by obeying his commands (John 14:15,21). Please feel free to ask one of our pastors for more information. We are eager to listen and share over an open Bible. Thanks!

Distribution Hymns

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

CW 484



1 Oh, that I had a thou-sand voic - es to praise my
2 Dear Fa - ther, end - less praise I ren - der for soul and
3 I praise you, Sav - ior, whose com - pas - sion has brought you
4 Glo - ry and praise, still on - ward reach - ing, be yours, O
5 Shall I not then be filled with glad - ness? Shall I not



God with thou-sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
bod - y, no - bly joined; I praise you, guard - ian kind and
down to ran - som me. Your pit - ying heart sought my sal -
Spir - it of all grace, whose ho - ly pow'r and faith - ful
praise you ev - er - more and tri - umph o - ver fear and



joic - es, would then pro-claim in grate-ful songs to all, wher -
ten - der, for all the dai - ly joys I find so rich - ly
va - tion; you bore the cross tri - um-phant - ly, brought me from
teach - ing give me a - mong your saints a place. What - ev - er
sad - ness, al-though my cup of woe runs o'er? Though heav'n and



ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me.
spread on ev - 'ry side and free - ly for my use sup - plied.
bond-age full re - lease, made me your own, and gave me peace.
good by me is done is worked by grace di - vine a - lone.
earth shall dis - ap - pear, your end - less love is ev - er near.

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

CW 481



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa - ther
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb of
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho - ly
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri - une



let us bring our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
 God we sing, in whom we are e - lect - ed.
 Ghost we sing for our re - gen - er - a - tion.
 God we sing; blest be his name for - ev - er!



To him through ev - er - last - ing days be wor - ship,
 He bought his Church with his own blood, he cleansed her
 The sav - ing faith in us he wrought and us un -
 With an - gel hosts let us a - dore and sing his



hon - or, pow'r, and praise whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 in that bless - ed flood and as his bride se - lect - ed.
 to the Bride - groom brought, made us his cho - sen na - tion.
 prais - es more and more for all his grace and fa - vor.



Sing - ing, ring - ing: ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly is our un - ion and com - mun - ion;
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



spread the sto - ry of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 his be - friend - ing gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 there is man - na and an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 spread the sto - ry of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

Stand

Our Thanksgiving

(sung) **O Lord, now let your servant – depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised, incarnate, saving Word –
A Light that will enlighten – all gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory – of those in Israel!**

(Tune 743)

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.

God's Blessing

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.

Closing Praise

(sung) **All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever three in one;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
GOD'S TRIUNE NAME resounding – through all eternity!**

(Tune 743)

Take the Next Step

If this is your first time with us, we're so glad that you took a big step and came to worship. What's your next step?

Come back next week

Connecting with God at worship is a great way to spend time during your weekend.

Try "God & Me"

God & Me is the place to learn more about God's word in your life, for both long time-members and beginners who want to learn more about God's love, the Bible, and St. John's. A new session of classes will be starting soon. Connect with Pastor and/or check the box on your Connection Card if you'd like to know more.

Join a Grow Group

Grow Groups are small groups that get together in person or online to learn about God's Word. It's a safe, comfortable atmosphere to discuss the way God's love intersects our daily lives. If you are interested in joining or starting a Grow Group or Bible Study, mark the box on your Connection Card and we will reach out to you.

Service Opportunities

There are multiple areas to volunteer each Sunday to make worship happen well for those in person and online: Guest Services & Hospitality Team, Tech Team, & Worship Prep Team. Are you interested in serving? Mark the box on your Connection Card today!

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