

# The Divine Service

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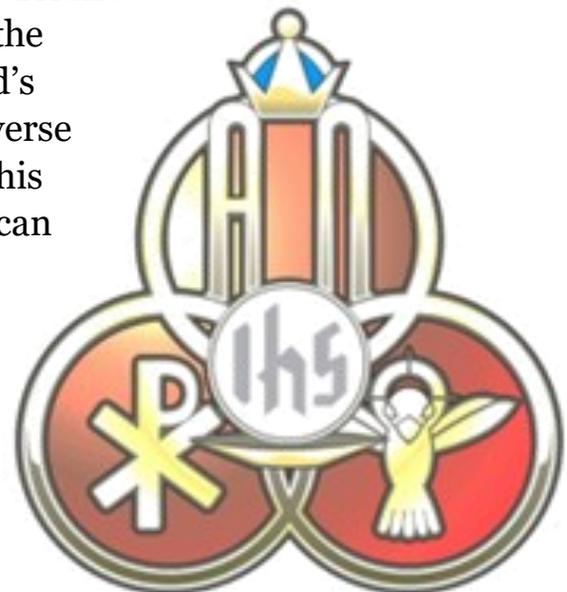
**TO OUR GUESTS:** Welcome to Good Shepherd! Thank you for joining us today. May today's worship be a blessing to you throughout your week.

We are members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We confess the historic Lutheran Confessions found in the Book of Concord (1580). We rejoice in our fellowship with likeminded believers in the WELS ([www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)).

**TODAY'S THOUGHT:** THROUGH THE WORD, THE TRIUNE GOD BLESSES US.

The Scriptures never use the words "Trinity" or "Triune."

They never even summarize in any single place the entirety of this doctrine. Instead, as we read God's Word from the first verse of Genesis to the last verse of Revelation, he gives us hints and glimpses of his Triune nature. Thus, the doctrine of the Trinity can seem very academic, even abstract. It may seem to have little relevance to the Christian's daily life. Nothing could be further from the truth. Instead, as God provides those hints and glimpses, his primary focus is on the way in which his Triune nature is a blessing to us. God shows us how we benefit from the fact he exists as Trinity. God dwells in a "majesty and mystery" (Prayer of the Day) that far exceeds our understanding. But here is what we can understand. Every time we gather in the name of the Lord, our Triune God, we receive indescribable blessings.



**The Celebration  
of the Holy Trinity**  
**Majesty, Mystery and Blessing**

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** (*Privately as you prepare for worship*)

Heavenly Lord, your name is glorious and wonderful. We gather in your presence in the unity of our faith to ask that you bless us. Without your power and grace, we can do nothing. We pray that your glory continues to fill and radiate within our lives so that we can be your ambassadors to the world. Let none of us leave here today empty-handed. Go with us into the world as we serve you, Amen

# Liturgy of Preparation

Pastor: We worship the Lord our God, who is God alone, one God in three persons, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Let us praise God the Creator,

**Congregation: who is filled with glory and power - with holiness and splendor;**

P: Let us worship God the Savior,

**C: who is filled with love and compassion - with justice and peace;**

P: Let us worship God the Holy Spirit,

**C: who fills us with faith and joy - with love and eternal life.**

**OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Alleluia, Let Praises Ring*

**CW 241**

Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
To God the Father let us bring  
our songs of adoration.  
To him through everlasting days  
be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise  
whose hand sustains creation.  
Singing, ringing: holy, holy,  
God is holy; spread the story  
of our God, the Lord of glory.

2 Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto the Lamb of God we sing,  
in whom we are elected.  
He bought his Church with his own blood,  
he cleansed her in that blessed flood  
and as his bride selected.  
Holy, Holy is our union  
and communion; his befriending  
gives us joy and peace unending.

3 Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto the Holy Ghost we sing  
for our regeneration.  
The saving faith in us he wrought  
and us unto the Bridegroom brought,  
made us his chosen nation.  
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal,  
bliss supernal; there is manna  
and an endless, glad hosanna.

4 Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto our triune God we sing;  
blest be his name forever!  
With angel hosts let us adore  
and sing his praises more and more  
for all his grace and favor.  
Singing, ringing: holy, holy,  
God is holy; spread the story  
of our God, the Lord of glory!

## The Office of the Keys and Confession

P: Let us join together and confess our sins:

**ALL: Lord God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, giver of Your good Spirit, forgive us for all of our sinfulness. Purge from us the many limited ideas about who and what you are that we often labor under. Forgive us for not always loving You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Forgive us also for not passing Your love on to others in the ways we deal with them. For the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whose life and death has attained our salvation, hear our confession. Grant to each of us a full measure of Your Holy Spirit, that our life in days to come may truly reflect our faith in You to all who see us.**

P: God, our gracious heavenly Father has promised forgiveness of sins to all who turn to Him in true repentance. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

C: (Tune: 582—Awake My Soul)

♪ **Our grateful thanks to you we bring,**

**For your great favor, heav'nly King.  
For all, O Father, you have done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.**

**O Lamb of God to you we pray  
You take all human sin away.  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;  
From God's right hand, your mercy share.**

**O Holy Spirit you alone  
Faith and salvation have made known.  
We by your moving sing again:  
"All glory be to God!" Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

### **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.

**C: Amen**

### **FIRST LESSON: NUMBERS 6:22-27**

<sup>22</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>23</sup> "Tell Aaron and his sons, "This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: <sup>24</sup> ""The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." <sup>27</sup> "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

This is the word of our God.

**C:** (tune: 193—Come, Now Almighty King)  
♫ **To the great one in Three**  
**Eternal praises be forever more!**  
**His sov'reign majesty may we in glory see**  
**And to eternity love and adore.**

## **SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 5:1-5**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

This is the word of the LORD:

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

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C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE GOSPEL: JOHN 16:12-15

(CW 195)

**♪ 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.**

<sup>12</sup> “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all 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. <sup>14</sup> He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.”

**♪ Holy, holy, holy,  
all the saints adore thee  
Casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who was and is and evermore shall be.**

# The Confession of the Christian Faith

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

**ALL: Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.**

**Pastor:** Now this is the true Christian faith:

**MEN: We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,**

**WOMEN: Without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

**Pastor:** For each person-the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit-is distinct,

**MEN: But the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,**

**WOMEN: Equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

**Pastor:** 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;

**ALL: Yet there 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.**

**Pastor:** In the same way the father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty; yet there are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

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

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

**Pastor:** 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.

**MEN: The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.**

**WOMEN: The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.**

**ALL: The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**Pastor:** So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; and one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits. And with this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,

**ALL: 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.**

**Pastor:** It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation to truly believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh Now this is the true Christian faith:

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

**WOMEN: 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,**

**Pastor:** 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,

**ALL: 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.**

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

**MEN: 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.**

**WOMEN: 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.**

**ALL: This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.**

(CW 241)

**♪ Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto our triune God we sing;  
Blest be his name forever!  
With angel hosts let us adore  
and sing his praises more and more  
For all his grace and favor.  
Singing, ringing: Holy , holy, God is holy, spread the story  
Of our God the Lord of glory!**

**SERMON**

NUMBERS 6:22-27

MAJESTY, MYSTERY AND BLESSING

## **TALKING TO THE LORD IN PRAYER**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

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.

**C: Amen**

### **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**

**BLESSING**

**HYMN**

*Glory Be to God the Father*

**CW 239**

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 to the King of kings!