



HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

June 4, 2023

Service Theme

GOD IN THREE PERSONS, 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. 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 Saviour. 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.



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a -
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -

might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our
 dore thee, Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -
 hide thee, Though the eye of sin - ful man thy
 might - y! All thy works shall praise thy name in

song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and
 glo - ry may not see, On - ly thou art
 earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty,
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Order of Service

Service of Word and Sacrament (p.26)

- 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.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

- C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C:** *(sing)* Lord, have mercy.
- M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C:** *(sing)* Christ, have mercy.
- M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C:** *(sing)* Lord, have mercy.
- M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:
- C:** *(sing)* Amen
- M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.
- C:** *(sing)*
- O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.
 Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.
 You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;
 you make us pure and holy in your sight.
 You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.
 O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.
 O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us;
 you made your Father known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood.
 You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!
 O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

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, living and reigning, now and forever.

C: *(sing)* Amen.

First Reading

Numbers 6:22–27 (EHV)

The LORD commanded his priests to bless the Israelites with a threefold blessing – indicating both his Triune nature and the mercy he has for his people.

²²The LORD told Moses ²³to speak to Aaron and to his sons and to tell them to bless the Israelites with these words:

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you.

²⁵The LORD make his face shine on you

and be gracious to you.

²⁶The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.

²⁷In this way they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

(page 132)

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.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-14 (EHV)

By sharing his grace, love, and fellowship, the Trinity gives us unity and peace

¹¹Finally, brothers, rejoice. Set things in order. Be encouraged. Agree with one another. Be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All the saints greet you.

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

Verse of the Day

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

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:16-20 (EHV)

Jesus calls us to do ministry in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain. ¹⁸Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age."

C: Praise be to you, O Christ

191 Father Most Holy, Merciful, and Tender



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der;
2 Trin - i - ty sa - cred, Un - i - ty un - shak - en;
3 Mak - er of all things, all your crea - tures praise you;
4 To the all - rul - ing tri - une God be glo - ry,



Je - sus, our Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing;
De - i - ty per - fect, giv - ing and for - giv - ing;
All for your wor - ship were and are cre - a - ted.
High - est and great - est, o - ver all ex - alt - ed;



Spir - it of com - fort, Ad - vo - cate, De -
Light of the an - gels, Life of the for -
Hear us, Al - might - y, hear us as we
We, too, would praise you, giv - ing hon - or



fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;
sak - en; Hope of the liv - ing;
give you Our ad - o - ra - tion.
to you Now and for - ev - er.

Sermon Text & Theme

2 Corinthians 13:14 (EHV)... Your relief is found in . . .

- 1) The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
- 2) The Love of God the Father
- 3) The Fellowship with the Holy Spirit

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of the Church

Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We could not have known you, our only Savior, if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Spirit—three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all unbelief, and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery. Scatter all those who are wise in their own conceits, and give us a simple, childlike trust to worship you as Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity.

God our Father, whatever good is in us, whatever good things we have, and whatever good we do comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being. Open our eyes to see the gifts you shower down on us daily—purely out of your own fatherly love and care.

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into our world to make the Father known to us; you joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity; you brought us back to God by shedding your blood. In love you walked the way of suffering and bore alone the wrath of God, the wrath that we by our sins deserved. Help us believe that all you did, all you suffered, and all you endured you did for us, to rescue us and set us free. In the bright new hope of your resurrection, teach us to offer our lives each day in praise to God and in love to our neighbor.

Creator Spirit, you have opened our eyes by the bright light of your Word; you have burst through our deafness with the clear sound of your voice in the Scriptures; you have breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel. Through Word and sacrament, help us grow in understanding the breadth and depth and height of the love of God. Make us firm in our resolve to do battle with our sin. In every weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves to be God's true children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and fervent in love.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

O Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, the God of every comfort. From you and through you and to you are all things. We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and so to praise your holy name forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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
PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sing)* **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: *(sing)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: *(sing)* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. *In perfect unity with his Son and the Holy Spirit, he is the source, guide, and goal of our lives now and always.* Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: *(sing)* **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.**

The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God, and I will exalt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *(sing)* **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: *(sing)*

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

THANK THE LORD

C: *(sing)*

Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(sing)* **Amen.**

BLESSING

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: *(sing)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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1 May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior And the
2 So may we a - bide in un - ion With each
3 Now with all the saints in heav - en Thanks and



Fa - ther's bound - less love With the Ho - ly Spir - it's
oth - er and the Lord, Gath - ered here in blest com -
praise to you we sing, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



fa - vor Rest up - on us from a - bove,
mun - ion By the pow - er of his Word.
Spir - it, Three in One, our tri - une King.

Announcements

Church Cleaners:

June 11 – Andrew // June 18 - Peter

Farewell for Pastor Goetzinger

A special service will be held at St. Paul's on Sunday June 18th at 2:30 P.M. with a fellowship meal afterwards. If you would like to join us please RSVP to the church office at stpaulwels@rogers.com with your name, and number of people.

If you would like to contribute towards a special WELS-Canada gift for Pastor Goetzinger and Karen, please do one of the following before June 18th:

- 1) Use a special envelope marked "Farewell gift" and place in the collection plate after the service on June 4th or 11th.
- 2) E-transfers funds to Divine Word with "Farewell gift" written in the memo box.

Please Note: As per CRA rules, *donations made towards Pastor Goetzinger's farewell gift are NOT tax deductible.* No receipts will be issued as Jim will simply forward the funds on to be given to Pastor Goetzinger on our behalf.

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (4)	9:00 am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion
	11:45 am	First Fellowship
	3:00 pm	Worship & Communion in Poltimore
	4:00 pm	Meet and Greet in Poltimore

Pastor Sullivan will be out of town from June 5-8 for District Conference

Fr (9) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study

Su (11) 9:30 am Worship with Communion
10:45 am Bible Class

Th (15) 6:30 pm Confirmation (W)

Fr (16) 10:30 am Bible Information Class
4:30 pm Confirmation (D)
6:00 pm Friday Fellowship & Bible Study

Su (18) 9:30 am Worship with Communion
10:45 am Bible Class
2:30 pm Farewell Service for Pastor Goetzinger



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