



THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD
FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MAY 30, 2021 – 8:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshiping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

Scripture teaches that there is One God. It also reveals that God is Three Persons in His One Being. In the waters of Holy Baptism, we are permanently bound into the Holy Trinity. We invoke God's Triune Name when we gather for worship. We confess the Triune Name of God in the text of the ancient creeds. In our worship, we celebrate the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our Triune God has graciously planned for our salvation. In His wisdom, God has taken into account our sin, provided a plan to win salvation for us by grace, and has delivered it to us through faith in Jesus Christ. God has carefully revealed to us this New Life in Christ; and empowered us, through the Holy Spirit, to live a life reflecting the calling we have received.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

Partita on Nicaea – C. Callahan

I. *Prelude*

II. *Adagio*

III. *Chorale*

WELCOME



INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Blessed be God the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
C Let us give glory to Him because He has shown us His Mercy.

❖ **ENTRANCE HYMN**
Come Thou Almighty King

LSB 905

1. Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.
2. Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success, And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.
3. Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.
4. To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity
Love and adore. Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Isaiah 6:1-8

(Isaiah sees a vision of God's throne in Heaven.)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw exalted, and the train of His Robe filled
the Lord seated on a throne, high and the temple.

Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings:
With two wings they covered their faces,
with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.
And they were calling to one another:
"Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of His Glory."
At the sound of their voices the doorposts
and thresholds shook and the temple was
filled with smoke.
"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined!
For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live
among a people of unclean lips,

and my eyes have seen the King,
the LORD Almighty."
Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a
live coal in his hand, which he had taken
with tongs from the altar.
With it he touched my mouth and said,
"See, this has touched your lips; your guilt
is taken away and your sin atoned for."
Then I heard the Voice of the Lord
saying, "Whom shall I send?
And who will go for Us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

- P If we say 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.**
- P When Isaiah saw the vision of God's Throne, he lamented, "Woe is me!
For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips!"
We, too, must confess that we cannot stand before Almighty God as we are.
C **Eternal Lord, we confess that we are sinners from birth and that we have sinned against You with our unclean minds, lips, and hands.
We have not loved You with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For Jesus' Sake, forgive us and wash us clean from these our offenses.**
- P Our Heavenly Father has not left us to despair in our sinfulness.
In His Infinite Wisdom, He sent our Lord, the Son of Man, so that He would be lifted up on the cross, that whoever believes in Him may have Eternal Life.
God the Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts so that we may put our trust in

the Lord Jesus, firmly believing that His Death has paid for our sins, and His Resurrection has opened Heaven to us.

P 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.
C **Amen.**

P As water was poured on us in our Baptism, so the Holy Spirit has poured faith into our hearts. We are full of joy in God's Presence.
C **That faith then overflows as we live out each day in response to the Grace of God. Strengthen us, Bountiful Lord, through Your Word and Sacraments, that we may walk in Your Ways to the glory of Your Holy Name every day until we join the saints and angels around Your Eternal Throne. To You be all glory now and forever. Amen.**

❖ **KYRIE**

P God the Father in Heaven,
C **have mercy on us.**

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C **have mercy on us.**

P God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of people's souls,
C **have mercy on us.**

P Lord God Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
C **we praise You for revealing to us Your Love and Mercy.**

P Blessed be God the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
C **Let us give glory to Him because He has shown us His Mercy.**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory Be to God the Father

LSB 506

1. 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, Glory to the King of kings!

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❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and Ever-Living God, You have given us grace to profess our true faith in You as the Eternal Trinity; and to worship You as One God – powerful yet merciful, glorious yet gracious.

C Keep us, we pray, strong in this true faith and worship; and defend us from all those opposed to Your Will. For You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and rule, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE

Acts 2:14, 22-36

(Peter proclaims God's Plan of Salvation.)

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,
raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

“Fellow Jews and all of you who live in
Jerusalem, let me explain this to you;
listen carefully to what I say.

Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by
God to you by miracles,
wonders and signs, which God did among
you through Him, as you yourselves
know. This Man was handed over to you
by God's set Purpose and Foreknowledge;
and you, with the help of wicked men,
put Him to death by nailing Him to the
cross.

But God raised Him from the dead,
freeing Him from the agony of death,
because it was impossible for death to
keep its hold on Him.

David said about Him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.

Because He is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will live in hope,

because You will not abandon me to the grave,
nor will You let Your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the paths of life;
You will fill me with joy in Your Presence.'

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Psalm 8

LSB 803

**1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.**

Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

**3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

(The Father gave His Son out of love for the world.)

P 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 member of the
Jewish ruling council.

He came to Jesus at night and said,
"Rabbi, we know You are a Teacher Who
has come from God. For no one could
perform the miraculous signs You are
doing if God were not with him."

In reply Jesus declared,
"I tell you the truth, no one can see the
Kingdom of God unless he is born again."
"How can a man be born when he is old?"
Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot
enter a second time into his mother's
womb to be born!"

Jesus answered,
"I tell you the truth, no one can enter the
kingdom of God unless he is born of
water and the Spirit.
Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit
gives birth to spirit.

You should not be surprised at My saying,
`You must be born again.'

The wind blows wherever it pleases.
You hear its sound, but you cannot tell
where it comes from or where it is going.
So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.
"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus,
"and do you not understand these things?
I tell you the truth, we speak of what we
know, and we testify to what we have
seen, but still you people do not accept
our testimony.

I have spoken to you of earthly things and
you do not believe; how then will you
believe if I speak of Heavenly things?
No one has ever gone into Heaven except
the One Who came from Heaven--the
Son of Man.

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the
desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted

up, that everyone who believes in Him
may have Eternal Life.
"For God so loved the world that He gave
His One and Only Son, that whoever

believes in Him shall not perish but have
Eternal Life.
For God did not send His Son into the
world to condemn the world,
but to save the world through Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MaryAnn Unger, Director of Infant and Family Ministry

HYMN OF THE DAY

Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 507

1.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!

2.Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3.Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity

4.Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Amen!

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SERMON

Jesus' Testimony...God's Verdict

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

John 3:1-17

(For an outline of the sermon, see page 15 of this worship folder.)

CREED

Excerpts from the ATHANASIAN CREED

Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the Christian faith.

And the Christian faith is this:

we worship one God in three Persons and three Persons in one God,
neither confusing the Persons nor dividing the Divine Being.

For the Father is one Person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is still another.

But the Godhead of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is all one:
co-equal in glory, co-eternal in majesty.

What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.

And yet They are not three Gods, but one God.

Thus the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord.

And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge

Each distinct Person by Himself as God and Lord,

so the Christian faith forbids us to say that there are three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone, not made nor created but begotten.

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son,
neither made nor created nor begotten but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers;

one Son, not three Sons;

one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity no One is before or after, greater or less than the Other;

but all three Persons are in Themselves, co-eternal and co-equal.

And so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three Persons.

❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*)

Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow) is welcome.

OFFERING

(The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

LSB 940, vs. 1-3, 5

**1. Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!**

**3. Lo, the apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.**

**5. Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.**

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❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P O God our Father, we praise You for Your Goodness. You have made us and all that we have and are.

C **Thank You, Father, for providing all that we need to support this body and life.**

P May Your Name, Gracious Father, be honored in all the earth.

C **Grant peace among the nations, we pray, that your Word may be proclaimed with boldness in all the world.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks to You for our redemption.

C We pray that the love You have shown to us might be known through us.

P We commend Your Church into Your Hands, O Christ.

C **Protect it from all attacks by the enemy; and renew its zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel.**

P O Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with Your Presence.

C **Enlighten us with Your Gifts, and keep us in the one true faith.**

P Continue to nourish our faith, as You have promised, through Word and Sacrament;
C **and bring us at last to that place, prepared for us, where we will dwell with You, the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ forever.**

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

❖ **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
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.**

❖ BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)
C Amen.

❖ CLOSING HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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

POSTLUDE

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Jesus' Testimony...God's Verdict (John 3:1-17)
Holy Trinity (Series B)

1. **Today is Holy Trinity Sunday, a day we focus not on ____, but rather on ____: ____ God is and ____ it matters.**
 - a. "Trinity" is not a word we find in the Bible, but a word that describes the Bible's depiction of God
 - b. God is "One" but "One in three Persons": Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
 - c. Jesus gives testimony to who God is and why it matters for you and me
2. **Testimony 1: "Truly, truly I say to you... unless one is born _____ (or born _____) he cannot see the kingdom of God" (3:3)**
 - a. Seeing the "reign of God" begins with a mysterious birth
 - b. It is not a revelation of miraculous "magic tricks" ("miracles" faith...see John 2:23 and 3:2) nor can it be viewed at will any more than a baby can be born by its own free will
 - c. It comes in being encountered by God rather than trying to encounter God (visiting a Shinto shrine or finding a mountaintop ashram)
3. **Testimony 2: "Truly, truly I say to you...unless one is born of _____ and _____ he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (3:5)**
 - a. This is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy that Israel would one day be restored by water and Spirit (Eze 36:25-27)
 - b. New birth through water and Spirit occurs at Jesus' cross (John 19:30-34)
 - c. New birth through water and Spirit is the gift of Holy Baptism (Rom 6:1-4; Titus 3:)
4. **Testimony 3: "Truly, truly I say to you...you all do not receive our testimony ...[but] whoever believes [in the _____ of _____] will have eternal life" (3:11)**
 - a. To believe in the Son of Man lifted up on a cross is to see ourselves as snake-bit and sinful...yet declared "not guilty": rescued and forgiven!
 - b. "Eternal life" is not just long-lasting life, but peace that comes from full, abundant life. That gift of peace is the gift of the Holy Trinity to us today.