



**THE HOLY TRINITY  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
MAY 30, 2021, 11:00 AM**

A warm welcome to all worshipping 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.

**Welcome to the Lord's Table**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at this worship service.

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and who affirm the following are welcome to come forward to receive it:

- I am a fallen and sinful person in need of God's forgiveness;
- The Sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine instituted by Christ Himself for us to eat and to drink;
- In the Sacrament, everyone who believes the words "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," receives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

At Resurrection Lutheran Church, children who are baptized as infants are instructed so that they may receive Holy Communion understanding what it is we are looking for, and why we are coming. Newcomers to Resurrection Lutheran Church receive the opportunity for in-depth catechetical instruction. If you and/or your children of any age are not prepared to receive the Lord's Supper with this same statement of faith, you are requested to refrain from receiving Holy Communion at this time.

**Welcome and Sharing the Peace**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**Musical Offering, Opening Song: Holy, Holy, Holy**

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 shall be!

### **Refrain**

You are Lord,  
You are Lord,  
You reign eternally;  
You are Lord God Almighty,  
my Savior and my King!

3. Holy, holy, holy,  
man hath fallen from Thee  
Thro' the blood of Christ, Thy Son,  
This soul can be redeemed;  
Justice, truth, and mercy  
join with love to crown Thee,  
Savior of sinners,  
soon-returning King! **Refrain x2**

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!

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### **Invocation of The Holy Trinity**

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

**P** We make our beginning 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.

## Confession of Sins

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.**

## Good News of Forgiveness

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.

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. That faith then overflows as we live out each day in response to the Grace of God.

**C 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.**

## Musical Offering, Song of Praise: How Great Is Our God

1. The splendor of the King,  
clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light,  
and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at His voice,  
trembles at His voice

### Refrain

How great is our God,  
sing with me,  
how great is our God,  
And all will see how great,  
how great is our God

2. Age to age He stands,  
and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End,  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead, three in one,  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb,  
the Lion and the Lamb -

**Refrain**

Name above all names,  
worthy of all praise;  
my heart will sing  
"How great is our God!" **(repeat)**  
**Refrain (repeat)**

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**Old Testament Prophecy – Isaiah 6:1-8**

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

**Epistle Reading – Acts 2:14, 22-36**

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."* "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that He would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was

ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did His Body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the Right Hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to Heaven, and yet he said, *“The Lord said to my Lord: ‘Sit at My Right Hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’”*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel – John 3:1-17**

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint 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**

#### **Musical Offering, Song of the Day: Praise The Father Praise The Son**

1. O sov'reign God,  
O matchless King,  
The saints adore,  
the angels sing  
and fall before  
the throne of grace -  
to You belongs  
the highest praise

2. These sufferings,  
this passing tide,

under Your wings  
I will abide  
and ev'ry enemy  
shall flee;  
You are my hope  
and victory

**Refrain**

Praise the Father,  
praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit -  
Three in One;  
Clothed in power  
and in grace,  
the Name Above  
all other names

3. To the valley  
for my soul,  
Thy great descent  
has made me whole;  
Your Word my heart  
has welcomed home -  
Now, peace like  
water ever flows

**Refrain**

Yours is the kingdom,  
Yours is the power,  
Yours is the glory forever **(repeat)**

**Refrain**

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**Message**

Jesus' Testimony...God's Verdict (John 3:1-17)  
(For sermon notes, see page 10.)

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

**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.

### **Prayers of the Church**

*after each petition:*

P Lord, in your mercy,  
C hear our prayer.

### **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  
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

### **Holy Communion Words of Institution and Invitation**

**Musical Offerings During Distribution** – Instrumental - Christopher Reed

### **Benediction**

**Musical Offering, Closing Song:** This I Believe (The Creed)

1. Our Father everlasting,  
the all creating One,  
God Almighty  
Thro' Your Holy Spirit,  
conceiving Christ the Son -  
Jesus, our Savior



**Refrain**

I believe in God the Father,  
I believe in Christ the Son,  
I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
our God is Three In One  
I believe in the resurrection,  
that we will rise again  
for I believe in the Name of Jesus

2. Our Judge and our Defender  
suffered and crucified;  
forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness,  
You rose in glorious life,  
forever seated high  
I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Final Refrain**

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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**+ Go in Peace! Serve the Lord! Thanks Be to God! +**

***In Service Today:***

Keyboards/Vocals: Christopher Reed  
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Video Technician: Tom Campau  
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Camera Operators: Jill Hammergren, Garrett Nigg

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Greeter: Kathy Rasmussen  
Reader: Sue Campau  
Altar Care: Sue Campau  
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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.



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