

ATHANASIAN CREED (*Continued, concluded...*)

- ALL: 36. Who suffered for our salvation, descended into Hell,
Rose again the Third Day from the dead.
37. He ascended into Heaven, He is seated on the Right Hand of the Father,
God Almighty, from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
38. At whose coming *all* will rise again with their bodies,
and will give an account of their own works.
39. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting,
and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.
40. This is the (Christian) faith; whoever does not faithfully and firmly
believe this, cannot be saved. Amen. Δ

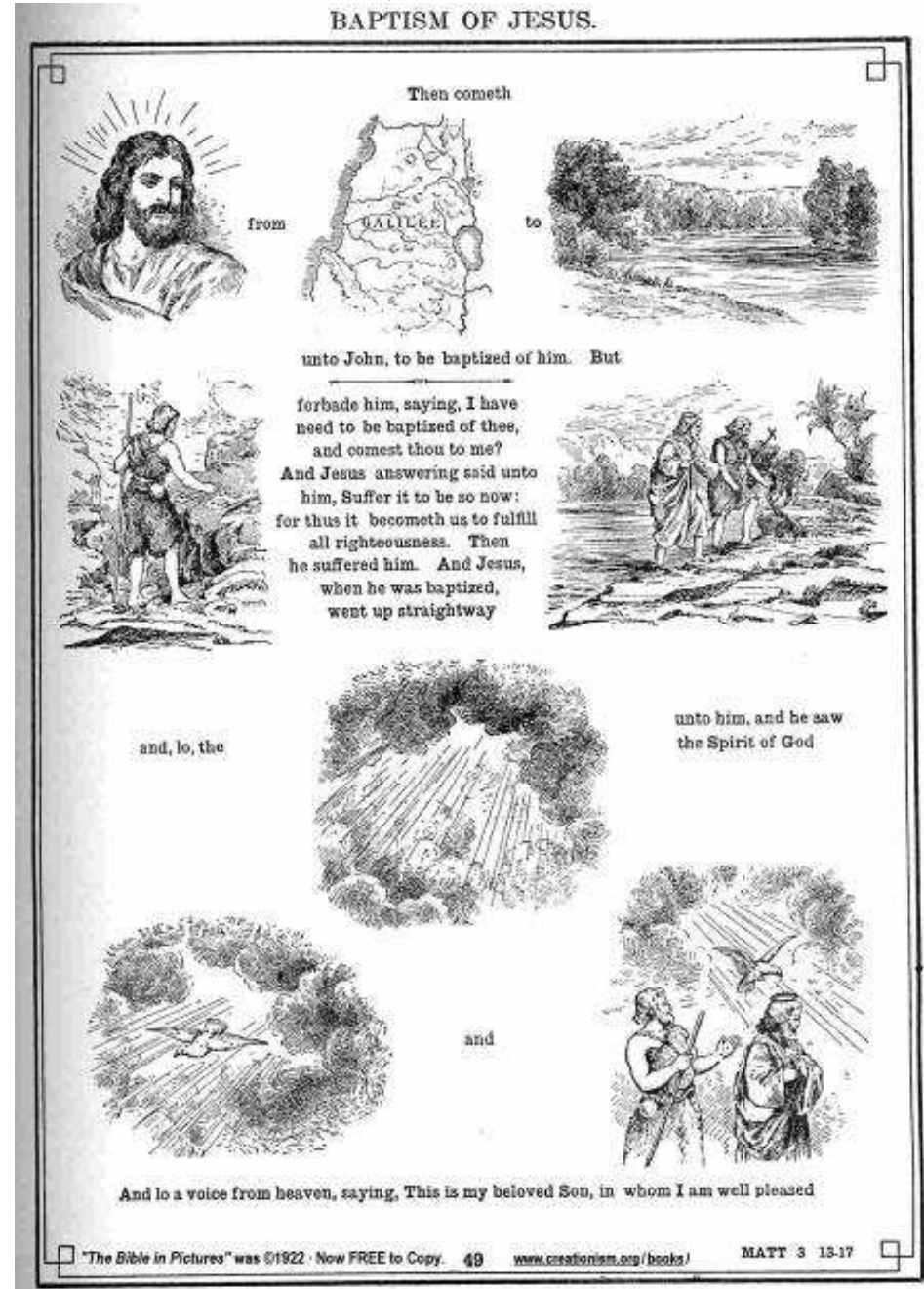
Historic Scripture Lessons for  the Feast of the Holy Trinity

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 6:1-6 **NIV** 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. 2 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. 3 And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." 4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. 5 "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." 6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

EPISTLE Romans 11:33-36 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! 34 "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" 35 "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

GOSPEL John 3:1-15 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 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." 3 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." 4 "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!" 5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 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." 9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. 10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? 11 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. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven - the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (... **John 3:16 For God so loved the world that ...**)

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL USA
The Feast of the Holy Trinity  *Our Triune God*
June 15, 2014 ✕ 9:30 am



June 15, 2014 Trinity Sunday ✧ The Holy Trinity

Service					
Invocation Hymn	250 (4v)	Holy God We Praise Thy Name			
Hymn of the Day	246 (4v)	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty			
Exordium, Offertory	644 (1v)	Praise God From Whom All Blessings...			
Third Hymn	624 (4v)	O Blessed Home where Man and Wife			
Closing Hymn	252 (3v)	We All Believe In One True God			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Joshua 1:1-18	Joshua 1:1-18	Joshua 1:1-18	Joshua 1:1-18	Joshua 1:1-18	Josh. 9:1-27
Acts 3:1-21	Acts 4:1-37	Acts 5:1-42	Acts 6:1-15	Acts 7:1-60	Acts 8:1-40

PROPERs for TRINITY SUNDAY = (START OF) ORDINARY TIME ☪ JUNE 15

INTROIT Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your Name in all the earth! ...from **Psalm 8**

COLLECT Almighty God, by Your grace alone we are called into Your Kingdom, to confess the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the true Unity, we beseech You, that You would keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live, and reigns, one true God, now and forever. **C:** ♪ **A---men.**

GRADUAL C: Blessed are You, O Lord, You behold the deep, and You dwell between the cherubim. Blessed are You, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven, and greatly to be praised forever. Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and greatly to be praised and glorified forever. Alleluia! ... from **Psalm 136**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on the outside back page of the bulletin)

O.T. **Isaiah 6:1-6** (Triune) God calls Isaiah to be a prophet.
 Epi. **Romans 11:33-36** Paul praises (Triune) God's Wisdom & Knowledge.
 Gos. **John 3:1-15** Jesus tells Nicodemus: Be born of the Spirit.

Today on this special **Trinity Sunday** we use this special (Athanasian) **Creed:**

ATHANASIAN CREED (Confession of Faith) **We say in turns, responsively:**
Pastor: 1. Whosever will be saved, shall, above all else it hold the (Christian) faith.
Congregation: 2. Which Faith, except it be kept whole & undefiled, without doubt, one will perish eternally.
 3. And the Christian Faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity.
Cong: 4. Neither confusing the Persons, nor dividing the Substance. (5... 7)

5. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit.
 6. **But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all One, the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal.**
 7. *Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit.*
 8. **The Father Uncreated, the Son Uncreated, and the Holy Spirit Uncreated.**
 9. *The Father Infinite, the Son Infinite, and the Holy Spirit Infinite.*
 10. **The Father Eternal, the Son Eternal, and the Holy Spirit Eternal.**
 11. *And yet they are not three eternals, but One Eternal.*
 12. **Just as there are not three uncreated, nor three infinities, but One Uncreated, and One Infinite.**
 13. *Likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son is Almighty, and the Holy Spirit is Almighty.*
 14. **And yet they are not three almighties, but One Almighty.**
 15. *So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.*
 16. **And yet they are not three gods, but One God.**
 17. *Likewise the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord.*
 18. **And yet there are not three lords, but One Lord.**
 19. *For, as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and Lord, – So are we forbidden by the Christian faith to say there be three gods or three lords. Δ*
 - MEN:** 20. **The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten.**
 - WOMEN:** 21. *The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created, but begotten.*
 - M:** 22. **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.**
 - W:** 23. *So there is One Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; One Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.*
 24. **And in this Trinity none is before or after another, none greater or less than another;**
 25. *But all three Persons are co-eternal together, and co-equal. So that in all things, as said before, the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.*
 26. **Whoever will be saved, is compelled thus to think of the Holy Trinity.**
 27. *Furthermore, it is necessary for everlasting salvation that one also believe faithfully the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
 28. **For the right Faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;**
 29. *God, of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; And Man, of the substance of His mother, born into the world.*
 30. **Perfect God and perfect Man, of a rational soul and human flesh subsisting.**
 31. *Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching His Manhood.*
 32. **Who, although He is God and Man, yet He is not two, but One Christ.**
 33. *One, not by changing of the Godhead into Flesh, but by taking the Manhood into God.*
 34. **One indeed, not by confusion of substance, but by one-ness of Person.**
 35. *For just as the rational soul and flesh is one Man, so God and Man is One Christ.*
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TRINITY Matthew 28:16-20 "MARVEL AT THE DIVINE TRI-UNITY" 06.15.14 OS

INTRODUCTION Today we rejoice in the mystery of that invocation and the mystery of our faith - the "Tri-Unity" of God - that God is **Three Persons in One Divine Being** and **One Divine Being in Three Persons**, neither confusing the Persons or dividing the Being.

That mystery is already revealed in the first sentence of the Bible in the book of **Genesis (1:1)**. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The word for "God" - **Elohim** - is a **plural** and yet there is but **One** God. The Spirit of God, whom we know as the **Holy Spirit**, is there too, hovering like a mother hen over the face of the Deep. And the **Word** is there too, as God speaks and it is so. John identifies this Word as the eternal, only-begotten Son of the Father. And so you might say that the entire work of creation **is from the Father through the Son (the Word) by the Holy Spirit**.

So, today (on this **Trinity Sunday**) let's look at the collective whole of the work of our wonderful Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as we:

Text: Genesis 1 & Gospel(A) Matthew 28:16-20 "THE TRI-UNITY"

Matthew 28:16-20 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

"LET'S MARVEL AT THE WONDERFUL WORK OF THE TRIUNE GOD... 1. 2. 3."

1. CREATION (God the Father) Each creative day gives us a "daily liturgy" for **prayer and praise**, reminding us that no matter where we look in this marvelous and intricate creation, we are seeing the work of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The creative days also give a liturgical structure and rhythm to our own work week. You might say that **Genesis Chapter 1** is the "rhythm of the **Symphony of Creation**," the drumbeat of the cosmic order, under the creative direction of the Divine Designer.

Listen to the rhythm:

Day one (Sunday): Light. "Be light," and light there is. The "work week" of God begins with light. ...**And it was (very) good.**

Day two (Monday): Sky. The earth's unique atmosphere making ours a rare gem of a planet among the planets - oxygen and water, dancing clouds that produce rain and let in sunshine. Clear yet protective. ...**And it was good.**

Day three (Tuesday): Sea and dry land and their playful interface of beach and tide-pools. How we love the shore, the place where sea and dry land kiss. **And it was good.**

And more: Plants springing up from the dry land in all their wonderful diversity. Marigolds and dandelions and oak trees and jacaranda trees along with tasty avocado, orange, lemon, almond. ...**And it was good.**

Day four (Wednesday): Sun, moon, and stars. A grand cosmic light show for signs and seasons. Sun and moon - the right size, the right distance, the right relationship to each other. The next time there is a total eclipse of the sun (which will be August 1 in Siberia, in case you want to see it), notice how the moon perfectly covers the sun like a lens cap. And it was good.

Day five (Thursday): **Fish** in the sea; **birds** in the air - showing the artistry of the Triune God in all their glorious shapes and sizes and colours, showing the humor of the Triune God with all their wonderful mating and nesting rituals. Just by looking at them, you know that fish and birds belong to the same liturgical choir. And it was good.

Day six (Friday): The animals - domestic, wild, creeping - in all their diversity from aardvark to zebra, from the ant to the gorilla.

And more: last of all in the grand hierarchy, **Man** uniquely in the image of God. If God is the conductor of creation's symphony, then Man is the concert master. Again the triune Mystery as God speaks to Himself - "Let us make man in our image." Like the Persons of the Trinity, man is made for **relationship. Male and female** He created them. And God blessed them to be fruitful. ...**And it was all very very good.**

Day seven (Saturday): **Rest.** The "endless day." The day with no morning or evening. It is God's reminder that **we live by faith and not by our works.** Faith rests in God and enjoys the fruits of our labours and of God's. We rest by faith in the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **St. Augustine** said, "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee."

Each creative day reflects the creative work of the Father **and** the Son **and** the Holy Spirit. Each work reflects the **love of the Father**, the **wisdom of the Son**, the **life of the Spirit**. Everywhere you look and listen there is worship of the Triune God, the liturgy of the creation. The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the works of His hands, as do sea and dry land, plants, sun, moon, and stars, fish and birds, animals and man - a chorus of praise.

(**FALL INTO SIN!**) But, tragically, our **sin destroys the harmony** and the **rhythm** of creation. It is a sour note, a random, chaotic noise, disturbing the order. The whole creation feels it and groans down to the smallest living creature. It is the **foreign, alien word** - the lie to Eve and to Adam - saying, "God is **not true**; (and) **You can be like God.**" We see the effects - destruction, devastation, decay, death. The earthquakes, the cyclones, the floodings, **all** are the groanings of the creation waiting for our redemption, for the new creation, for our resurrection. We see the effects in our own lives - the brokenness, the hurt, the diseases, the suffering, the killing.

2. REDEMPTION (Jesus Christ) The Father loves His whole world (**John 3:16**). He **hates nothing He created**. He shows His love for the cosmos by sending His eternal Son, the Word, in our flesh. Jesus came to embrace the world, to shed His blood on a cross, to die and rise, and in dying and rising to

rescue all that He had made from decay and destruction. This is the Triune God's **second great work: Redemption. HE REDEEMS WHAT HE CREATED.**

We talk about "**saving** the earth." We didn't create it, and we can't save it. We can take care of it and be stewards of its resources but we can't save it. Jesus has, by His dying and rising. He has brought the new creation, by water and Spirit, in Baptism. He has poured out His Spirit on the face of this dying earth by the preaching of the Gospel, the good news of His atoning death and life in His resurrection.

Jesus holds "all authority in heaven and on earth." He received it from the Father from all eternity. The Son of God in human flesh reigns over His creation, having redeemed it by His blood. He's "the man in charge." With His authority, He authorizes His Church to make disciples of all the nations, as many as He died for, everyone without exception. Disciples are made by baptizing and teaching. Baptizing in the triune Name - the fulness of the God's self-revelation, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching the fulness of what Jesus entrusted to His Church. In this disciple-making, Jesus is present - "Lo, I am with you always."

This is the third work of the Triune God: Sanctification - to make holy by water and the Word.

3. SANCTIFICATION (Holy Spirit) The new creation has already come in Jesus. A new first day, a day of light and life. The resurrection of Jesus and the outpouring of the Spirit tell us that even as the old is passing away, even as the grand diversity of species go extinct and the very life of the earth is threatened with change and decay, even as we ourselves die, a new creation has already dawned with the open, empty tomb and the outpouring of the Spirit.

That's why the Church **worships on Sunday**, it's "New Creation day," the first day of an eternity in Christ of which you already participate through your Baptism. Your life is already hidden with Christ in God. You already live in the Trinitarian love of God as a sinner justified for Jesus' sake, baptised in the Name.

The **Small Catechism** teaches us to invoke the Triune Name every morning when we arise and every evening before we go to sleep. "*In the Name of **the Father** and of **the Son** and of **the Holy Spirit**."* Every morning we consecrate our work day in the Name of God Who made the heavens and the earth. And every evening we offer up that day's work as a living sacrifice to the God who redeemed us and all creation with the blood of His Son. To him be the dominion forever and ever. ... In **Christ** we died, in Him we **live**, in Him we **reign**, in union with **Father** and the **Holy Spirit**, one forever.

Blessed be the wholly and undivided Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, In Jesus' Name, Amen. SDG

The Peace which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in faith in the Father through Christ Jesus and His Holy Spirit to Life everlasting, Amen.

POSSIBLE Prayer of the Church ☩ Feast of Holy Trinity June 15 2014

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church throughout the world, that all Christ's holy people would be steadfast in their worship of the Holy Trinity and daily grow in their love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For our **ELS Synod**, which meets in her **annual Convention** this coming week with **Pastor & Don Wienke** as delegates, that in all her congregations, the faith of the Church in Her three Creeds may be confessed boldly each week, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For **Our Savior** congregation, that we be given the grace to invite those we know who are outside of Christ into the joy of a life in communion with the blessed Trinity, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For our nation and all the nations of this world, that in every place injustice and prejudice would be overcome, that peace and equity may reign among the peoples of the earth, and for all who serve in our **Armed Forces**, including **David & Rachel Divine**, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are sick or hospitalized [*and especially for _____.*]

Pastor & Don Wienke (ELS 2014) — OSL Delegates at this year's Convention	
David & Rachel Divine (Vivian's grandson & wife) Serve in Army Afghanistan	
Phil Griffith	Phil may be moving soon from Valencia Hills to VT
Elma (James) Hendricks	Elma is back at Celebration Hosp. with infection
Linda Kryszak	Had CT scan of mass and waiting for analysis. Relief
Dee Kurczewski	(& David) Pray for David to get his driver license
Theresa Leuck	(Ann Wentz' daughter-in-law) Stage 4 lung cancer
Pat Marsh	(Robin's mother) Had breast surgery. Home recovering
Andrea Sawyer	(last week) Had High Blood Pressure and swelling
Marcus Wienke	(Bev & Don's grandson) Leukemia: pray for remission
John Wuolle	(in WI) John fell and injured leg; is getting better

that by the Holy Spirit, life's difficult moments may be transformed into communion with the Son of God in His suffering, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who grieve and mourn their dead, that the hope of the Resurrection in Christ might be a constant source of peace and healing, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful who have gone before us and who are with Christ, let us give thanks and praise, asking that we might be brought with them to join in the feast that has no end in the Kingdom of the Father, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** (*Followed by*)

LORD'S PRAYER ***"Our Father, Who art in Heaven, ... Amen."***