

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.

Historic 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.

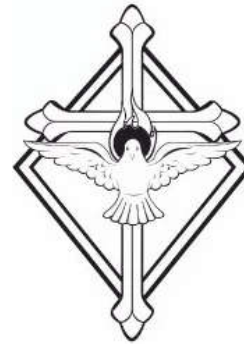
"Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" 5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at My saying, '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 He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**

3-Year C Gospel (Sermon)

John 16:12-15 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 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. 14 He will bring glory to Me by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you. 15 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.



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June 16th, 2019 ✘ Trinity Sunday ☺ *The Holy Trinity*

TODAY WE CELEBRATE The LORD'S SUPPER: If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before Communing. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take Communion until you can speak with our pastor.** Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding. God bless your worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP On the silver liturgy sheets and in red TLH Hymnal p.15

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	246 (4v)	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Psalm 104	Ps. 104 '3v'	Lord, Send Out Your Spirit And Renew ↗
Hymn of the Day	250 (4v)	Holy God We Praise Thy Name
Offertory Verse	644 (1v)	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Distribution Hymn	315 (15)	I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
Closing Hymn	244 (4v)	Glory Be to God the Father Glory Be to...

✘ Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after Trinity Sunday ✘

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Joshua 1:1-18	Joshua 3:1-17	Joshua 4:1-24	Joshua 6:1-27	Joshua 8:1-35	Joshua 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 16TH 2019

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 reign, 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! ...Ps.136

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

O.T. Isaiah 6:1-6	(The 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.

Ser. 3Yr. Gospel John 16:12-15 "(WE BELIEVE IN) OUR TRI-UNIVERSAL FAITH"

(NEW) PSALM 104 LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

Refrain C: ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth;
Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth.

Verse 1. ♪ O bless- the Lord, my soul, – O Lord, how great are Your ways!
How ma-ny are Your works-, O Lord, – The earth is full of Your glory!

Refrain C: ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth;
Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth.

Verse 2. ♪ You take back Your Spirit; They die, – Return-ing to- the dust.
You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, – You-renew the face of the earth.

Refrain C: ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth;
Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth.

Verse 3. ♪ May the glory of God be forever, – May the Lord rejoice in His Works!
May my thoughts and my deeds be pleasing to Him, – I find my joy in the Lord.

Refrain C: ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth;
Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth.

OFFERTORY 644 C: ♪ 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. A-MEN.

PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation) Pray for...

Fathers	We thank the LORD for all the blessings of (Christian) fathers
Dave & Pat Wiesenauer	Thank the LORD for blessing of 50 Years of Marriage
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee - rehabbing. David working & helping Mom
Jon (Sister) Martha Herbert	Surgery at LRMC. Andrea (Sister) Emily Cancer
Vivian Temple (Tom)	Vivian is at home recovering. Tom is helping her
Stacy Terhune (Don & Bev Wienke daughter)	Spinal pain and surgery
Joe Thacker (Bev Foster)	Joe had blood work done in MI. Not good results
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Neither able to get to church due to health

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Treaters	Dave&Pat 50 th Anniversary	

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday Attendance (LORDSupper)	20 / (- -)	26 / 23
Bible Class Attendance: Sun.Wed.	9, 7	10, 7
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1.3K)	YTD \$.,(\$30.6K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, June 16 th	9:00 am	BibleStudy Christian Life: The LAW
Trinity Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
3 In 1 and 1 in 3	11:15 ff...	FFF-Food, Fun & Farewell Pastor(3wks)
Wednesday 6/19	6:00 pm	Midweek Bible Study: Jesus' Teachings SoM
Thursday 6/20	4:15 pm	Pastor flies out (to MSP for three weeks)
Next Sunday 6/23	9:00 am	NO BibleStudy Grand Themes (Pr. gone)
Trinity-1 Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
(Heavenly Riches)	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!

Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892

As Pastor is away, Pr. Randy VanMehren 541-728-4193 is emergency contact.

Next Sunday 6/23 Trinity-1 Sunday (p.5, No L.S.) 16 Ps.104 399 441.1-2 394 400

Prayer of the Church for Trinity Sunday:

(St. Patrick's Breastplate)

I bind to myself today the power of an invocation of the Trinity:

I believe in the Trinity in Unity, the Creator of the Universe.

I bind to myself today

The power of God to guide me, The wisdom of God to teach me,

The eye of God to watch over me, The ear of God to hear me,

The word of God to give me speech,

The hand of God to protect me, The way of God to go before me,

The shield of God to shelter me, The host of God to defend me,

Against the snares of demons,

Against the temptations of vices, Against the lusts of nature,

Against everyone who meditates injury to me,

Whether far or near, with few or with many.

I have set around me all these powers

Against every hostile savage power directed against me,

Against the incantation of false prophets,

Against the black laws of heathenism,

Against the false laws of heresy,

Against the deceits of idolatry,

Against the enchantment of witchcraft and satanic arts,

Against all knowledge which binds the soul of man.

Christ protect me today

Against poison, Against burning,

Against drowning, Against death wound,

That I may receive an abundant reward.

Christ with me, Christ before me,

Christ behind me, Christ within me,

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ at my right, Christ at my left, Christ at home,

Christ traveling by land, Christ traveling by water.

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks to me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me.

I bind to myself today the power of an invocation of the Trinity:

I believe in the Trinity in Unity, the Creator of the Universe.

Salvation is of the Lord, Salvation is of the Lord, Salvation is of

Christ: **May Your Salvation, O Lord, be ever with us. Amen.**

The Athanasian Creed and Trinity Sunday

The Athanasian Creed is one of the three "ecumenical" creeds, meaning all Christians should be able to confess these creeds together. The first Lutherans included the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds in the Book of Concord as a sign that, together with all Christians, Lutherans say these creeds as their own confession of faith. At the very least, we confess the Athanasian Creed together in church on Trinity Sunday.

The Athanasian Creed "is different from the other two creeds in that it is not as much an 'I believe' statement of faith as it is an hymnic description of the faith, 'we worship one God ...'" (Rev. Dennis Marzolf, *Lutheran Sentinel*, June 2011, p. 3). In this creed, we say that "whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this [faith] cannot be saved."

Paragraphs 38-39 (out of 40) sometimes trouble Lutherans: "At whose coming all will rise again with their bodies and will give an account of their own works. And they that have done good will enter into life everlasting; and they that have done evil into everlasting fire."

But these words come from Jesus' own words:

John 5:28-29: ²⁸ "Do not marvel at this: for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth - those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation."

Putting them together: Jesus said, "**Those who have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life.**" The creed says, "*They that have done good will enter into life everlasting.*" Jesus said, "**Those who have done evil will come forth to the resurrection of condemnation.**" The creed says, "*They that have done evil will enter into everlasting fire.*"

If we have questions about this statement that "**those who have done good**" enter into everlasting life in heaven, and "**those who have done evil**" go to "*everlasting fire*" in hell, we bring our questions to Him.

Jesus answers us with His own words in John 3. Jesus says it very clearly in the gospel for Pentecost Monday:

John 3:16: ¹⁶ "Whoever believes in [the only-begotten Son] shall not perish but have everlasting life."

John 3:18: ¹⁸ "He who believes in [the Son] is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Conclusion: In the Athanasian Creed, "they that have done good [who] will enter into life everlasting" are those who repent of their sins and believe in Jesus, and "they that have done evil [who] will enter into everlasting fire" are the unbelievers and the unrepentant.

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

ATHANASIAN CREED (*Confession of Faith*) **We say in turns, responsively:**

Pastor: 1. Whosoever 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. 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 eternal, 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.

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 universal Christian faith; whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this, cannot be saved. Amen. Δ

THE ATHANASIAN CREED + THE HOLY TRINITY

The natural knowledge of God tells us only that there is a god, something that virtually everyone acknowledges, even if it is only a “prime cause” or “nature.” We only know the living God, the God who is really there, because he has chosen to reveal Himself through the inspired Word given to Adam and Eve and to their descendants, and then written by the Prophets in the Old Testament and by the Apostles and Evangelists in the New Testament.

Because of the deceit of the devil and of the sinful nature of man, God is continually misrepresented and the faith of people is turned away from the true God. In the Old Testament, God identified Himself as the One who had revealed Himself to the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and as YAWEH, (or Jehovah), I AM. This is the unique name He revealed as His own. Interchangeably with this He revealed Himself also in the Spirit of God, and in the Angel of the Lord. For this reason the first-century Jews who accepted Christ as their Messiah had no difficulty understanding God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Because of the centrality of Christ as God the Son in God’s work to save us, early Christians confessed that Jesus is at the same time true man, as well as God with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and yet not three Gods, but One. Jesus Identified himself also with YAWEH, declaring, “Before Abraham was, I AM.” At various times false teachers arose who denied different aspects of the reality of God, especially the divinity of Christ. In response, statements of belief called creeds were written to clearly state what God has revealed about Himself in the Bible.

While we grow in our understanding of the God in whom we believe, the important thing is that our faith is in the God who is really there. For that reason to deny what God has said about Himself is to put our faith in something other than the God who is there – a figment of our imagination.

The Athanasian Creed is the most extensive of the three ecumenical or catholic (meaning “universal,” accepted by all Christian churches) creeds. Being written after the year 600 (and after many heresies had been refuted) this creed contrasts such false teaching with the truth. This creed accentuates the fact that our faith rests in the God who really did create us, redeem us, and call us to faith through the gospel, and that only such faith is a saving faith. It clearly teaches that faith in any other god leads to damnation.

The Athanasian Creed is traditionally confessed in the divine service on Trinity Sunday, because of its exhaustive expression of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

TRINITY-C John 16:12-15 "THIS IS OUR [TRI-JUNIVERSAL FAITH]" 06.14.19 OSL

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

UNIVERSAL And the (catholic) universal faith is this: That we worship one God in three Persons and three Persons in one God, neither confusing the Persons nor dividing the substance. (Athanasian Creed)

TRINITY SUNDAY Today is **Holy Trinity Sunday**, the last of the festival days. It's day we dust off that venerable **Athanasian Creed**, named after St. Athanasius, the great confessor and defender of the Nicene orthodoxy, who was banished from his own pulpit five times defending the great truth: that God is Three and One at the same time. Three distinct **persons** - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Yet only one God in **essence**. And there is no other god than this God.

PARADOX The Tri-unity of God is a paradox. A paradox is holding two seemingly contradictory things at once. The word "tri-une" itself is paradoxical. Three yet one, one yet three. **Christianity revels in Paradox**. God is three and one. Jesus Christ is true God and at the same time true man. A justified believer is both sinless and sinner. **It's all Paradox**. In a world that demands a neat and tidy either/or answer for anything, Christianity comes with a Paradox.

GOD SAYS Three Divine Persons, One Divine Being called God. Let's be honest. If we were inventing a god and a religion, we wouldn't go this way. We'd keep things simple and straightforward. Religion is hard enough to market in a secular world. Why make things more difficult than they have to be? The trouble is that we don't make up our ideas of God. **God TELLS us Who He is.**

JESUS SAYS We must take the Tri-Unity of God seriously for this one reason: Jesus revealed it. He's the One Who died and rose from the dead, remember, and so whatever Jesus says, that's it. Jesus is the one who prayed to His Father and yet said, "I and the Father are one." Jesus claimed to be sent by the Father as the only-begotten Son of God, and yet He said that to see and have Him was to see and have the Father. He promised that He and the Father would send the Holy Spirit who would take what He received from the Father and hand it on to Jesus' disciples. He commanded His disciples to make disciples of all the nations by Baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them everything He had entrusted to them.

WHY And that's why we have such a thing as **Holy Trinity Sunday** and the three **Creeds** we confess. That's why we bother to rehearse something like the **Athanasian Creed** with all its eternal, and uncreated and incomprehensible and threats of hellfire to all who don't believe it. It's because this is the God that Jesus revealed to the world. Three distinct Persons and yet only One undivided God. A (Divine) Paradox.

SPLITTING HAIRS(?) This may all seem like so much **doctrinal hairsplitting** to some. The Athanasian Creed might seem like an exercise in hairsplitting. Doesn't the Bible keep things nice and simple? Is this all really

necessary? Couldn't we "just believe in Jesus" and let it go at that? "Doctrine divides," people say. It's never a healthy sign when the Church, or Baptized believers for that matter, abandon any interest in doctrine and turn to their own spiritual experiences. It's a sign of the church grown lazy and distracted. **The Creeds didn't cause divisions, they identified, labeled, and diagnosed the divisions.** Doctrinal indifference has never strengthened the church; it always weakens it.

NOW WHAT? So, What do we do with this Paradox of God's Tri-Unity? **What does it mean** for us beyond the fact that God can't easily be pictured, and the **best we can do are circles, triangles and 3-leaf clovers?**

FIRST It means that God Himself is never alone, personally speaking. He is in Communion - the Father in Communion with the Son in Communion with the Holy Spirit. When God made man in the beginning, He said, "**Let Us make man in Our Image.**" You might say that creation is a Divine "Committee job," a collaboration of the **Father's ideas, the Son's Word, and the Spirit's breath and life**, all working together. And that still doesn't quite catch the fullness of the Paradox. But at the level of our human language, it's the best we can do. It's one reason, I believe, that it was not good for the man to be alone when he was created, and why God separated male and female and made them two separate beings. We are made to be in community and in communion as God Himself is in Communion.

SECOND The doctrine of the Trinity teaches us that it is the Wisdom of God, the Word, that orders everything. In the book of **Proverbs, Wisdom takes on a person and speaks.** Wisdom was with God in the beginning, appointed from eternity, from before the creation. Wisdom was the craftsman at God's side, His Right Hand, rejoicing in His whole world, delighting in mankind.

FACE TO FACE In the New Testament we meet God's Wisdom Face to face in the Person of Jesus. He is the Word Incarnate, the Word made Flesh, the Word through Whom all things were made and in Whom all things hold together and have their being. He's called the "First-born" of the creation, the Image of the invisible God, the fullness of God dwelling in human flesh. To know Jesus is to know the ordering Wisdom of the universe in a personal way.

MAGNIFICENT Imagine seeing a **magnificent building, a structure** that commands your attention. It makes you want to know who built it? Who designed it? Take a long, meditative **look at your hand**. Wiggle each finger. Flex each joint. Take note of the muscles and tendons and blood vessels. Notice the shape and size of each finger. How do you think that hand came to be? By accident? A quirk of nature? Luck? **Of course not!** It's the **Father's design, the Son's execution, the Spirit's life** that made your hand and keeps it working.

SO MUCH MORE Jesus told His disciples, "**I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.**" And those guys spent three years of "quality time" with Jesus. Literally walking and talking and eating with Him. And they still can't bear all that He has to say. And so never think that you've

exhausted everything. You may have **read the Bible a dozen times** all the way through **from Genesis to Revelation** and you still don't know everything there is to know. You may have memorized the **Catechism**, gone to Lutheran schools, studied under the best teachers, have enough degrees to wallpaper a bathroom, but you're still only scratching the surface. Jesus promises more to come. There's **always more with Jesus**, until we finally get the "all", the fullness of what the Father has given to the Son Who gives us by His Spirit.

THIRD The Doctrine of the Trinity **describes our relationship with God**. It's a triune relationship in union with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That's how it began at our Baptism *"In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* The **Apostle Paul** says, *"Thanks to Jesus and the justification that came through His death and Resurrection, we now have peace with God through Christ and access through faith."*

ALL 3 (IN 1) God has made peace with the world, with each and every one of you, in the death of Jesus His Son. And trusting that peace, we have access to the Father through His Son. Jesus said, *"No one comes to the Father except through Me."* And in His death on the Cross, He drew all things to Himself and presented the whole creation to the Father as died for, redeemed. The **disaster of human sin, including the contribution each of us makes**, has been answered in the Blood of Jesus. And now by that Blood, we have access. The Father is accessible. We can **come to Him as dear children coming to their dear Father**, (Father's Day today) **with boldness and confidence**. In Christ, we are part of the family. And God has poured out His Spirit on us, in our Baptism and whenever we hear His Word. The Spirit reveals the love of God to our own hearts, so that we are able to say **"Our Father."**

TRIUNE PRAYER Every **prayer is about the Tri-Unity of God**. We pray to **the Father**. We pray **through the Son**, through His priesthood, His sacrificial death, His Blood. And we pray **in the Holy Spirit** Who reveals Jesus Christ to us, Who works faith in our hearts, Who delivers our words to the Ear of God.

TRINITY IS LIFE The tri-unity of God is **our life with God**. We are **children of the Heavenly Father**. We are **brothers and sisters** of God's only-begotten Son, Jesus, our Savior. We have the Holy **Spirit as our Comforter**, our Advocate, our Guide. We are always surrounded by the Three Persons of our One and only God who made us, who saved us, who restores us and makes us holy in Himself.

REAL-LIFE TOO That has **practical consequences** too. This is **NOT some theological abstractions in a book**. We rejoice. We rejoice that we will share in the glory of God, and already do by faith. And we rejoice even in our sufferings. That's right, even in suffering, because God is in the middle of all of it. He made us, He redeemed us, He keeps us going. He's not going to abandon us when things get rough. **He will see us through. Not around, through.** And through whatever it is we're asked to go, whether sickness or persecution or hardship or struggle, the Triune God is at work producing patient endurance, building character, **creating hope in our hearts that will not disappoint**.

To the Triune God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be the glory. As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever shall be. Amen. SDG

POSSIBLE Prayer of the Church ☩ Feast of Holy Trinity ☩ June 16th, 2019

Before Your majesty we come, O Triune God, not presuming our place but responding to Your promise. Hear Your people, and grant our supplications. Brief silence

For an increase in devotion for all the saints, for the faithful proclamation of the Gospel by all pastors in Christ, for an end to schism and division within the Church Militant, and for the proper fear and fervent praise of the Holy Trinity among all those born again from above in Holy Baptism, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have-**

For faithful catechesis and formation in the faith for our catechumens, both young and old; for a renewed vigor **to study God's Word** within the congregations of our Synod; for Christ to be fully formed within us; for courage to walk as children of the light; and for strength in the face of temptation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sojourner and stranger, for the persecuted and oppressed, for prisoners and their families, for the enemies of the faith, and for the true repentance of all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For thankful hearts, and for the faithful support of the Church and the work of the Lord here and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have...**

For the vocation of **fatherhood, that fathers** would love and provide for their children, and that children would respect and honor their fathers, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the nations and those who lead them, for an end to violence and war, and for peace throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who endure mental illness, for those who mourn, for the lonely and brokenhearted, for those with chronic pain, for the sick and injured, for the hospitalized and shut-in, and for all who have requested our prayers, **[OSL Prayer.]**

Dave & Pat Wiesnauer Thank the LORD for blessing of 50 Years of Marriage
Dee Kurczewski (David) Dee - rehabbing. David working & helping Mom
Jon (Sister) Martha Herbert Surgery at LRMC. Andrea (Sister) Emily Cancer
Vivian Temple (Tom) Vivian is at home recovering. Tom is helping her
Stacy Terhune (Don & Bev Wienke daughter) Spinal pain and surgery
Joe Thacker (Bev Foster) Joe had blood work done in MI. Not good results
James Vanesky & Delores Platt Neither able to get to church due to health

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For reverent awe as our lips receive the very **Body and Blood of Christ** from the **Holy Altar**, for the removal of our guilt and deliverance from evil, for the strengthening of our love for God and for one another, and for an increase of faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the **Communion of the Saints**, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have-**

All glory, honor and praise be to the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Holy, Holy, Holy is He Whose Name is majestic in all the earth, through Whom we have forgiveness, life and salvation. From Him and through Him and in Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. **Amen. Then, Lord's Supper, p.24...**