# THE HOLY TRINITY June 15, 2025 "The Wisdom of God"

#### THE WELCOME

# THE OPENING HYMN #507 "Holy, Holy, Holy"



## (please stand)

## THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Because God so loved the world, let us confess our sins, that we may receive His forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: Eternal Lord,

C: 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 heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For Jesus' sake, forgive us and wash us clean from all our sins.

- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of our Triune God—in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

THE INTROIT Psalm 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

- P: Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
- C: Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.
- P: I have set the LORD always before me;
- C: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
- C: my flesh also dwells secure.
- P: For You will not abandon my soul to the grave,
- C: or let Your Holy One see corruption.
- P: You make known to me the path of life;
- C: in Your presence there is fullness of joy;

at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- P: Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
- C: Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us, Your servants, grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith, and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us also steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

# (please be seated)

# THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (ESV)

Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: "To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. . . . The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His work, the first of His acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before He had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When He established the heavens, I was there; when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, when He made firm the skies above, when He established the fountains of the deep, when He assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside Him, like a master workman, and I was daily His delight, rejoicing before Him always, rejoicing in His inhabited world and delighting in the children of man."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# THE NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:14a, 22-36 (ESV)

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. For David says concerning Him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For You will not abandon my soul to the grave, or let Your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.' Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that He would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to the grave, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool." Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

**THE VERSE** "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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 8:48-59 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Jews answered Him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death." The Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, 'If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.' Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see

My day. He saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(please be seated)

#### THE ATHANASIAN CREED

Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally. And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another. But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal. And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal, just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite. In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord. Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords. The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding. Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits. And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped. Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity. But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man. He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity. Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God; one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person. For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds. And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire. This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

#### THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



THE SERMON "The Wisdom of God" Text: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

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# THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS (LSB #782.4)

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Heav'nly Father, may our caring Bear the imprint of Your grace; With the Son and Holy Spirit, Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Lord, we pray that we, Your people Who Your gifts unnumbered claim, Through the sharing of Your blessings May bring glory to Your name.

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(Each petition concludes with the response: "Let us pray to the Lord," "Lord, have mercy.")

THE LORD'S PRAYER (printed inside the back cover of the hymnal)

# THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE PEACE

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

C: Amen.

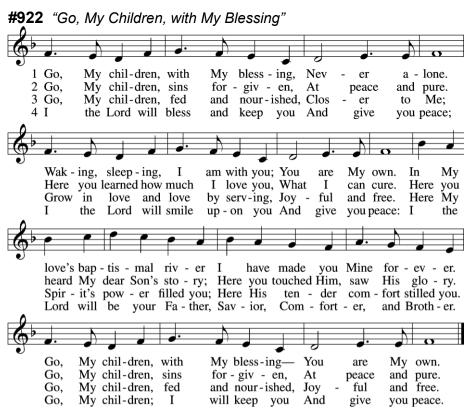
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## THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"







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#### THE DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart \( \mathbb{\Pi} \) in peace.

C: Amen.

# THE POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: O God the Father, who made all things and then sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh for the sake of us rebellious creatures, we thank You that for His sake You have been so gracious as to give us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Grant that we ever treasure Your mercy and serve You in joy each day; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

# THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)