

St. Paul Lutheran Church Trinity Sunday – June 12, 2022

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Welcome Guests...

We are honored to have you with us here at St. Paul in Clintonville!

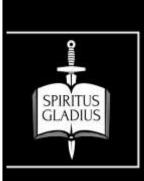
- **Guest Book:** Please sign our guest book near the doors to the worship area.
- **Restrooms**: If you need them, there are bathrooms just to the sides of the main doors.
- Children: We are grateful and glad that they are here! If you feel the need to, you can take them to the parent's room or to the back gathering area. Let us know if there are other ways we can help you focus on the Word.
- **Changing Table**: If needed these are in the parent's room and downstairs restrooms.
- **Communion**: guests, please talk with our pastor before coming up for communion.



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Our Focus Today: Through The Word, The Triune God Blesses Us

The Scriptures never use the words "Trinity" or "Triune." They never even summarize in any single place the entirety of this doctrine. Instead, as we read God's Word from the first verse of Genesis to the last verse of Revelation, he gives us hints and glimpses of his Triune nature. Thus, the doctrine of the Trinity can seem very academic, even abstract. It may seem to have little relevance to the Christian's daily life. Nothing could be further from the truth. Instead, as God provides those hints and glimpses, his primary focus is on the way in which his Triune nature is a blessing to us. God shows us how we benefit from the fact he exists as Trinity. God dwells in a "majesty and mystery" (Prayer of the Day) that far exceeds our understanding. But here is what we can understand. Every time we gather in the name of the Lord, our Triune God, we receive indescribable blessings.



Vision

Our passion for the Gospel will make us the chosen place of worship in our community.

Mission

We will share the life giving and inerrant Word of God as written in the Bible.

Core Values

We will proclaim the law and the gospel so that all may have eternal life.

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The Service – Setting One (p. 154)

Hymn 483

Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Stand

Invocation	(p. 154)
Confession (beginning with "Blessed are they")	(p. 155)
Declaration of Grace	(p. 155)
Lord, Have Mercy (spoken)	(p. 156-157)
Glory Be to God (sung)	(p. 157-159)

The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading Numbers 6:22–27

The LORD charges his priests to speak a threefold blessing upon the people. We close our services confident that our Triune God will give us the very things these words pronounce.

²²The LORD said to Moses, ²³"Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

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<sup>24</sup>" ' "The LORD bless you and keep you;
<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
<sup>26</sup>the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." '
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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 939 (based on Psalm 8)

O Lord, Our Lord

Second Reading Romans 5:1–5

The Holy Spirit has given us faith in the Son so that we might know where we stand with our Heavenly Father.

'Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 'through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 'Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 'perseverance, character; and character, hope. 'And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

²⁷"So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

Gospel Acclamation (spoken)

Isaiah 6:3

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.

Gospel John 16:12–15

The Father gives all that he has to the Son who then gives what he has to the Spirit so the Spirit can in turn give what he has to us.

¹²"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn 586

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Sermon Text Romans 5:1–5

Stand Justified Through Faith in Christ

Athanasian Creed (p. 284-285)

- ¹ Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.
- ² Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.
- ³ Now this is the true Christian faith:
- ⁴ We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.
- ⁵ For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,
- ⁶ but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.
- ⁷ What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.
- ⁸ The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- ⁹ the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- 10 the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;
- $^{\mathrm{n}}$ yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,
- ¹² just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.
- ¹³ In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;
- ¹⁴ yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.
- ¹⁵ So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- ¹⁶ yet they are not three Gods, but one God.
- ¹⁷ So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- ¹⁸ yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- ¹⁹ For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.
- ²⁰ The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.
- ²¹ The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.
- ²² The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.
- ²³ So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- ²⁴ And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior;
- ²⁵ but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- ²⁶ Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.
- ²⁷ It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation that one faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

- ²⁸ Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.
- ²⁹ He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother,
- ³⁰ fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh;
- ³¹ equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;
- ³² and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one:
- 33 one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;
- ³⁴ one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;
- ³⁵ for just as the rational soul and flesh is one human being, so God and man is one Christ.
- ³⁶ He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.
- ³⁷ He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.
- ³⁸ At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.
- ³⁹ Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.
- ⁴⁰ This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

Welcome of New Members

The pastor speaks to the new member(s):

Friends in Christ,

St. Paul described the unity that exists in Christ's church when he wrote, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." With sincere joy we welcome you to the fellowship of our congregation.

As you know, believers in Christ regularly gather around his Word and sacraments, encourage one another in faith and life, and carry out the work of his kingdom. The Scriptures encourage

us: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

The pastor speaks to the congregation:

Brothers and sisters,

As we welcome *these new members* to our Christian family, I encourage you in the name of Jesus to keep *them* in your minds, hold *them* in your hearts, and pray for *them* again and again. Show *them* the face of friendship and offer *them* a hand of support. Encourage *them* with your "works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

The peace of Christ be with us all. Amen.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We would not have known you if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all doubt and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

Enlighten and empower us to worship you as the triune God, the holy Trinity.

God our Father, whatever good is in us, whatever good things we have, and whatever good we do comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being.

Open our eyes to see the gifts you provide every day purely out of your own love and care.

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into our world to make the Father known to us. You joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity and brought us back to God by shedding your blood. In love you walked the way of suffering and carried the wrath of God that we deserved because of our sins. Help us believe that all you did and all you endured you did to rescue us and set us free.

In the bright new hope of your resurrection teach us to offer our lives in praise to God and love to our neighbor.

Creator Spirit, you breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel, opened our eyes to see the light of your grace, and filled our minds with the clear sound of your voice. Through Word and sacrament lead us to understand more completely how broad and deep and high is the love of God in Christ Jesus. Firm up our resolve to do battle with Satan and sin.

In every weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves to be God's children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and fervent in love.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious Father, we thank you for leading [name(s)] to desire to become a member(s) of our congregation. Guide us with your wisdom as we worship and work together. Mold our minds and hearts into a single Christlike will so that we may be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Help us to encourage one another in our lives of service to you.

Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, and the God of all comfort. We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and praise your holy name forever. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

Our offering is our reaction to God's Word. Do not feel obligated to give here, we are just thankful you are here. Offerings are collected in the golden plates next to the worship area doors. Your offerings here support the ministry here at this church, along with the mission work of our larger synod.

Prayer (beginning with "Almighty God...") (p. 171)

Lord's Prayer (traditional) (p. 171)

Blessing (p. 171)

Hymn 927

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Announcements -

For Our Guests & Members

We Are Glad You Are Here!

Stick around after the service and join us for snacks and fellowship. There will be a quick 19-minute bible study today.

No Open Office Hours Next Week Wednesday, June 15. Pastor will be attending the District Convention at Fox Valley Lutheran High School.

Reminder to the congregation: Please turn in your receipts from Tadych's Marketplace Foods. The month of July is when the receipts are turned in for money for the Sisters in Christ.

HOLY LAND TOUR: You are invited to join retired Pastor Eugene Kock on his 28th tour of the Holy Land. The dates of the 10-day tour are March 27 – April 5, 2023. Walk where Jesus walked! Sites that will be visited include Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee (boat ride), garden of Gethsemane, House of Caiaphas, Garden Tomb and much, much more. After the tour, you will read the Bible like never before! For more information contact pastorkock@yahoo.com.

Important Dates to Note

Family Night

When: Tonight Time: 5:00 p.m. Where: Church

There will be yard games and food - feel free to bring a dish to pass.

Ladies Night in June

When: Tuesday, June 14 (Rain date: Tuesday, June 21)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Who: Ladies of the congregation **Where:** Peggy McMahon's Home

WELS Women's Conference - July 21 – 23, 2022

Theme: "Won to be One"

Location: Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI.

For more info and to register, please visit: wels.net/wmconference.

Note from the Treasurer: Thanks for your offerings recently. We received donations towards the Yolo for streaming which we put back into the Home Missions Funds. Also received donations towards our VBS this August. We are still working on selling the last stock and equipment from the old streaming system. Thanks be to God for these blessings.

Proverbs 3:27 "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due when it is in your power to do it."

<u>Last Week</u> 6/5 Attendance - 64	<u>Ushers Today</u> Tom G. Fred L. Kelly Z.	Parament Colors June 12 – Green June 19 – Green June 26 – Green July 3 – Green
Offerings to the Lord		July 10 – Green
Needed Weekly - \$3,500	<u>Ushers Next Week</u>	
Offered - \$4,015	Dave S. Jacob A. Chad D. Steve S.	<u>Communion</u> <u>Distribution for June</u> Greg Moyer
Grateful to God	<u>June Shut-In Visitor</u> Peggy McMahon	<u>Clean-Up</u> June 19 – Angie B., Allie B. July 3 – Lizzie B., Melissa L.