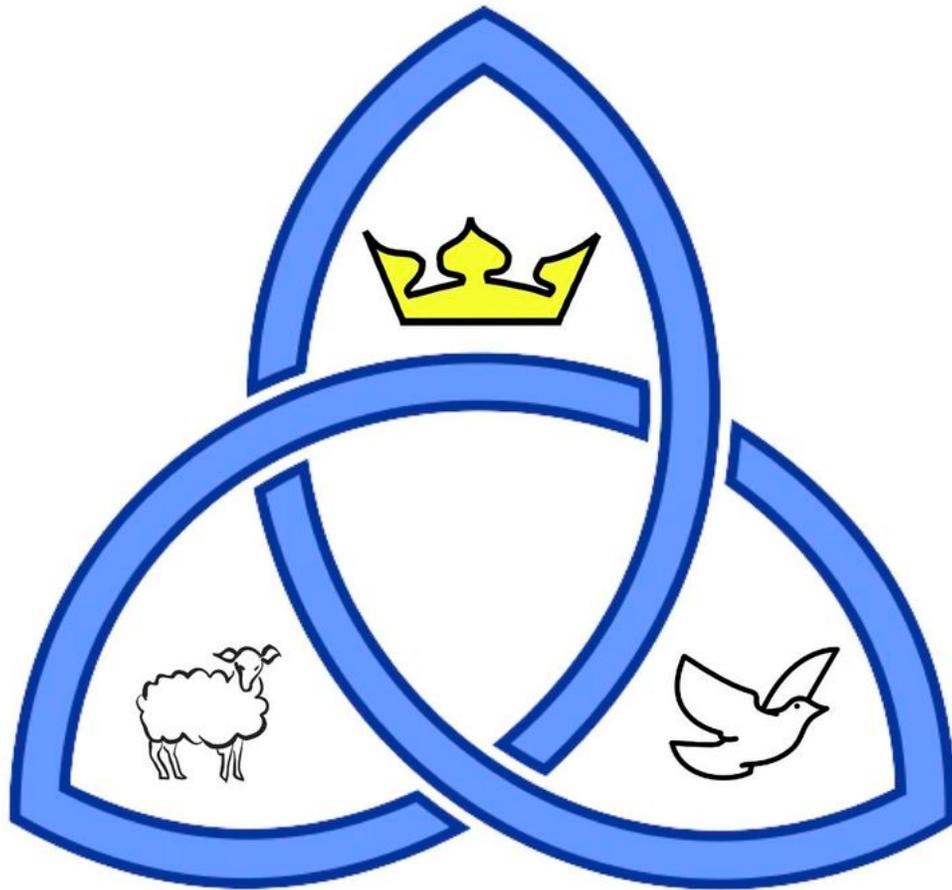


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
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**FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY
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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 145 (pew bible, p.557)
- ◆ The Hymns: 801 (1-3), 940, 507, 801 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 8:14-17
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 150
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Athanasian Creed (pages 4-5)

Sermon Text – John 3:1-17

WHY WE (AND ALL TRUE CHRISTIANS) BELIEVE IN THE TRINITY GOD

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (801, stanza 4)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

You may contribute an offering for God's kingdom work by
putting it in the collection plate located by the back pew.
There will be no offering collection during the service.

The Christian Church confesses its faith in the one, true, Triune God. We usually use *The Apostles' Creed* and *The Nicene Creed* in our worship services to summarize what we believe about the Holy Trinity. There is one additional universal creed about the Trinity that our church subscribes to as a true representation of the Scriptures: *The Athanasian Creed*. It is named after Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the deity of Christ is without the saving faith.

CONFESSION OF FAITH FOR TRINITY SUNDAY: THE ATHANASIAN CREED

- P** Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.
- C** **Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.**
- P** Now this is the true Christian faith:
- C** **We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**
- P** For each person – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – is distinct,
- C** **but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**
- P** What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.
- C** **The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- P** The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C** **the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;**
- P** yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,
- C** **Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- P** In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty;
- C** **yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.**
- P** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C** **yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**
- P** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C** **yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- P** For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,
- C** **so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.**
- P** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten of anyone.
- Men** The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

Women The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

P So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

Men And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,

Women But all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

ALL **Whoever wishes to be saved must think this way about the Trinity.**

P It is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Now this is the true Christian faith: we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.**



Men He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father;

Women And He is man, born in time from the nature of His mother,

Men Fully God and fully man, with rational soul and human flesh;

Women equal to the Father as to His deity, less than the Father as to His humanity.

Men And though He is both God and man, He is not two persons but one:

ALL **One, not by the changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person.**

P For just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ,

C **He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.**

P He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

C **At His coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.**

P Those who have done good will enter into eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

C **This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.**

ALL **Lord, grant and preserve this true Christian faith unto us all! Amen.**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Isaiah 6:1-8

1 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. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” 8 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!”

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 150

- P** Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary:
C Praise him in his mighty heavens.
P Praise him for his acts of power:
C Praise him for his surpassing greatness.
P Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet:
C Praise him with the harp and lyre.
P Praise him with tambourine and dancing:
C Praise him with the strings and flute.
P Praise him with the clash of cymbals:
C Praise him with resounding cymbals.
P Let everything that has breath praise the LORD:
C Praise the LORD.

Second Lesson – Romans 8:14-17

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. [NKJV]

Sermon Text – John 3:1-17

1 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. 16 “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. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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A SPECIAL WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist, Lisa Sprengeler; Ushers, Wayne and Zachary Ruegge

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (5/30) 9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Bible Class (preview of the upcoming CLC Convention)
Sun (6/6) 9:30 am Worship Service with Rite of Confirmation and Holy Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLC Convention, Eau Claire WI: Thu-Sun, June 24-27
St. Paul Church Dedication 20th Anniv Service: Sun, Aug 29, 3:00 pm

IN OUR PRAYERS: The family of Steven Morgan, teenage grandson of Ethel Eastridge, who was called out of this life last Friday, May 28. He died of injuries sustained in an automobile accident the week before. *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God" (2 Corinthians 1:3).*

Next SUNDAY (JUNE 6) Jesse Cornish will be confirmed in the faith in the 9:30 am worship service. A "question and answers on the Catechism session" will be incorporated into the service. Holy Communion will also be celebrated.



CLC CONVENTION INFO – The theme for this year's convention is *"Still Our Great Commission: 'Make Disciples of All Nations'"*). Two essays under this theme will be delivered: *"Jesus Provides the Means"* (by Luke Bernthal, pastor of St. Stephen, Mountain View and Hayward, CA) and *"Jesus Promises His Presence"* (by Mike Schierenbeck, member of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI). Pastor Schuetze and Fred Brethauer will serve as representatives of St. Paul. The dates are June 24-27. Copies of the Convention Prospectus are available for viewing and printing at this internet address: tinyurl.com/clcprosp-21 (or see Pastor if you would like a hard copy). **NOTE:** We are still in need of an additional lay delegate to represent St. Paul at the convention. If you're able to serve in this way, please inform Pastor Schuetze.

JUNE BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .

Naomi Peters, Jun 2 Diana Vigil, Jun 29
Sarah Potter, Jun 18 (Terry & Debbie New, Jun 28)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
MAY 30 – JUNE 5

Mon Isaiah 6:1-8 When we read chapters 1-5, we may begin to wonder: Did the Jews deserve all that scolding? How could Isaiah read their hearts and pronounce judgment on them? Well, God settled such questions, for His triune Holiness not only rules the Universe (3), but merits universal worship, for God is generous to sinners (5-7), inspiring hearts to serve Him (8).

Tues John 3:1-17 We resemble Nicodemus in being spiritually backward, so God endeavors to enlighten us: we become His children via spiritual rebirth accomplished by His Holy Spirit (1-8). Let's not sell God short on this (9), for we have it on the highest authority (11-13) that God is so merciful and compassionate that He did what He alone could do: pay off humanity's spiritual deficit with His own life-blood (14-17). Thank You, dear Savior Jesus!

Wed Romans 8:14-17 As we read these few verses more over again, we catch the drift that God is Triune, for The Holy Spirit appears in v. 14, the Father in v. 15, and Christ in v. 17. Note that Christ is referred to as an *heir* of the Father (which happens by right of son-ship), and that as co-heirs with Jesus we not only share in His suffering, but we will also share His glorification in heaven. [It's only natural that the Holy Trinity appears throughout His Bible.]

Thurs Psalm 150 Who praises the covenant God, Jehovah? Both the angels in heaven (1) and the saints on Earth praise Him (2). By what means or method does our praise rise to Him? By using the loudest brass and the sweetest stringed instruments, by the piping of flutes and clanging of cymbals, and by using our own lungs, too (6) – for it is right and proper to praise the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Praise the LORD!

Fri Luke 2:25-32 We might study many chapters in the Gospels before we come across a reference to the Holy Spirit. Doesn't the Spirit show up prior to Pentecost? Yes, but prior to Pentecost He occupied the hearts and lives of believers without fanfare—as He did with good old Simeon. We appreciate that. Next, the Spirit has made Simeon's prayer a favorite with us (*TLH*, p. 29), for He has brought us also to see *the Lord's salvation*. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for living in our hearts and keeping us close to our Savior, Jesus.

Sat Acts 26:19-32 Paul saw that he had touched a sore spot in the heart of Festus (24), so Paul eased him along by presenting the facts (25-26) and encouraging him to yield to God's Word, the Holy Scriptures (27) to get free of his sin-bondage (29). This was getting too personal and up-close for the heavies, so they recessed the hearing (30). Behind closed doors they figured that Paul was not guilty of any civil crime, and he might be set free – if he had not made a federal case of it to begin with. [Man proposes, God disposes.]