

Holy Communion is the Lord's Supper for the Lord's People: "All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation." We practice Intinction at Emmanuel Lutheran. Receive a wafer (the body of Christ) and dip it into the cup of wine (the blood of Christ). Gluten-free wafers are also available. With repentant hearts, we receive Christ crucified & risen for the forgiveness our sins.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty & everlasting God, you have given us grace to make the confession of a true faith. We acknowledge your glorious eternal Trinity, and we adore the unity of your majestic work. Heavenly Father, defend us by this faith from all adversity and opposition to your way; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. Amen.

"Fathers in Our Lives"—Rev. Chuck Currie

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all, and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways—both big and small—they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen.



**Worship
Eve of
Holy Trinity
June 15, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

**LITURGY: HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER
LBW Song Book**

WORSHIP NOTES:

Liturgy: Holden Evening Prayer, revised edition
(*Please return the Service Bulletin*)

Gathering Song: "Praise to the Father"—LBW #517

Song of the Day: "Holy, Holy, Holy"—LBW #165

Children's Sermon: "Our Father, Who Art"

Sermon: "How Majestic Is Your Name!"

Confession of Faith: "Athanasian Creed" — See INSERT

Communion Song: "Father Most Holy" (LBW #169)

Closing Song: "Come, Thou Almighty King"—LBW #522

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader: Darald Bothun

Communion Server: Leitha Bothun

Sound: Don Holtan

Acolyte: Elijah Matzke

Worship Leader & Set up: Julie Steffenson

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Margaret Quam

Greeters: Don & Peg Holtan

Ushers: Rich Sunde & LeRoy Quam

Take-down: Janet Sunde and friends

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, June 15, 2019
Holy Trinity - 6 pm

***“Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily
life!”***

The Feast of Holy Trinity: June 15
Trinity Sunday, officially called "The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity," is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or event. On Trinity Sunday, Christians remember and honor the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity. Eastern Churches have no tradition of Trinity Sunday, arguing that they celebrate the Trinity every Sunday. Westerners also commemorate the Trinity at every Eucharist, although they set aside a special feast day for the purpose as well. The Trinity is described as a "mystery."—not mean a riddle, but rather a reality above our human comprehension.

**The June Emmanuel Prayer
Calendar & Epistle Newsletter
are available in print! Also, pick up
your copy of the current “Our
Daily Bread”.**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, June 15—Holy Trinity Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, June 16—Happy Father’s Day!
- Tuesday, June 18
Men’s Bible Study at 8am; Text Study (10:30am)
- Wednesday, June 19
Madonna Towers Worship @ 1pm
- Friday, June 21—Clergy Faithfulness Gathering at 12:00 Noon
- Sat, June 22—Pentecost II Worship (6pm)
- Sun, June 23-Tues, July 2—Pastor Dave on Vacation; Pastor Jack Miller as Pulpit Supply on June 29

7th Annual Mega Kid’s Camp: 260+ kids are already registered. Several adults from Emmanuel are also signed up to be helpers. Dates: Monday, July 29th - Thursday, August 1st, from 8:45am-Noon each day). www.evangelum.org. Cost: Only \$40 per child.

Men’s Bible Study Breakfast: Men of Emmanuel are looking at the Book of Psalms on Tuesdays at 8am & discussing the appointed Psalm for the week. This Week (June 18): Looking at Psalm 3.

Worship at Madonna Towers: Twice a month on Wednesdays, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Madonna Towers Worship Services will be on Wednesdays, June 19, and July 3 & 17 at 1:00 pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

Women’s Bible Study: Women of Emmanuel have completed their study on the Book of Esther. They are enjoying a summer break while staying active in the Word. A new study will begin in the fall.

Emmanuel Picnic Potluck: Save the Date! Our sixth annual church picnic will be held at the home of Larry and Deb Vomhof on Sunday, August 4. Bring a dish/dessert to share with your church family. We’ll offer a table prayer and eat at 12:00 Noon. Please join us!

A Prayer for Christian Fathers

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.

Thanks for worshipping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word and Sacrament is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Holy, Holy, Holy! Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

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Introduction to the Athanasian Creed by Rev. Steven E. King

A Creed is a statement of faith (the word “Creed” come from the Latin “credo,” meaning “I believe”). In the history of the Christian Church there have been three formal creeds which have gained universal acceptance as true confessions of the Christian faith. All three of these Creeds were accepted by the Lutheran reformers at the time of the reformation, for they all bear witness to the teachings of scripture. And so, all three of these Creeds appear in Lutheran worship books. Two of these creeds are familiar, the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed. We know them, because we say use them regularly in our worship. But the third creed, the Athanasian Creed, is one that is probably not very familiar to most of us. The primary subject of the Creed is the Trinity, which is why the Athanasian Creed is suggested for use in worship on Trinity Sunday.

The Athanasian Creed was named after a person named Athanasius who was an early Christian teacher who defended the faith against the false teaching of his day, especially with regard to the doctrine of the Trinity. Athanasius himself did not write the creed; it was written many years later. It was named in his honor, since the Creed represents the orthodox faith that was taught by Athanasius (d. 373 AD).



It bears mentioning that there are some reasons why we do not use this creed regularly in worship. First of all, as you can see, it is very long, and somewhat repetitious. Second of all, the Creed contains some language which may require some explanation to those unfamiliar with theological terminology. For example: as in the other creeds, the word “catholic” is used here to refer to the whole Christian Church. There are also some verses which might seem misleading, if one does not already have a proper biblical understanding of the relation of our good deeds to our salvation. As a teaching tool, the Creed may tend to give the impression that faith is purely a matter of “right thinking” -- which is not its intention. It is simply careful and thoughtful articulation of the content of our faith.

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The Athanasian Creed is a part of our Lutheran Confessions, representing the theology of our church. It continues to be of value in clarifying the faith of the Church as revealed in Scripture, and is therefore worthy of our use in teaching and worship.

Athanasian Creed: Litany of Faith *(read responsively)*

L: Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith.

C: Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.

L: Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity, and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

C: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is still another, but the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

L: What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

C: Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son, uncreated is the Spirit.

L: The Father is infinite, the Son is infinite, the Holy Spirit is infinite;

C: Eternal is the Father, eternal is the Son, eternal is the Spirit;

L: And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal, as there are not three who are uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

C: Almighty is the Father, almighty is the Son, almighty is the Spirit, and yet there are not three almighty beings but one who is almighty.

L: Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God, and yet there are not three Gods but one God.

C: Thus the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord, and yet there are not three Lords but one Lord.

L: As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or three lords.

C: The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;

L: The Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten by the Father.

C: The Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

L: Thus there is one Father and not three fathers, one Son and not three sons, one Holy Spirit and not three spirits. *(over)*

C: And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other,

L: But all three persons are in themselves coeternal and coequal, and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

C: Whoever wants to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

L: It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh,

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

L: He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father,

C: And he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother, existing fully as God and fully as man, with rational soul and a human body,

L: Equal to the Father in divinity and subordinate to the Father in humanity.

C: Although he is God and man, he is not divided but is one Christ: He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not transform deity into humanity.

L: He is completely one, in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.

C: For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

L: He suffered for our salvation.

C: He descended into hell, and rose again from the dead.

L: He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

C: He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

L: At his coming, all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.

C: Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

L: This is the catholic faith.

C: One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

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Acts 2:14a, 22-36 — Preaching Law & Gospel

14a Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: 22 “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 — 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan & foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 25 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; 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ 29 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. 30 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, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 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. 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, 35 until I make your enemies your footstool.”’ 36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8—*Read Responsively*

L: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C: You have set your glory above the heavens.

L: Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

C: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

L: What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

C: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

L: You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

C: You have put all things under his feet,

L: All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

C: The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

L: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Gospel Reading: John 8:48-59

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

48 The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan & have a demon?” 49 Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. 50 Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. 51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” 52 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.’ 53 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” 54 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.’ 55 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. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” 57 So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.