

*Annunciation (Duet) and Magnificat (Congregation)

*Gloria Patri (*Tune of Evening Hymn: Joyous Light*)

Offering: (No passing of baskets. Offerings may be placed in the basket located by the church entrance as one leaves worship; envelopes are available. Offerings of support may also be given via PayPal, electronically, or sent via U.S. mail. Thanks for supporting the ministry of Emmanuel.)

Litany & Closing Prayers

The Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Sending Music - "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"--LBW #535

1. Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore you.

Infinite your vast domain, Everlasting is your reign.

2. Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
Though in essence only one;
Undivided God we claim you

And, adoring, bend the knee, While we own the mystery.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Mary Ann Groven

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Ushers: Pending

Sanitizing Team: Pending

Sound/Recording: Don Holtan

Greeter: Barb Steffenson

Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

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

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**Worship—Eve of
Holy Trinity
May 29, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

“Holden Evening Prayer”

** indicates stand as you are able*

Gathering Music—“Holy, Holy, Holy”—LBW #165

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Confession: The Athanasian Creed as a Litany of Faith - Insert

Prayer of the Day: Majestic Trinity, mystery of Three-in-One and One-in-Three, we worship you. Before time your love burst forth, creating the world in which you took delight. Strengthen us in our faith, defend us from all evil and temptation, and bring us into the everlasting presence of your love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Welcome/Announcements

*Service of Light - *Holden Evening Prayer, revised edition*

***Evening Hymn: "Joyous Light"** (Leader sings introduction; and the congregation sings verses 1-3).

*Evening Thanksgiving

Psalmody: Psalm 141 (Sing as a Round)

Silence for Meditation and Prayer

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth & said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 3rd. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of

God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, '**You must be born again.**' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message: "The Burning Coal" (Posted on Facebook)

Song of the Day: "Come, Thou Almighty King"—LBW #522

1. Come, thou almighty King, Help us thy name to sing;
Help us to praise; Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2. Come, thou incarnate Word, Gird on thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless,
And give thy Word success, And let thy righteousness
On us descend.

3. Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

4. To thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty, May we in glory see,
And to eternity, Love and adore.

Sermon: "You MUST be Born Again!" Rev. David Steffenson

SEMAC Mission Work Trip—TEXAS: San Miguel Lutheran Church, an NALC Hispanic Church in Fort Worth, TX, had a foot of water in its building after pipes burst. Many members of San Miguel also suffered a lot of damage to their homes. Many were in need of help before the winter storms, & even more so now, having minimal resources & no insurance. Larry Vomhof & members of the SEMAC Servant Team are restoring homes & hope in the name of Jesus during the week of May 22-30.

Church Land Work Day—Saturday, June 5 from 9am-3pm:

Members of Emmanuel are invited to participate in a work day on our church land. Save the date. Judy & Lee Pearce will be providing snacks & lunch for the participants. They need a head count, so please let them know if you plan on participating in the work day! Work day projects will include: Brush/Burning Pile reduction, putting the Church Sign on the prepared framing, and preparation of the designated area for Recreation and Play. **Signup sheet** is posted in the Gathering Space! Come as you are able. Leave as you need to.

MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP: Faith Practices! Signposts guide our way—Disciples pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and live & give generously.

Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Charles, MN! Calling all kids! Save the date: “Operation Overboard”. This is a one day mini VBS event on Sunday, July 25 from 2:00-4:30pm at the St. Charles Community Center. Enjoy an afternoon of fun, games, and learning that “Jesus is our lifesaver!” This event is open to children ages 4 through 4th Grade. Register by July 2nd at www.vbsmate.com/tlcstcharles.

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness.

Each day at 4:31pm, Members and Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. Send prayer requests to Pastor Dave Steffenson. Thanks for joining us.

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father.”

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The Emmanuel Weekly

May 29, 2021
Eve of Holy Trinity - 6 pm

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

Feast of the Holy Trinity!

Though it can be difficult to explain the unexplainable nature of God - the Three in One and the One in Three - God’s glory is obvious in the Scripture lessons for this Weekend. The doctrine of the Trinity is one that is received in faith because it is one of the great mysteries of God’s being. God has revealed Himself to humanity as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: co-eternal, co-creative, and co-existing as One God.

Men’s Bible Study — IN-PERSON

Join us on Wednesdays, June 2, 16, & 30 at 11am for a study of the appointed Bible Readings for the week ahead. We’ll meet at the Oasis Church. Bring your bible & a hunger for God’s Word.

Welcome Home SEMAC!

Thanks for letting your light shine & for serving others in the name of Jesus!

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, May 29—Eve of Pentecost Worship at 6pm; Holy Communion;
- Sunday, May 30: SEMAC Mission Work Trip, Fort Worth, TX—arrives home
- Monday, May 31 Remembering all who gave their lives while serving in the Armed Forces—**Memorial Day!**
- Wednesday, June 2 Men’s In-Person Bible Study @ 11am (Oasis)
- Saturday, June 5—Work Day on the Church Land (9am-3pm); Eve of Pentecost 2 Worship at 6pm (Holden Evening Prayer Liturgy)

4:31 — Prayer Time!
Thanks for joining us!

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.

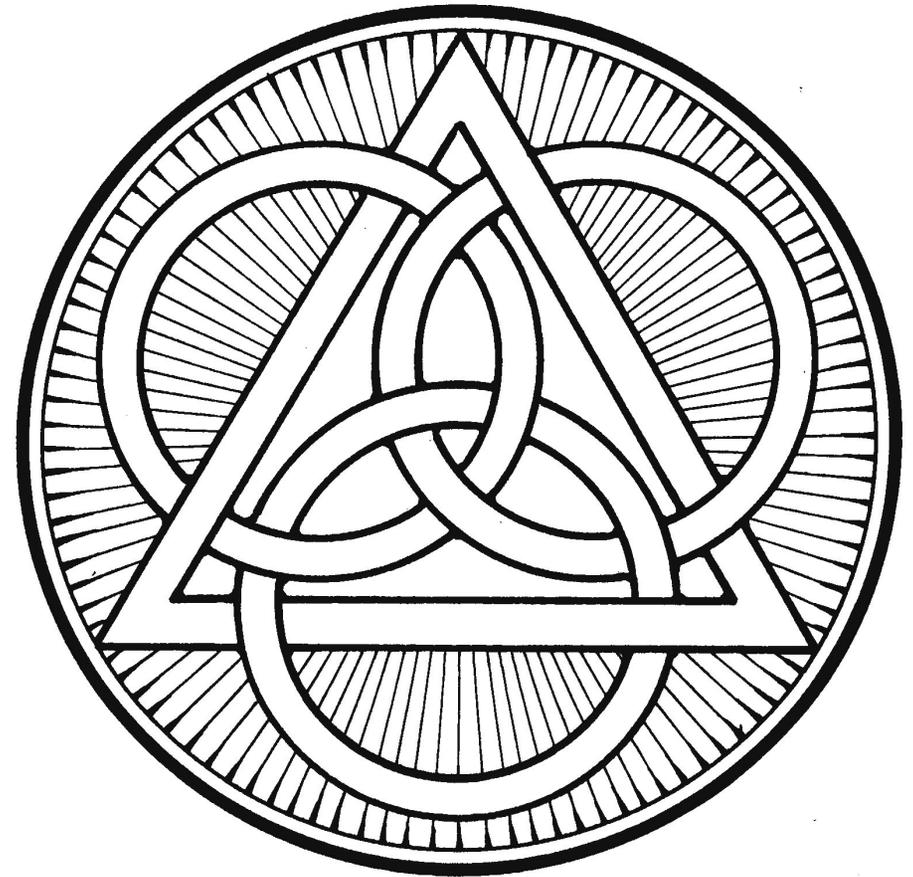
The Athanasian Creed was named after a person named Athanasius (AD 296-May 2, 373) who was an early Christian teacher who defended the faith against the false teaching of his day, especially with regard to the doctrine of the Trinity. Athanasius himself did not write the creed; it was written many years later. It was named in his honor, since the Creed represents the orthodox faith that was taught by Athanasius.

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.

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.

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The Feast of the Holy Trinity!



A Common Thread from our Scripture Readings:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts,” raises the strain of the Holy Trinity (Isaiah 6:1-8). “Who will go for us?” once again evokes the triune nature of God’s being, seen in Acts 2 and throughout the New Testament as Christ the Lord, exalted at the right hand of the Father, with the promised Holy Spirit. The Gospel reading for Holy Trinity (John 3:1-17) assures us that God is present in Christian baptism as Son and Spirit also. As the voice of the Lord thunders over the waters (Psalm 29), we remember that we are baptized into the blessed Name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Athanasian Creed as a Litany of Faith

Please 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 & 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.

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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