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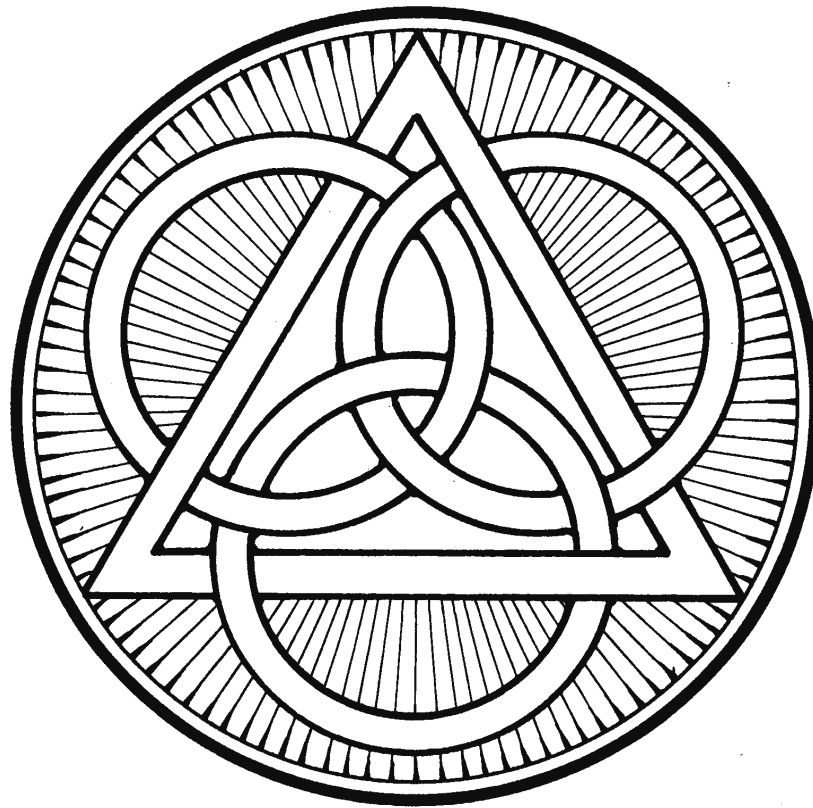
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*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of His glory!
Isaiah 6:3b*

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation # 507

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Introit

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

I have set the Lord always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

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.

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Salutation & Collect p. 205

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us 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 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.

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8 (ESV)

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. 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. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 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!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.

Gradual

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

and his greatness is unsearchable.

On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36 (ESV)

But 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 Hades, 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 Hades, 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."

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Holy Gospel: St. John 3:1-17 (ESV)

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 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." Jesus answered him, "*Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.*" 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?" Jesus answered, "*Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 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.*"

Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "*Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 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. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except Him who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.*"

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

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.

Hymn of the Day	# 953
Sermon	Knowing God
Athanasian Creed	p. 319
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Closing Hymn # 506

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

Welcome to worship on Trinity Sunday. Trinity Sunday teaches us that God—the Holy Trinity—has revealed and made Himself known to us in Jesus Christ. In seeing and hearing Jesus, we see and hear the Trinity. On this Sunday, we use the Athanasian Creed for our confession of faith because it is the most clearly defined of the Three Creeds on the doctrine of Trinity. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Board of Lay Ministry: Brian Scherer has resigned from the Board. Faron Scherer has been elected chairman of the Board.



Amazing Desert Journey with Jesus is the theme of our Vacation Bible School. VBS will be July 15—19. Tiffany Weigum has volunteered to be our director. If you would like to help with VBS, please talk to Tiffany.

The June calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us Calendar and *Happy Times* for the children are in the black stacking trays on the table in the social hall. Please feel free to pick up your copies.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick and recovering: Kathy Baszler & Link Reinhiller.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 75 Offerings: \$1,870.64

St. Peter was moved by the Holy Spirit to boldly address thousands of people gathered in Jerusalem at Pentecost and call them to repentance. This boldness was only 50+ days after his three-fold denial on Maundy Thursday evening in the presence of only a few servants. What the Holy Spirit can do for otherwise weak human beings is incredible. What He can do to change us into Christian stewards who make a difference is also incredible. Rejoice that we have been called to be God’s people in ministry and mission!

† This Week at Concordia †

- Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
- 9:30 am Mission Update
- 10:30 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
- Tuesday 2:00 pm Bible Class
- 3:30 pm Topic Leaders
- Thursday 1:30 pm Vesper Guild
- Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
- 10:30 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

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Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or Communion attendance this morning.